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Don't Forget to Visit our Website

Our website is continually updated to include the newest information about activities at TCA.

We have added an **Online Comment Card** to our website! Please visit this feature labeled "Send Us Feedback!" www.txcan.com



New Policies:

1. In order to continue to provide prompt attention to all of our scheduled patients, it has become necessary to initiate a late arrival policy.

- Patients who arrive less than 30 minutes late will be seen only after the patients who have arrived at their scheduled appointment time.
- Patients who arrive more than 30 minutes late will be rescheduled to the next available time or day.

2. Patients will be charged \$30 for office visits that are cancelled less than 24 hours before their scheduled appointment time.

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Utilizing the Internet for Healthcare Information

The internet has made it possible to retrieve information about your health at the click of a button. This has enabled people to be more informed about their health and healthcare than ever before, and in this time of constant medical improvements this is exciting. Much of this information is valuable, but it also can lead to inaccurate and false information. It is important for people to be cautious about information that is obtained on the internet. The provider team at TCA is here to help you with this information, and we welcome the discussion of information found on the internet pertaining to your diagnosis and treatment.

The National Cancer Institute has offered some advice for people looking for health

information on the internet. First, use a known, reliable source of information. Consider who runs the website, who writes the information, and how often is it updated. It should be easy to find the answers to these questions by looking at the website. Also, if a website asks for personal information, it should be clear why it is needed and how this information will be used. Lastly, consider who pays for the website. It costs money to run a website, and the source of funding can affect what content is presented, how it is presented, and what the owners wish to accomplish by running the website.

Check the TCA website for information on website links we recommend based on quality content and ease of use for oncology and hematology related issues.



Meet Kim Talac— Patient Care Coordinator/ Triage Nurse!

Kim has officially been with TCA since January of this year. She is married and lives in Highland Village. Kim serves as the triage nurse for TCA in the mornings and the other half of the day she spends dedicated to her role as the Patient Care Coordinator. In this newly developed role Kim serves as an internal coordinator and resource for all breast cancer patients. Thanks Kim!

Announcements

~ TCA will be hosting a seminar called "LUNCH and LEARN: Nutrition for the Cancer Patient." The speaker will be Kelli Pratt, a registered dietician for Novartis Medical Nutrition. It will be held on Monday, July 17th 11:30-1:00pm in the TCA Conference Room. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby.

~ The July issue of D Magazine featured an article in which our very own

Dr. Shapiro and Dr. Le were quoted. It also has a new TCA ad that features some of your favorite staff members!

~TCA is implementing a dedicated Second Opinion Clinic. This will allow outside patients searching for a second opinion the opportunity for an extended conversation with Dr. Jivesh Sharma or one of the other TCA physicians in a comfortable and caring environment.

Current Clinical Research Trials

- Breast
- Colon
- Rectal
- Lung (pending)
- MDS
- Studies through Presbyterian Hospital: Pancreatic, Prostate, GIST, Sarcoma

Please speak with your provider for more information on these and other clinical trials.