

Guidelines for Acceptable Timelines for Bloodwork in Systemic Therapy Treatment for Cancer

These guidelines are to be used in the absence of protocol specific bloodwork requirements, as indicated on the pre-printed order (PPO).

Treatment	Cycle length	Treatment Interval	Acceptable window for pre-treatment bloodwork	Note
Cytotoxic Chemotherapy	21 days or longer	21 days or longer	96 hours	Consider extending to 72 hours for Friday bloodwork/Monday treat, holidays
		shorter than 21 days	48 hours	
	shorter than 21 days	all	48 hours	
Cytotoxic Chemotherapy – new treatment	all	All	1 month	Chemotherapy-naïve patient
Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (CPI)	all	all	7 days	
Clinical Trials	Consult protocol-specific requirements/PPO			
Pediatric, adolescent or young adult under direction of IWK	Consult protocol-specific requirements as directed by the IWK Oncology Team Shared Care Agreement/PPO			
<i>Any blood work that falls outside of these guidelines but is deemed acceptable to use for treatment by the oncologist/hematologist/oncology delegate must be indicated in the physician's orders.</i>				