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COUNSELLING OF ORAL CHEMOTHERAPY

MEDICATION

ALECENSA (ALECTINIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Anaplastic lymphoma kinase
- positive Metastatic non small cell lung cancer
- 600mg PO Bid

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: None

Baseline&Periodicall: Liver functions Tests,heart rate,Blood Pressure

KEY COUNSELLINS POINTS

Administration

- Take with food
- If dose is missed or vomiting occurs after taking adose,take the next dose at the scheduled time
- Store in the original container to protect from light
- Pregnancy risk factor:D

Adverse Drug Effects:

fatigue,constipation, edema,myalgia,dysnea,anemia

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MEDICATION

FEMARA (LETROZOLE)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Breast Cancer 2.5mg PO daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Base line & Periodically:

Liver functions tests, Billirubin q3-6 months, bone density

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Take with food or on empty stomach with glass of water or juice
- Pregnancy factor :X
- Avoid pregnancy while on therapy
- For post menopausal only

Adverse Drug Effects:

cardiotoxicity increase ischemic events, musculoskeletal disorders, sexual dysfunctions vaginal dryness, If hot flushes take tablets at bed time

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MEDICATION

ARIMEDIX (ANASTRAZOLE)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

Breast Cancer .1mg PO daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Base line & Periodically:

Liver functions tests,Bilirubin q3-6 months,bone density

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Take with food or on empty stomach with glass of water or juice
- Pregnancy factor :X
- Avoid pregnancy while on therapy
- For post menopausal only

Adverse Drug Effects:

cardiotoxicity increase ischemic events,musculoskeletal disorders,
sexual dysfunction,vaginal dryness, If hot flushes take tablets at bed time

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MEDICATION

AROMASINE (EXEMESTANE



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Breast Cancer 25 mg Per oral daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Base line & Periodically:

Liver functions tests, Billirubin q3-6 months, bone density

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Take after food with glass of water or juice to reduce risk of nausea
- Pregnancy factor :X
- Avoid pregnancy while on therapy For post menopausal only

Adverse Drug Effects:

cardiotoxicity increase ischemic events, musculoskeletal disorders, sexual dysfunction, vaginal dryness, If hot flushes take tablets at bed time

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MEDICATION

NOLVADEX (TAMOXIFEN)

DOSE/FDA INDICATION

Breast Cancer 20–40mg Per oral daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: uterine malignancies, stroke

Baseline & Periodically: CBC, Liver Tests, Platelets

Drug Drug Interactions: clopidogrel may increase tam toxicity
INCREASE INR in patients on warfarin Qt prolongation effect

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Take with or without food
- Doses more than 20 mg / day should be divided BID
- For pre & post menopause
- Pregnancy factor: D
- USE barrier or non hormonal contraceptive while on therapy and for 2 months after discontinuation of therapy

Adverse Drug Effects:

Asverse Drug Effects:

Cardiotoxicity (risk of thrombosis) Hepatotoxicity (↑ liver enzymes)
altered menses, fluid retention, if hot flushes take tab at bed time
2ndry malignancies (risk of endometrial & uterine cancer)



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MEDICATION

EMEND (APREPITANT)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Anti nausea & vomiting 125mg,80mg,80mg

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Drug Drug Interactions:

Cisapride ,pimozide ,terfenadine may cause life threatening interaction May decrease warfarin, oral contraceptives, phenytoin

KEY COUNSELLINS POINTS

Administration

- Route of admin:Per oral
- PATIENTS SHOULD RECEIVE PACKAGE OF 3 caps over 3 days Day 1 take 125mg cap by mouth one hr before chemo Day 2&3 take one 80mg cap by mouth each morning for 2 days
- Take with food or on empty stomach with glass of water
- Pregnancy RISK factor: B

Side Effects:

Diarrhea,hiccups,fatigue,constipation, Headache

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MEDICATION

BOSULIF (BOSITINIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Chronic myeloid leukemia ph+CML Intolerant to prior therapy
500 mg once daily Per oral

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: NONE Baseline & periodically: CBC, Serum Creat, Liver Functions Tests ↓ dose to 200mg daily if LFT rise >5X Upper Limit Normal hold till <2.5X ULN resume at 400mg

