

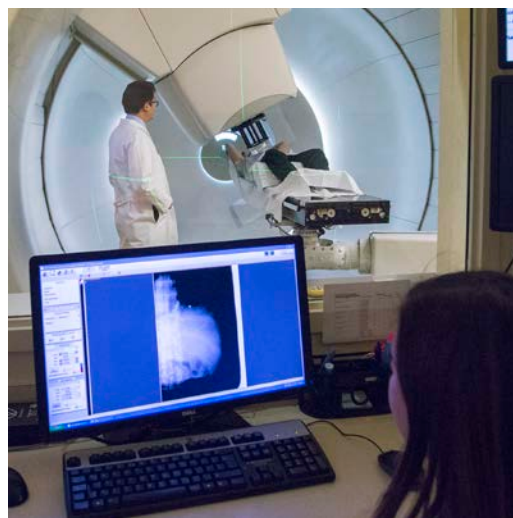
Oral Chemotherapy and Radiation

Your concurrent therapy plan

This handout is for patients having both oral chemotherapy and radiation treatment at Alvord Brain Tumor Center at UW Medical Center.

What can I expect?

- You will start taking your chemotherapy the night before your first day of radiation. Keep taking your chemo drug for 42 days in a row.
- You will have radiation treatment for 6 weeks. Treatments will be on weekdays, except for holidays.
- You **MUST** get a blood draw once a week during your treatment. If you are receiving radiation therapy at:
 - The Proton Center, you can have your blood drawn at the lab across the street in the Medical Arts Building.
 - UW Medical Center, the lab is on the 3rd floor (main level), near the Cascade elevators.
- After you have been in treatment for about 3 weeks, you will come to Alvord Brain Tumor Center for a clinic visit with one of our nurse practitioners or physician assistants.



Your radiation therapy will be at the Proton Center or UW Medical Center.

What happens next?

- After you are done with your radiation and chemotherapy, you will have a 4-week break from all therapy.
- After the 4-week break, you will come in for a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan and an office visit. At this visit, you will talk with your Neuro-oncologist and Radiation Oncologist about your next steps.

Medicines to Take During Your Therapy

Medicine	When to Take It	After Therapy
Temozolomide <i>Chemotherapy</i>	Start taking this the night before radiation. Take it every day for 42 days in a row. Although radiation is only on weekdays, you will take this medicine every day.	Take this until all the pills are gone, unless your nurse tells you otherwise. It is OK if you finish the chemo pills a few days before your radiation therapy is done.
Zofran (Ondansetron) <i>Anti-nausea</i>	Take 30 to 60 minutes before your chemotherapy each night. If you have nausea during the day, you may take this medicine every 8 hours, as needed.	You may stop this medicine after you finish therapy. If you have nausea after treatment is done, take it again as needed.
Bactrim <i>Antibiotic</i>	Follow the dosing instructions on the label. Take in the morning, with food.	After you are done with treatment, you may stop taking this, unless your nurse tells you otherwise.
Senna <i>Mild laxative</i>	Take while you are on the chemotherapy to prevent constipation. It can be taken morning or night.	You may stop this medicine after you finish therapy. If you have constipation after treatment is done, take it again as needed.
Miralax <i>Laxative</i>	Take while you are on the chemotherapy to prevent constipation. It can be taken morning or night.	You may stop this medicine after you finish therapy. If you have constipation after treatment is done, take it again as needed.

Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

To talk with a nurse:

Weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 206.598.2282 and select option #2.

After hours and on weekends and holidays, call our Community Care Line at 206.598.3300.