

Infection

Infection can occur when germs such as bacteria or a virus enter the body. These germs can multiply, causing you to feel badly. This can sometimes occur when your immune system doesn't function properly and/or the medication used to treat kidney cancer increases the risk of infection.

Things you can do to prevent infection:

- Good handwashing technique with soap.
- If soap isn't available, use hand sanitizer.
- Keep your hands and those of others, away from the face and eyes.
- Avoid people that you know are sick, especially handshakes and hugs.
- Keeping yourself hydrated with water.
- Eat a well-balanced diet.
- Performing daily exercise, such as a walking regimen.
- Do not share a meal, beverage and or utensils with people that might have a cold, cough and/or fever.
- Wash hands often.

When to call your oncologist or oncology nurse:

- If you have a fever 100.5 F.
- If you develop fever, chills, nausea and/or vomiting.
- If you had a new sign or symptom of infection such as:
 - Cough
 - Nasal or chest congestion
 - Painful urination
 - Stomach pains

Having a thermometer is important in monitoring a temperature.

You should rely primarily upon your doctor for medical information

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