**BC Cancer** Protocol Summary for Second-line Treatment of Recurrent Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC) with Topotecan

**Protocol Code**  
LUSCTOP

**Tumour Group**  
Lung

**Contact Physician**  
Dr. Christopher Lee

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Recurrent/progressive small cell lung cancer following first-line therapy
- ECOG performance status 0-2
- Relative contraindication to LUSCCAV

**EXCLUSIONS:**
- ECOG performance status 3-4

**TESTS:**
- Baseline: CBC & diff (including platelets), sodium, potassium, BUN, creatinine
- Before each treatment: CBC & diff (including platelets), creatinine
- Weekly: CBC & diff (including platelets)

**PREMEDICATIONS:**
- Antiemetic protocol for Low-Moderate emetogenic chemotherapy (see protocol SCNAUSEA)

**TREATMENT:**

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<th>Drug</th>
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<th>BC Cancer Administration Guideline</th>
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<td>topotecan</td>
<td>1.5 mg/m²/day x 5 days (days 1 to 5)</td>
<td>IV in 50mL NS over 30 minutes</td>
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- Repeat 5-day treatment every 21 days x 4-6 cycles

**DOSE MODIFICATIONS:**

1. Hematology:
   a) **on treatment day:**
      | ANC (x 10⁹/L)          | Platelets (x 10⁹/L) | Dose                      |
      | greater than or equal to 1.0 and greater than or equal to 100 | treat as per nadir     |
      | less than 1.0 or less than 100 | delay until recovery |

   b) **at nadir:**
      | ANC (x 10⁹/L) | Platelets (x 10⁹/L) | Dose                        |
      | less than 0.5 or less than 50 | decrease by 0.25 mg/m²/day* |
2. **Any Grade 3 or 4 toxicity (except nausea):** decrease dose by 0.25mg/m²/day*

*e.g. if initial dose is 1.5 mg/m²/day x 5 days → 1.25 mg/m²/day x 5 days. if initial dose is 1.25 mg/m²/day x 5 days → 1.0 mg/m²/day x 5 days.

3. **Renal Dysfunction:**

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<th>Creatinine Clearance (mL/min)</th>
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<td>greater than or equal to 40</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>20-39</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>less than 20</td>
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\[
\text{CrCl (mL/min)} = \frac{N \times (140 - \text{age}) \times \text{weight (kg)}}{\text{serum creatinine (µmol/L)}}
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where \( N = 1.04 \) for females and 1.23 for males

**PRECAUTIONS:**

1. **Neutropenia:** Fever or other evidence of infection must be assessed promptly and treated aggressively.

Call Dr. Christopher Lee or tumour group delegate at (604) 930-2098 or 1-800-523-2885 with any problems or questions regarding this treatment program.

**REFERENCES:**