Crcl 30–50ml/min: 400mg <30ml/min: 300mg

Grade +3 diarrhea or myelosuppression ↓ dose by 100mg

Drug Drug Interactions: CYP3A4 (diltiazem–amlodipine–alprazolam, vincristine–nisoldipine)

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Swallow tabs whole, do not crush or chew
- Take with food
- Avoid grapefruit/juice
- Missed dose should be taken if <12 hrs.
- Hazardous agent, use precautions when handling

Adverse Drug Effects:

Hemorrhage, Fatigue, Nausea,

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MEDICATION

GLEEVEC (IMATENIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Chronic myeloid leukemia ph+CML 400 mg Per oral daily
- Ph+Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia 600 mg Per oral daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning:NONE

Baseline& Periodically CBC,hold if ANC<1000 & PLTS<50000 LFTs hold if bilirubin >3x ULN until <1.5 ULN Hold for severe fluid retention

Drug Drug Interactions:Anti fungal azoles may ↑imatenib effect Rifambicin may ↓ imatenib effect Ppi may ↑dermatologic toxic effect of imatenib Digoxin–Tramadol–Codeine their effect may be decreased by imatenib CYP3A4(diltiazem–amlodipine–alprazolamvincristine–nisoldipine) May enhance warfarin effect

KEY COUNSELLINS POINTS

Administrationt

Swallow tabs whole, may be dispersed in water/apple juice, stir until dissolved& use immediately

- Take with food& large glass of water to↓Gastro intestinal irritation
- Pregnancy risk factor:D
- May cause sterility in men and menopause in women, discuss with Dr if plan to have children
- Avoid grapefruit may ↑imatenib effect
- Doses> 400 mg should be administered BID

Adverse Drug Effects: cardiotoxicity, Fluid retention , myelosuppression, hepato toxicity,photosensitivity.rash, muscle cramps,fever,bleeding, diarrhea,rash

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MEDICATION

IMBRUVICA (IBRUTENIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Chronic myeloid leukemia, small lymphoblastic lymphoma 420 mg Per oral daily
- Mantle cell lymphoma 560 mg Per oral daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: NONE Base line & Periodically: CBC, Renal & hepatic functions, Uric acid

Drug Drug Interactions: CYP3A4 Substrate

(diltiazem – amlodipine – alprazolam – vincristine – nisoldipine)

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Swallow cap whole
- Take with or without food with full glass of water
- Take missed dose as soon as remembered if on same day
- Avoid grape fruits/juice
- Pregnancy risk factor: D

Adverse Drug Effects:

Myelosuppression, edema, dyspnea, Rash, Nausea/Vomiting

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MEDICATION

INLYTA (AXITINIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Advanced renal cell carcinoma 5 mg Per oral BID Doses may be titrated to tolerability& if normotensive up to 10 mg BID if tolerated

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning:NONE Baseline &Periodically:

Liver Functions Tests/bilirubin

Thyroid functions,urine analysis,Blood Pressure,heart function

Drug Drug Interactions: CYP3A4 substrate Avoid use with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors if needed ↓dose by 50% then adjust

KEY COUNSELLINS POINTS

Administration

Take with or without food with full glass of water

- If missed dose/vomit,an additional dose should not be taken
- Avoid grapefruit/juice
- Encourage BP monitoring at home
- Pregnancy risk factor:D

Adverse Drug Effects:

Hypertensioncrisis,heamorrhage,cardiac failure,thromboembolic embolism, dyspnea, Fatigue,Nause/Vomiting

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MEDICATION

XELODA (CAPCITABINE)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Metastatic breast cancer, refractory metastatic colon cancer 1250mg/m² Per oral BID for 2 weeks then one week off

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: warfarin interaction, frequently monitor INR

Baseline&Periodically:

CBC,Liver Function Tests s,Serum Creat,

INR if concomitant warfarin

Crcl 30–50ml/min↓dose by 25%

for crcl<30ml/min hold dose

Drug Drug Interactions: Phenytoin,may↑serum phenytoin

KEY COUNSELLINS POINTS

Administration

- Swallow tab whole with water
- Taken within 30 min of food with glass of water
- Pregnancy risk factor:D

Adverse Drug Effects:

Myelosuppression,mucositis,Nause/Vomiting, diarrhea, Hepatotoxicity, yellow eyes or skin,hyperbillirubinaemia Cardiotoxicity,fatigue

