Information for Amyloidosis Patients with regard to coronavirus

We are receiving a number of enquiries in relation to COVID-19 (coronavirus), and the risk to patients’ health. As yet there is no specific advice for patients on chemotherapy steroids or biologic therapies beyond the general advice which is available for vulnerable adults at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults

A coronavirus is a type of virus. In the majority of cases symptoms are mild and similar to many other viral infections. Typical symptoms include a fever and continuous cough.

Like the common cold, coronavirus (COVID-19) infection usually occurs through close contact (within 2 metres) with a person with coronavirus via cough and sneezes or hand contact.

Details about this infection and its risks are changing daily. Please follow information for patients given by NHS England/Public Health England including advice on avoiding catching or spreading coronavirus and what to do if you think you are infected is available here: https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response

Information for Amyloidosis Patients

The presence of amyloidosis may increase your risk with COVID-19 but, as of now, the details remain unclear. If you are on chemotherapy, please follow the advice given by your treating team/hospital.

Myeloma UK https://www.myloma.org.uk

Telephone consults

With the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak we are aware that patients are concerned about the risk to their health, particularly for those who are elderly, or on chemotherapy, steroids or biologic treatments.
In order to minimise travel and risks of infection from next week we will offer follow up patients a telephone consultation rather than coming to the NAC.

If you have been newly referred to the NAC we will offer to contact your consultant to discuss your case and next steps. If you have concerns please discuss these with your local team who referred you to us and already know you.

The NAC Team

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