

TABLE 5.4
Nadir Appointment Action Plan

Neutrophil Count/ μL	Fever and Systemic Signs	Plan
1000 to 2000	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor, antibiotics not necessary • Delay chemotherapy if due for treatment
<1000	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribe oral antibiotics • Delay chemotherapy if due for treatment • Consider dose reduction if next chemotherapy is delayed
<1500	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitalize, give IV fluid therapy and IV antibiotics • Delay chemotherapy if due for treatment • Chemotherapy dose reduction

IV, intravenous

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