

Getting to the Cancer Centre

Transportation and Accommodation

Patient and Family Information Sheet

You may need to travel for your cancer treatment. Affording the cost of travel or finding a place to stay can be an added stress during this time. This information sheet explains options that may be possible for you.

Transportation

**The Canadian Cancer Society Wheels of Hope Patient Transportation Service
1-888-939-3333**

This is a service for patients who:

- Cannot afford the cost of travel, or
- Are not well enough to use public transportation, or
- Feel uncomfortable facing travel alone

Patients are picked up and taken to/from their appointments by a trained volunteer driver. There is an annual registration fee for this service. If you cannot afford to pay, you may be eligible for help through their compassionate program.

Talk to any of your cancer care team members about a referral to the Wheels of Hope Transportation Program.

Public Transit

The City of Kingston's Transit program provides bus service within the urban area of the City of Kingston. For more information on bus schedules and fares please visit:

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/transit>

Try before you buy! Ask any member of your care team for a free 6 ride pass.



Tax Deductions for Travel

If you have to travel at least 40 kilometers (one way) from your home to get medical services, you can claim vehicle and meal expenses on your yearly tax return.

For more information go to the Canada Revenue Website

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html>

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Accommodations

Hotels with special discounted rates

Many local hotels offer special discounted rates for patients and families receiving care at the Kingston Health Sciences Centre.

View a list of these hotels by visiting Kingston General Hospital's website at <https://kingstonhsc.ca/list-local-accommodation>

If you need this list printed, please ask any member of your care team.

For patients who are getting daily treatment and live outside of the Greater Kingston area

Rooms may be available at a discounted rate at the:

Days Inn by Wyndham Kingston
1 First Canada Avenue
Kingston, ON K7K 6W2

Reservations: 1-800-267-7899, ask for the "KHSC Cancer Centre" rate

In room fridges, free parking and high-speed internet are available at this hotel. The Days Inn by Wyndham is on a bus route for easy access to the hospital and cancer centre.

Financial Concerns about Accommodations

If you cannot afford the cost of hotel accommodations, a subsidy application can be filled out. Factors such as how far away you live, social supports, and income are all considered. Please ask your cancer care team for more information or a subsidy application form.

If you need support beyond the information given in this handout, please ask a member of your cancer care team for a referral to a Cancer Centre social worker or call 1-800-567-5722 extension 7305.

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