**TEMPLATE**

**Continuation of Prolia® Injection During The COVID-19 Pandemic**

**(Hospital Administration)**

As you are aware, you are now due for your next denosumab (Prolia injection). Unfortunately, Prolia injection has a quick ‘on and off’ effect. This means that if your next injection is delayed for too long, the effect of your previous Prolia treatment starts to wear off which could make you more vulnerable to breaking a bone. We understand that the current situation with coronavirus must be causing you a lot of anxiety, particularly the risk of you contracting the virus if you leave your home. Therefore, we have made some safety provisions to minimise the risk of coronavirus infection to you, our staff and the public when you attend for your next Prolia injection.

1. **We have organised a dedicated Prolia injection clinic in outpatient department which is away from the Accident Emergency (or acute clinical areas). Our Outpatient Department is currently catering only for a very limited number of patients.**
2. **You will not be required to have a blood test prior to your injection. Instead, we will give you a single dose of vitamin D on the day of your injection.**
3. **The Healthcare Professional(s) you will see in clinic will be well and very unlikely to have coronavirus. They will observe strict hand washing between patients and don a new apron and gloves for each patient.**
4. **Apart from when they give the injection to you, the Healthcare Professional will maintain a distance of 1-2 meters as much as possible.**
5. **The clinic room will have been deep cleaned before the start of the clinic.**
6. **We will use anti-viral wipes on the door handle and chair if used between each patient.**
7. **The appointment length has been increased to reduce you needing to pass by lots of other patients or the need to wait in the clinic waiting area.**
8. **Your appointment will be limited to the shortest time possible to enable safe administration of your Prolia injection. You will be sent home immediately following your injection.**

***What can you do to minimise the risk of coronavirus infection before and during your Prolia injection.***

1. ***Please report to the Out-patient Area 1A at the precise time of your appointment.***
2. ***Wear loose fitting clothes to ensure that you can expose your abdomen easily and quickly for your injection.***
3. ***Avoid using public transport if possible. If you are not able to drive, please ask someone (a member of your family) to drive you to the hospital.***
4. ***If you are to come with a relative or friend, please ask them to wait in the car unless you need them to support you in mobilising. In you need to take someone with you for support, they will be asked to wait in the waiting room whilst you are receiving your injection.***
5. ***Children and pregnant women are not allowed to accompany you for your Prolia injection.***
6. ***Please do not ask any friend or relative to come with you if they are considered high risk, extremely vulnerable or if they have symptoms suggestive of coronavirus infection.***
7. ***Please observe the Government’s advice on regular handwashing. You will find hand sanitizer gel on the main entrance of our Outpatient Department. Please use the gel on entering and leaving the building.***
8. ***If you have symptoms suggestive of coronavirus infection (fever or cough), please do not come to the Outpatient for your Prolia injection. Please contact us by email or phone so you we can reschedule your appointment 2 weeks later.***
9. ***If you do not want to receive your Prolia injection at this time, please contact us by email or phone so we can discuss this further with you.***

**Your next Prolia injection has been arranged as detailed below.**

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| **Date** |  |
| **Time** |  |
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