

# Prostate Cancer Clinic

Bluewater Health provides comprehensive cancer care by embracing all aspects of health and healing: caring for the body, educating the mind and nurturing patient and family-centred care. Cancer treatment can seem overwhelming and often requires that patients go to different places for tests or treatments, and to see various health professionals. The Prostate Cancer Clinic provides patients and their families with access to the best possible cancer treatment and support, close to home.

## Timely Access to Care

When facing cancer, you want to know you are getting the care you need quickly. Our team of health professionals ensure the necessary tests and services are arranged, so a diagnosis is made quickly and all follow-up care and monitoring are received. It can be difficult waiting for test results, so we have implemented a system that cuts down on wait times. Bluewater Health consistently performs better than the provincial averages for wait times. You can be confident you will experience an organized system of care as quickly as possible.

## Best Information and Treatment

Our team of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare providers at Bluewater Health work as a team in collaboration with local, regional and provincial cancer experts to provide care based on the most recent research by Cancer Care Ontario. Our team of urologists provide exemplary skill and support to all of our patients. Our physicians participate in Multidisciplinary Cancer Rounds. During these rounds, patient cases are discussed with experts in the fields of urology, oncology, radiation, radiology, pathology, and more.

It also provides many patients with peace of mind knowing a panel of experts in the province have reviewed their case in detail, and a plan of care is made based on best evidence and consensus.

## Patient Navigator

The role of the Patient Navigator is to support you through your cancer journey. The Patient Navigator is a Registered Nurse and Clinical Specialist, and will serve as a direct link between you, your family doctor and any cancer care services involved in your care. We want you to feel included and supported in any decisions about your care. The Patient Navigator can provide you with information and support and can explain the next steps in your treatment. You may contact the Patient Navigator with questions about your care or for information about available resources by calling 519-464-4485.

## Outpatient Pharmacy Services

Cancer treatment is a complex science. Our pharmacy works closely with patients and your healthcare

team to ensure safe medication practices. We encourage you to fill your medications at the pharmacy located inside Bluewater Health, so we can closely monitor the safety of your medications. Many medications require physical assessments and lab tests; our Prostate Cancer Clinic team will ensure you are watched closely. We also have dedicated Drug Access Facilitators who ensure you receive funding from your insurance company or through various government or pharmaceutical programs. Our pharmacists offer medication counselling, and we can deliver the medications to you during your Prostate Cancer Clinic visits for your convenience.

## **Booking an Appointment**

Appointments to see a cancer specialist in the Prostate Cancer Clinic are by referral only. Appointments or changes to appointments are made by the referring physician's office.