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Patient information Neutropenia



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What is Neutropenia / Leukopenia?

Having neutropenia means that you have a decrease in your white cell count and neutrophil count. This can cause bone marrow suppression which is a common side-effect of cancer treatment.

2 What is bone marrow suppression?

Bone marrow suppression is characterised by anaemia (decrease in red blood cells), leukopenia (decrease in white blood cells) and thrombocytopenia (decrease in the platelet count), all of which decrease your body's ability to fight off infections.

3 Management of Neutropenia

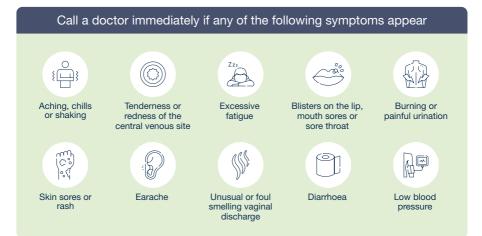
What to do

Go for regular blood check-ups

Avoid crowds and people with infection

Do not allow people with colds, flu, diarrhoea, or infections to visit your home

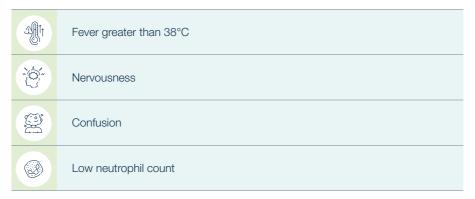
Maintain strict hand washing



4 What is neutropenic sepsis?

Neutropenic sepsis is a medical emergency and you should notify your doctor and get to a medical facility/emergency unit as soon as possible.

5 Symptoms of neutropenic sepsis



6 Management of neutropenic sepsis

F	You will be admitted to the ward for urgent management
¢	You will be placed in an isolation ward (if available)
	Should you have a temperature above 38°C, blood cultures will be sent to the laboratory and antibiotics will be administered through your port
F	Your urine output will be measured



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