



Fax form for bloodwork performed outside the VHC for the purpose of monitoring the effects of chemotherapy. **NOTE: If possible, blood should be drawn from the jugular vein to spare the peripheral veins for chemotherapy administration.**

Fax to: Oncology nurse

Fax Number: **573-884-0705**

Patient name and (if available) VHC case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chemotherapy last administered: Drug \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

On the day of blood collection, the patient's rectal temperature was \_\_\_\_\_ and body weight was \_\_\_\_\_.

The owners reported NO / INFREQUENT / FREQUENT (circle one) diarrhea (number of times per day \_\_\_\_\_ and for how many days \_\_\_\_\_ if available) and NO/ INFREQUENT/ FREQUENT (circle one) vomiting (number of times per day \_\_\_\_\_ and for how many days \_\_\_\_\_ if available).

The requested bloodwork that follows was performed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and reported on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

***Please note that faxes are reviewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If a return phone call is not received during these times, please call us to verify receipt.***

Please check one of the following:

This bloodwork is being sent for your records. The results have already been communicated to the owners, and no further communications are required either to the owner or the clinic.

Please review this bloodwork, and contact the owner directly for recommendations. I understand that no information will be relayed to the clinic.

Please review this bloodwork and contact the clinic. We (the referring clinic) will contact the owner to relay the recommendations of the Oncology service.

**Use the following guidelines for patients receiving chemotherapy:**

Dogs with neutrophil counts less than 1000/ul that are ***not febrile*** should be started immediately on a broad-spectrum antibiotic, and the owner should be instructed to monitor rectal temperature at home.

If the dog is ***febrile*** and ***neutropenic*** (any count), 24-hour care should be instituted with intravenous antibiotics (ampicillin or cefazolin, and enrofloxacin) and intravenous fluids. Please contact the VHC as soon as possible.

Rectal temperatures over 103° F should be treated as an emergency in dogs that are receiving chemotherapy.