

Oncology Patients with Fever

Antibiotics within 1 hour of Arrival!

(Hx of recent fever is enough, regardless of temp on arrival)

**Do Not Wait for Lab Results or
"numbing cream"***

**Ceftriaxone 75mg/kg up
to Adult max, 2gm**

Call for ceftriaxone allergic patients

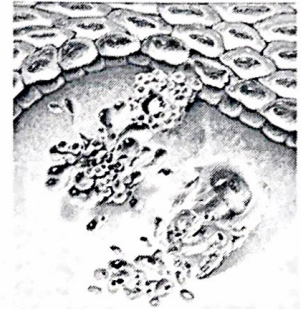
If family refuses peripheral
access, contact St Jude
attending directly ASAP.



Studies

Lab: CBC d/p, CMP, D&H,
Central Blood Cx x 2 (Peripheral Cx
only if no Central access) – other labs
including UA/Cx as clinically indicated

Imaging: CXR PA/Lat, if symptomatic



Review Patient with Oncologist
**Ultimate disposition at the
discretion of the ED attending**

Higher Risk Features

- ANC <750
- no reliable transportation
- O2 requirement
- Hgb < 7 g/dL
- infiltrate on CXR if done
- clinically unwell

Admission
Cefepime Q 8hr, ±
Azithromycin for
respiratory sx

Discharge Home
Call with additional fever
or worsening symptoms

Home, family should call
clinic with update in the
morning

* while we encourage the use of numbing cream for
port access, use cannot delay Abx administration