



Instructions for Patients and their Families/Caregivers regarding Avastin® treatment

1. Avastin® infusions are scheduled every 2 or 3 weeks depending upon your chemotherapy regimen.
Treatments are coordinated with you referring oncologist.
The first infusion will take 90 minutes, the second 60 minutes and each subsequent infusions 30 minutes.
2. In most cases you will receive Avastin® at Provis and on the following day or two you will commence chemotherapy at your treating facility. Your oncologist will prescribe a chemotherapy regimen depending upon a number of factors specific to your circumstances.
3. In the event of a statutory holiday on Monday, your infusion day at Provis would be on Tuesday and the accompanying appointment with your oncologist would be scheduled for Wednesday.
4. In all cases it is important that laboratory tests are coordinated between Provis and your referring oncologist prior to treatment to confirm that your blood counts are adequate to commence another round of treatment.
5. It is necessary that the required laboratory tests are performed within 3 days prior to your scheduled infusion. Please observe the requirements outlined below.
 - **For Monday evening Avastin® infusions**, you must have the laboratory tests done on the Friday a.m. before or the Monday a.m. on the day of treatment. Monday morning blood tests should be done as a STAT first thing at your oncologist's treating facility.
 - **For Thursday evening Avastin® infusions** you must have the laboratory test done on the morning of Tuesday, Wednesday, or early Thursday (i.e. the day of treatment), the latter being done as a STAT test at your oncologist's treating facility.

Important: Provis needs to have the approval from your oncologist by **10:30 a.m.** on the day of treatment to confirm that your blood counts are adequate for Avastin® infusion. Therefore it is important you are diligent in having your blood test early that day or on the previous days as described above and follow up with the office of your oncologist.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. We would like to make this treatment as easy as possible for you.
Thank you for your cooperation.

The Provis Team