

## INTRODUCTION TO OUR INFUSION ROOM

Many types of infusions occur in our room including chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and more. Your nurse will orient you to the amenities in the room including snacks, beverages, warm blankets, pillows, and will show you where the bathrooms are located.

*Due to COVID protocol, we are unable to accommodate any family members or guests. One caregiver MAY be permitted at staff's discretion for certain situations including patients with cognitive deficits, mobility issues, etc.*

### Arriving for your infusion:

1. Please come to your infusion day **WELL HYDRATED**. Drinking fluids (eight glasses of water a day), even 24 hours in advance, will make it easier to access your vein for infusion.
2. Take your regular medications as you normally would. If you require prescription pain medication, please bring it with you. If you have been given a prescription for oral premedication's (such as dexamethasone), please take as directed.
3. Eat a light meal before you come to your appointment. We provide crackers, cookies, juice, and water.
4. If you had lymph nodes surgically removed from your armpit area, please let staff know so that we do NOT use that arm for blood draws, IV access, or blood pressure checks.
5. Temperature: The room will fluctuate due to patient volume; however, we must keep a cool temperature for our drug stability. Blankets are available and you are encouraged to bring a jacket/sweater if needed.

### Infusion Room Information and Etiquette:

1. Patients and caregivers: **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING FRAGRANCES**. This can cause nausea or respiratory irritation to other patients.
2. Cell phone conversations: No talking on cell phones in the infusion room to not disturb other patients. Texting and silent use of cell phones is allowed.
3. The **SILENT** use of electronic devices is permitted. We request that you bring headphones and use them if you plan to listen to audio or view videos. Free Wi-Fi is available with password access.

**When leaving the infusion room for the day, please be sure to check out at the desk.**