Instructions for Healthcare Providers (see below for rationale)

1. Conduct an appropriate workup of this patient for possible causes of infection.
2. Prescribe appropriate antimicrobial treatment in accordance with the decision tree (link below)
3. Ensure the status of this patient is communicated back to LRCP staff ASAP.

Rationale and Contact Information

This patient may be presenting with Febrile Neutropenia (FN), temp. 38.0°C and absolute neuts <1.0x10^9/L, which is an oncologic emergency. FN is a very serious consequence of some chemotherapy regimens and requires appropriate management. It is associated with significant morbidity and mortality. Please follow the instructions above.

It is critical to inform the London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP) of this patient's medical status. Please telephone LRCP by the next business day at 519.685.8600. Fax all relevant labs and clinical notes to 519.685.8714

For emergency/urgent discussion please contact the oncology service on-call on 519.685.8600.

If this patient presents with a fever, please triage as emergent.

If neutropenic, antibiotics should be started within one hour of triage at ER as per American Society of Clinical Oncology guidelines.