#### **DIRECTIONS**

- The OPAT clinic is located on the first floor of the Royal Block Wing (RB1) and is part of the Internal Medicine Clinic.
- Turn into the hospital via Coronation Street off Richmond Road.
- The Royal Block entrance is located near the drive around (see map). Turn left down the hall and proceed to the unit's reception desk.
- If you enter via the old main entrance turn right in the main hallway, then turn right again to enter the Royal Block.
- Proceed down the hall to the unit's Reception Desk.
- Time spent at the clinic will vary according to patient load and treatment required (expect at least 2-3 hours).



# OPAT Royal Block 1 Internal Medicine Clinic

Royal Jubilee Hospital 1952 Bay Street, Victoria V8R 1J8

(250) 519-1829

7 Days a Week
7:30 am - 1:00 pm
Please arrive at 7:30 am
for your first visit!

Arrival times for subsequent visits will be arranged with the OPAT nurses, if required.



### **Patient Instructions**

## Out Patient Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT)

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We DO NOT accept new patients on weekends or Stat holidays!

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#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

- You have been prescribed intravenous antibiotics for an infection and have been referred to the Outpatient Antimicrobial Therapy Clinic (OPAT) for assessment and ongoing care by the clinic physician and nurses.
- You are to report to the OPAT clinic in the Internal Medicine Clinics at 7:30 in the morning for your initial visit and assessment.
- Allow approximately 2 to 3 hours for this initial visit. The nurse will inform of any subsequent visits if applicable.

#### **CARE OF INFECTED AREA**

- Follow any specific instructions given to you in the Emergency Department or by the staff in the OPAT clinic with respect to the affected area.
- If there are pen marks on this area please leave them on to assist with follow-up and monitoring of the area by the physician and nurses.



#### Keep hands clean

#### **INTRAVENOUS CARE**

- An intravenous (IV) is a small soft tube which has been placed in your vein.
- Your IV will be secured in place and covered with a dressing and must be kept clean, dry and covered.
- You should avoid activities that pull or hit your IV device.
- If your IV accidentally comes out, apply firm pressure to the site for 5 minutes to stop the bleeding and then cover the site with a Band-Aid.

#### **DURATION OF TREATMENT**

- You will be kept informed and included in the treatment plan developed by the clinic physician.
- Length of treatment varies and will be decided on a day-to-day basis.

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#### **RETURN TO THE ER...**

- If you develop a fever that is new.
- If there is a substantial increase in pain.

