If you have any of the following symptoms at any time **IMMEDIATELY** go to the **EMERGENCY** Department, and show the **MEDICAL ALERT CARD ON ARRIVAL.**

Your temperature is 38°C or higher *OR* if you have any of the symptoms below:

- chills, sweats, shivers or shakes
- shortness of breath
- uncontrolled vomiting or diarrhoea
- pain or discomfort in your chest

MEDICAL ALERT
FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA
Notify Triage Immediately, Triage Category 2

The bearer of the card is a haematology/ oncology patient receiving chemotherapy at risk of neutropenic sepsis.

If this patient is unwell or has a temperature of 38°C or above:

- Take FBE, and 2 sets of blood cultures (CVAD and/or IVC)
- Administer 1st dose of empirical antibiotic within 30 min
- Ensure you consider patients who meet sepsis criteria **but are not febrile**

(As per Management of Febrile Neutropenia and Immunocompromised Infection/sepsis (adult) Clinical Guideline)

Promptly call the Monash Health switchboard on 03 9594 6666 and notify the Oncology or Haematology Registrar

For Interpreter services call **131 450**

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