

# **CHEMO EMBOLIZATION**

## **PREPARATION**

Nothing to eat or drink for 4 hours prior to the procedure.

You should have recent lab work (within last week) for PTT, INR, hemoglobin, platelets, BUN, creatinine that should be within normal limits.

## **PROCEDURE**

Chemo Embolization is a procedure in which anticancer drugs are administered directly into a tumor through its feeding blood supply, with concurrent or subsequent blockage of the feeding vessel by occlusive agents that are injected through the delivery catheter. This permits a higher concentration of the drug to be in contact with the tumor for a longer period of time.

As an outpatient you are admitted and you may be discharged from the hospital on the same day. You must stay in Saskatoon the evening following your procedure, within a 15- minute drive of a hospital Emergency Department. The Saskatoon City Hospital Emergency Department closes at 8:30 p.m. The Emergency Departments at St. Paul's and Royal University Hospital are open 24 hours.