

## SHELDON M. CHUMIR NON-ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

# Information for Individuals with Medical Conditions FAQ

### Appointment information

- **Why is Sheldon M. Chumir the only Community Health Center/ Public Health Office where I can get my immunizations?**

Some medical conditions require special immunization considerations. The Sheldon M. Chumir Immunization Clinic is the only clinic in Calgary that provides assessment and vaccine delivery to individuals with these conditions.

- **How many appointments will I need to complete all my immunizations?**

This varies based on your medical and immunization history. Most individuals with complex medical conditions require four appointments over approximately seven months.

- **How long will my appointments take at the clinic?**

Please arrive at the clinic 15 minutes before your appointment time. This allows you enough time to register in advance of your appointment time.

The length of your appointment will vary according to the number of immunizations you will be receiving. Typically, appointments last between 10 and 30 minutes, each.

Most often, patients find that the first two appointments last for 30 minutes each.

After every immunization appointment, patients are asked to wait for 15 minutes after receiving immunizations, just to ensure that you have had no reactions.

- **What happens if I am late for my scheduled appointment?**

If you arrive late for your scheduled appointment, it may not be possible to see you and your appointment may need to be rescheduled.

- **Does the clinic take drop-in patients?**

No, patients are seen on an appointment only basis. Drop-in patients are not accepted. Please book an appointment before you visit the clinic.

## Questions about Specific Medical Conditions

- **Solid Organ Transplants (SOT) and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplants (HSCT)**

The Transplant Care Team refers each patient to the Immunization Clinic. After receiving the referral, the clinic staff then calls the patient to make an appointment for immunizations.

- **Bleeding Disorders**

The Bleeding Disorder Clinic refers patients to the Immunization Clinic, for non-routine immunizations. After receiving the referral, the clinic staff then calls the patient to make an appointment for immunizations.

- **Asplenia**

Clients with Asplenia can call the Immunization Clinic directly to make an appointment. Immunization can be given to these patients two weeks prior to a surgical splenectomy. Patients must wait a minimum of two weeks after surgery to receive immunizations.

- **Glomerular Nephritis (GN)**

The Glomerular Nephritis (GN) care team refers patients to the Immunization Clinic, for non-routine immunizations. After receiving the referral, the clinic staff then calls the patient to make an appointment for immunizations.

- **Clients investigating Biological Medication for auto-immune disorder**

Clients with a physician order for a Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) may call the clinic directly to arrange a (TST) as prescribed by their doctor.

Clients with an auto-immune disorder may be eligible for other non-routine immunizations through the clinic.

These clients are also welcome to call the Clinic directly to book an appointment.

- **Cochlear implants**

Clients who have received or will be receiving a cochlear implant are eligible for non-routine immunizations, through the Clinic.

These clients are asked to book an appointment by calling the Sheldon M. Chumir Immunization Clinic directly.

## **Referral Questions**

- **Can I refer myself to the Sheldon M. Chumir Immunization Clinic?**

Clients with asplenia (or anticipated asplenia) and cochlear implants may self-refer.

Other medically at risk clients – as listed above – will require a referral to be seen at the Clinic.

The Specialty Immunization Clinics staff will call you, after receiving the referral, to make an appointment.

- **I do not have a family doctor; can you help me find one?**

If you don't have a family doctor, you can try searching for one through this link: <https://calgaryareadocs.com/>. Alternatively, you can also dial 811 (Health Link) and they can assist you in finding a doctor.