

## FOLFOX Treatment Outline

### Medicines

- Oxaliplatin – 1.5-hour IV infusion
- Leucovorin – 2-hour IV infusion (along with Oxaliplatin and 5-Fluorouracil (5FU)) – given 2 ways:
  1. As a quick (bolus) IV injection given by a nurse through the IV tubing with a 5FU-filled syringe. This will be followed by step 2.
  2. A 46-hour IV infusion is given by a small pump worn in a fanny pack around the waist. Your chemotherapy nurse will arrange your disconnect at the end of the infusion.

### How Often

Treatment is given every 14 days.

### How to Prepare for Treatment

A PORT is placed to allow for the treatment. This is often done in Interventional Radiology. A nurse will call you before this visit to explain what will happen and answer your questions.

UW Health Care Direct is a home infusion pharmacy that will provide the 5FU infusion and the pump. A UW Health Care Direct nurse will call you to discuss pump instructions and their service. The 5FU pump will be connected to your port. If your insurance has a contract with a different home health group, UW Health Care Direct will help get this set up.

You will have blood drawn right before the port is placed or within 2 weeks of starting chemo.

We will give you medicine to help treat nausea at your clinic visit before you start the chemo. We will also give you a supply to take home.