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MEDICATION

STIVARGA (REGORAFENIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Metastatic colorectal cancer after failure of folfox/folfiri, bevacizumab, cetuximab 160 mg Per oral daily on day 1 to day 21 then one week off of 28 days cycle

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning:

Hepatotoxicity Baseline&Periodically: CBC, Liver Functions Tests, Blood Pressure

Drug Drug Interactions: CYP3A4 substrate Warfarin may ↑ toxicity of stivarga & bleeding

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Swallow tabs whole with water
- Take with food
- Pregnancy risk factor: D

Adverse Drug Effects:

Hepatotoxicity, hemorrhage, Gastrointestinal perforation, Hypertension, mucositis, Nausea/vomiting

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MEDICATION

TYKERB (LAPATINIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Metastatic HER2+ breast cancer in combination with Xeloda: 1250 mg Per Oral days 1-21
- Metastatic HER2 + breast cancer in combination with Femara: 1500 mg Per Oral daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: Hepatotoxicity Baseline & Periodically: CBC, Liver Functions Tests, ECG, Electrolytes

Drug Drug Interactions: CYP3A4 substrate Ketoconazole may ↑ lapatinib plasma conc Carbamazepine may ↓ lapatinib plasma conc H2 blocker & Proton Pump Inhibitors, may ↓ lapatinib plasma conc QT prolongation additive effect with anti arrhythmia

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Take on empty stomach 1 hr before or 1 hr after food with full glass of water
- Presence of food containing low or high fats alters significantly the bioavailability of lapatinib 3-5 folds relative to fasting
- Avoid grapefruit/juice may ↑ its plasma level
- Pregnancy risk factor: D

Adverse Drug Effects:

Cardiotoxicity (discontinue if QT prolongation), Hepatotoxicity (consider dose reduction for moderate enzyme elevation or discontinuation if severe hepatotoxicity develops Pulmonary toxicities (dyspnea-pneumonitis), Skin rash and pruritus Gastro Intestinal toxicity (diarrhea)

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MEDICATION

CASODEX (BICALUTAMIDE)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Metastatic prostate cancer in combination with LHRH agonist
50 mg Per oral daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning:NONE

Baseline& Periodically: Liver Functions Tests(discontinue if ALT>2xUpper Limit Normal or patient develops jaundice

Drug Drug Interactions:

CYP3A4 inhibitors Warfarin: may ↑bleeding Ketoconazole:may ↑plasma conc of bicalutamide Drug disease interaction: Diabetus:loss of glycemic control
Cardiac disease: may cause fluid retention

KEY COUNSELLINS POINTS

Administration

May take with or with out food

- Usually in combination with LHRH agonist
- Hazardous agent, use precautions when handling
- Contain lactose, use should be carefully considered in pts with galactose intolerance or malabsorbtion
- Contra Indication in females
- Pregnancy risk factor:X

Side Effects

Endocrine(gynecomastia,hot flashes,breast tenderness ,Gastro Intestinal toxicity(diarrhea-constipation)

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MEDICATION

IBRANCE (PALBOCICLIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Advanced or metastatic breast cancer with HR+/HER- post menopausal women for disease progression following endocrine therapy 125 mg Per oral daily for 21 days and one week

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning:NONE

Baseline &Periodically: CBC

Drug Drug Interactions:

CYP3A4 substrate

KEY COUNSELLINS POINTS

Administration

Swallow cap whole

- Take with food at same time every day
- Avoid grape fruit/juice
- If missed dose or vomiting occurs do not take replacement dose
- Pregnancy risk factor:D

Advers Drug Effects

Myelosuppression, stomatitis, peripheral neuropathy, alopecia, Nause/Vomiting

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NEXAVAR (SORATINIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

Unresectable hepato cellular carcinoma, Advanced renal cell carcinoma ,
Differentiated thyroid cancer: 400 mg Per oral BID

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: NONE

Baseline & Periodically : CBC, Electrolytes, Liver Functions Tests,
Blood Pressure, Thyroid function, ECG if at risk for QT prolongation ↓dose
if ADE (renal-hepatic dysfunction)

Drug Drug Interactions: CYP3A4 substrate, CYP2C9 (doxo rubicin, irinotecan,
docetaxel may ↑ their plasma level)

