Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_163_21

You asked:

Please can you provide the pathway for oncology patients who have developed thromboembolism. I believe this pathway is referred to as the cancer associated thromboembolism pathway (CAT). I am after where patients admit, where they are treated and with what medication plus what if any follow ups are in place.

Our response:

Patients are admitted under the acute medical intake via the most appropriate route, for example; A&E, GP assessment unit or medical assessment unit. The length of stay is dependent on their condition, but is often only overnight.

They would normally be commenced on Dalteparin, as per the attached shared care protocol. The GP would also be notified as part of the pathway. The patient would receive follow up care and monitoring from the admitting consultant, with a complete review at 6 months. Recently the use of Rivaroxaban has increased, this does not require shared care with the GP.

Any patients on active treatment, or who are more complex are also referred to the Cancer associated thrombosis clinic run from Velindre Cancer Centre.