Since 1997, New York Oncology Hematology (NYOH) has been providing high dose chemotherapy and autologous stem cell transplant in its outpatient facility at Albany Medical Center for treatment of the following diseases:

- Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma
- Multiple Myeloma
- Hodgkin’s Disease
- Germ Cell Tumors

This highly regarded program allows the patient to undergo treatment in close proximity to home, family and friends, as well as his/her primary oncologist. It facilitates an active daily routine, provides consistency and continuity of care and fosters high levels of patient satisfaction.

THE TRANSPLANT TEAM

The NYOH Stem Cell Transplant Program is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of cancer care professionals including a medical director, program coordinator and pharmacist, and infusion therapy nurses; also, home care nurses, inpatient oncology nurses, medical social workers, specialists in stem cell apheresis and patient benefits representatives. Physician specialists include consultants in infectious diseases, cardiology, pulmonology, interventional radiology, renal disease, psychiatry and endocrinology.

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KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The transplant team is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for its patients and offers a comprehensive program that includes:

- Case management from initial referral through transfer back to referring physician
- Extensive patient, family and/or caregiver education and support
- Daily office visits for evaluation, treatment (including mobilization chemotherapy, stem cell apheresis, high dose chemotherapy and stem cell reinfusion) and administration of all supportive therapies
- Home care nursing for evening and weekend visits for evaluation and treatment
- Inpatient hospital care, as clinically indicated, with direct admission to the oncology unit at Albany Medical Center
- Provision of hotel accommodations for patients that reside more than 30 minutes from the transplant unit
- 24/7 telephone access to a member of the transplant team

MEETING NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR QUALITY OUTCOMES

The apheresis procedure is performed in the NYOH facility at Albany Medical Center under the supervision of the program’s medical director.

The transplant program adheres to national standards for the collection, processing and storage of stem cell products through the New York Blood Service (NYBS). The NYBS has an established record in the provision of stem cell apheresis and cryopreservation services. Services are provided in accordance with the Foundation for the Accreditation of Hematopoietic standards.

As a member of the US Oncology Network, New York Oncology Hematology participates in national data collection and outcomes analysis, protocol reviews and the sharing of educational and informational resources.

For information about the NYOH Stem Cell Transplant program, please call (518) 262-6696.