

Guidelines for dealing with a Patient who has had a Xofigo injection



- No restrictions on normal interactions/contact with adults or children
- If patient needs to use the toilet, advise them to be seated, flush twice and wash hands thoroughly. Good personal hygiene is important.
- Recognise and look out for wristband and patient information card as pictured here.

<p>In the event of Medical Emergency</p> <p>The bearer of this card has been administered a radioactive treatment: Xofigo (Radium-223)</p> <p>In case of emergency, please contact the Mid-Western Radiation Oncology Centre:</p> <p>+353 61 425 911 or +353 61 425 909</p> <p>Please carry this card with you at all times.</p> 	<p>Radiation Protection Advice</p> <p>You or your relative need to show this card if you require medical treatment and may need to show it if travelling through airport security.</p> <p>If you have to go to hospital unexpectedly please inform medical staff that you have been treated with radioactive Xofigo (Ra-223) recently and show them this card as soon as possible.</p> <p>Follow all advice in the information leaflet provided at treatment for the length of time specified.</p> <p>In the unlikely event of death, cremation may be prohibited for up to six weeks post treatment.</p> 
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Practical Advice when cleaning up bodily fluids/waste:

- It is recommended that pregnant staff do not handle bodily fluids/waste.
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE) e.g. double gloves, gown, eyewear, facemask, hair cover.
- Use flushable paper/tissue where possible. Non flushable contaminated materials, e.g. incontinence pads etc. should be bagged separately in bio-hazard bags and securely stored. Contact Radiotherapy Physics at the earliest opportunity to monitor waste and provide advice on disposal.
- Clothing/sheets soiled with bodily waste should be bagged and double washed separately, at the earliest opportunity. If this is not possible, store securely and contact Radiotherapy Physics to monitor and provide advice.

Practical Advice for some common procedures:

In all instances follow universal general hygiene and safety precautions and wear PPE as outlined above.

- **Orthopaedic surgery:** Where possible, gather bone fragments and double bag separately from other biological waste. Store securely and contact Radiotherapy Physics to monitor waste and provide guidance on appropriate disposal.
- **General surgery:** Bag waste separately and store securely. Contact Radiotherapy Physics to monitor waste and provide guidance on appropriate disposal.
- **Dialysis/Catheterisation:** Take care not to spill fluids. If a bag bursts or there is a spill, follow advice outlined above when dealing with bodily fluids.
- **Blood/Urine sample:** where possible it is recommended to allow 48 hours to pass after the injection before taking a blood sample. In any case, follow the advice outlined above when handling samples.
- **Stool sample:** is not recommended for at least 7 days post injection if possible. In any case, follow the advice outlined above when handling samples.



- In the event of ***patient death***, please notify Radiotherapy Physics at the earliest opportunity for advice on interventions such as embalming, post-mortem, cremation.

Contact Radiotherapy Physics on 061 425911 or 061 425909

Out of office hours and at weekends please leave a voicemail and we will return your call at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, please follow the guidelines above. *(24th Sept 2019 Rev02)*