



CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMEN IN THE HOME - It Takes a Village

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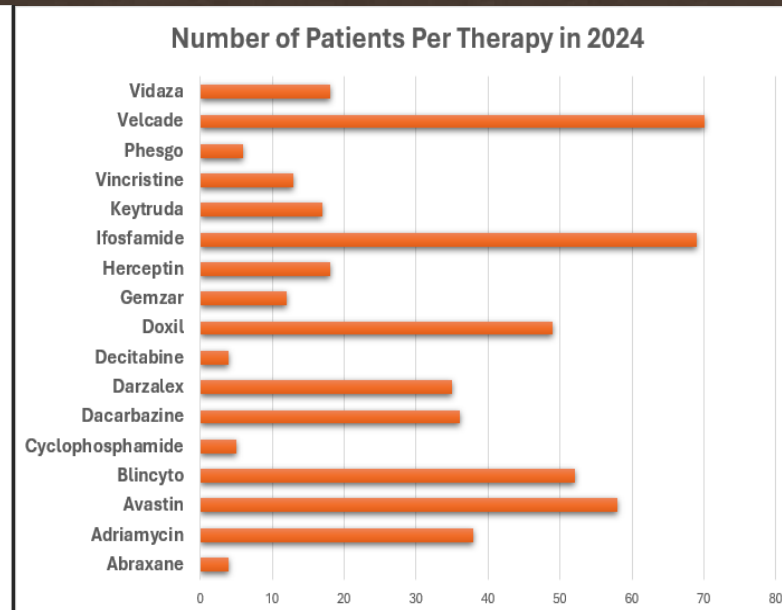
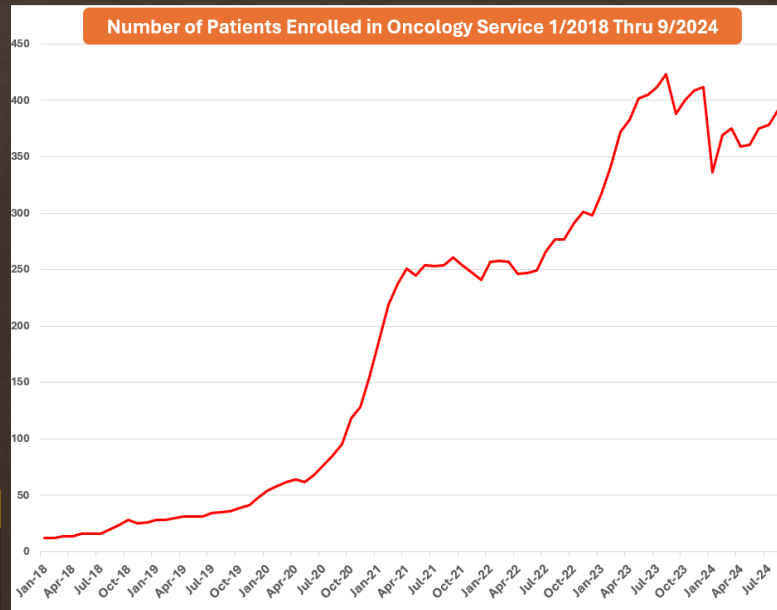
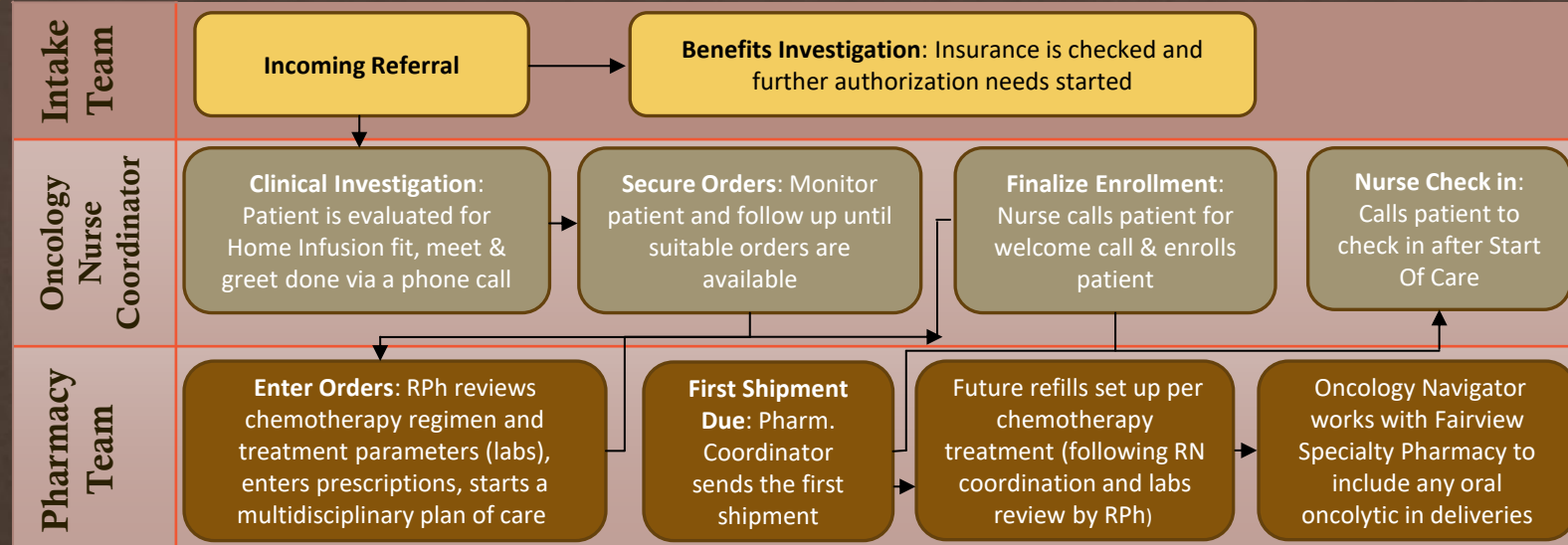
Background

- Historically, chemotherapy infusions were limited to inpatient or hospital-based infusion centers. However, with the growing incidence of cancer, strain is put on resources, availability of beds or infusion chairs, and patient accessibility to a hospital or clinic. Fairview Home Infusion (FHI) provides a new option for patients to improve treatment experience, lower cost and increased convenience.
- Following the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a great shift in health care transition to the home. With appropriate assessment of patients, treatment protocols, and specialized nursing, the implementation of home care services has become a practical option for providing ongoing chemotherapy treatments.
- With 30+ years of experience, over 3000+ patients, and 23 Ambulatory Infusion chairs , FHI offers a plethora of medications from IV antibiotics, to TPN, IVIG and more. However, the administration of chemotherapy in the home started in 2020 with a few medications such as bortezomib (Velcade), decitabine (Dacogen) and azacitidine (Vidaza).
- Currently, the Oncology (Red) team provides 33 approved treatments and more than 15 Certified Oncology Nurses to over 300 patients in the home.

References

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Methods



Our Vision

Helping people of all ages manage their illness while continuing to live their lives as normally as possible

Objective

Discuss the workflow and role of oncology team members involved at FHI from beginning to end of the chemotherapy journey in the home.

Results

Since the beginning of our oncology program at FHI, we have experienced a substantial growth in chemotherapy referrals. We continue to improve and collaborate with providers and the multi-disciplinary clinical team members to provide high quality service and the best patient care.

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