Rifambicin may ↓ AUC of sorafenib Paclitaxel & carboplatin may ↑ sorafenib
plasma level May ↑ anti coagulant effect of warfarin

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

Take on empty stomach 1 hr before or 2 hrs after food

- Avoid grape fruit/juice
- Hazardous agent, use precautions when handling
- Pregnancy risk factor: D
- Avoid pregnancy while on therapy and for at least 12 weeks after discontinuation of therapy

Adverse Drug Effects

Cardiotoxicity (arrhythmia-Hypertension-Myocardial Infarction)

Hypophosphatemia-hypocalcemia Myelosuppression, anemia, hemorrhage
if developed discontinue medicine, Pulmonary toxicity

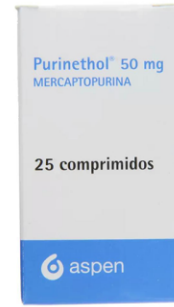
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MEDICATION

PURINETHOL (6-MERCAPTO PURINE)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Acute lymphoid leukemia Various regimens exist Typical: 1.5-2.5 mg/kg Per Oral daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: NONE Baseline & Periodically: CBC, Liver Function Tests & bilirubin, serum uric acid Use with caution in hepatic impairment, may need dose modification CrCl < 50 ml/min interval adjustment: every 48 hrs

Drug Drug Interactions:

Allopurinol, Azathioprine: May ↑ mercapto purine effect Warfarin: may ↓ warfarin effect

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

Take on empty stomach

- Administration in the evening has demonstrated superior outcomes
- Hazardous agent, use precautions when handling
- Do not take with milk or milk based products, there is an enzyme in cow milk can break down mercapto purine
- Pregnancy risk factor: D

Adverse Drug Effects

Hepatotoxicity (jaundice & hyperbilirubinemia) occur 1-2 months & can be dose limiting Myelosuppression, skin rashes, stomatitis, photosensitivity

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MEDICATION

REVLIMID (LENALIDOMIDE)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- Multiple myeloma (with dexamethasone) 25 mg Per oral on day 1-21, then one week off
- Myelo displastic syndrome 10 mg per Oral daily

MONITORING PARAMETERS

Black Box Warning: Embryo fetal risk toxicity, thrombo embolism Baseline & Periodically: CBC, Scr, Liver Functions Tests, Thrombosis,

Renal impairment, may need dose modification

Pre existing viral liver diseases or elevated liver enzymes → increased risk of hepatic failure, may need dose reduction or interruption

Drug Drug Interactions: Erythrocyte stimulating agent (epoetin alfa), estrogen containing agents: ↑ risk of thrombosis

Digoxin: may ↑ digoxin plasma conc

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

- Swallow cap whole with water
- Take on empty stomach 1 hr before or 1 hr after food
- Administration in the evening has demonstrated superior outcomes
- Pregnancy risk factor: X
- Avoid pregnancy while on therapy, use 2 methods of contraceptives, negative pregnancy test must be obtained before initiation of therapy. Men should use condom during therapy & at least 4 weeks after discontinuation of therapy

Adverse Drug Effects

Thrombo embolism (DVT-PE-MI) Thrombocytopenia-neutropenia Dizziness, tremors Diarrhea, constipation

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JAKAFI (RUXOLITINIB)



DOSE/FDA INDICATION

- High risk myelofibrosis 5–20 mg Per oral BID
- Polycythemia vera after hydroxy urea therapy 10 mg Per oral BID dose titrated based on Haemoglobin&Platelets

MONITORING PARAMETERS

BBW:NONE

Base line& Periodically: CBC, Renal, Liver Functions Tests Modify dose for thrombocytopenia, titrate dose based on safety & efficacy Skin lesion

Drug Drug Interactions: CYP3A4 substrate Modify dose with CYP3A4 strong inhibitor

KEY COUNSELLING POINTS

Administration

Take with or without food

- If patient has feeding tube: mix each tab with 40 ml of water, stir for 10 mins (give within 6 hrs of mixing)
- Avoid grape fruit/juice
- When d/c therapy, taper by 5 mg PO BID each week
- Pregnancy risk factor: C

Adverse Drug Effects

Myelosuppression, dizziness, headache, weight gain

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