What happens if you elect to engage a private oncologist?
You have the choice of having your treatment privately in Adelaide. If you wish to have your treatment in Whyalla, please ask to be referred to the public health system and the oncologist or haematologist that visits there.

What other Cancer Services are available?
Radiation, oncology and palliative services are also available at Regional Cancer Centre. Speak to your health service for more information.

These services are supported by funding from the State Government of South Australia and the Australian Government under the Regional Cancer Centres Initiative.
What new services are available?

You can now receive medium risk chemotherapy treatment in Whyalla under the care of the oncologist or haematologist that visits Whyalla.

**Flinders, Eyre & Far North chemotherapy services include:**

- Coordination of your cancer care which can help you navigate the health system.
- Treatments including oral chemotherapy and intravenous infusion treatments in the chemotherapy unit or via slow release pumps.
- Access to a visiting oncology or haematology clinic at the Whyalla Cancer Centre.
- Access to the Digital Telehealth Network equipment so you can have follow-up appointments with your oncologist or haematologist, this may reduce the need to travel for some appointments.
- Non-chemotherapy infusion centre services including pump disconnects, PICC and port flushes, and blood transfusions referred from any source.

How does the chemotherapy process work?

- Your first oncology specialist appointment may be at the Whyalla Hospital; future oncologist appointment options can be discussed at that time, including telehealth.
- For haematology a referral can be made to the haematology department at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital – appointments are at the discretion of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- A referral for chemotherapy, from your oncologist or haematologist, is made to the Cancer Care Coordinator at the Whyalla Cancer Centre.
- If appropriate your oncologist or haematologist will prescribe your treatment for administration in Whyalla.

Before your treatment

- Before you commence treatment you will meet with either the Cancer Care Coordinator or chemotherapy nurse who will provide you with information regarding your treatment. You will be invited to the chemotherapy unit for an orientation visit. During the visit you will have the opportunity to look around and ask questions.

During your treatment

- When you arrive at the unit you will have a one-on-one consultation with a chemotherapy credentialed nurse who will conduct a pre-chemotherapy assessment. If there are any concerns the nurse will contact your oncologist or haematologist for further advice.
- The chemotherapy nurse will administer your treatment and any other supportive medications.
- A family member or carer can sit with you during your treatment.

After your treatment

- The chemotherapy nurse will ensure you have all appropriate take home medication, follow-up appointments and emergency contact details before you leave the unit.