Rectal Cancer Patient Process Map
The Ottawa Hospital: Cancer Assessment Clinic (CAC)

Colonoscopy: Diagnosis of rectal cancer

Work-Up:
- CT Scan
- MRI Scan
- Blood work, etc.

CAC Visit
Will See:
- Surgeon
- Nurse
- Social Worker

May See:
- Internal Medicine Doctor
- Medical Oncologist
- Radiation Oncologist

Other consults as required:
- Symptom management
- Enterostomal therapist
- Other specialists

Review Treatment Options*: Discussed & Decided
(Surgery, Radiation, Chemotherapy – alone or in combination)

Information Sessions Offered: Surgery, Chemotherapy &/or Radiation

Surgery*
- Radiation, followed by Surgery*
- Radiation & Chemo, followed by Surgery*

Surgery, followed by Chemo &/or Radiation*

No Surgery: Chemo &/or Radiation*

No Surgery, No Chemo, No Radiation*

Post-Surgery patients will:
- review the pathology in CAC
- have possible referral/follow-up with oncologists
- be informed about future monitoring & colonoscopy

Non-surgical patients will be:
- followed-up with Medical/Radiation Oncologist &/or
- followed-up with family doctor

Discharged from CAC

This process map is to provide rectal cancer patients, their families and caregivers with a general understanding of the patient’s journey. There may be some variation depending on the patient’s situation.

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