BC Cancer Protocol Summary for Palliative Therapy for Aggressive Fibromatosis Using Weekly or Alternate Week Methotrexate and vinBLASTine Intravenously

**Protocol Code**  
SAMV

**Tumour Group**  
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**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Fibromatosis not responding to hormonal therapy

**EXCLUSIONS:**
- Calculated creatinine clearance less than 30 mL/min
- Large third space fluid accumulations (significant ascites, large pleural effusion or other large lobulated fluid accumulations)

**TESTS:**
- Baseline: CBC & Diff, platelet, bili, alk phos, ALT, LDH, GGT, albumin, creatinine, sodium, potassium, and chest X-ray and best imaging site(s) of disease
- Before each treatment: CBC & Diff, platelet
- If clinically indicated: Imaging should be repeated every 3 to 4 months

**PREMEDICATIONS:**
- Antiemetic protocol for low emetogenic chemotherapy protocols (see SCNAUSEA)

**TREATMENT:**

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<th>BC Cancer Administration Guideline</th>
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<td>methotrexate</td>
<td>30 mg/m²</td>
<td>IV push</td>
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<td>vinBLASTine</td>
<td>6 mg/m²</td>
<td>IV in 50 mL NS over 15 minutes</td>
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Repeat every 7 or 14 days (28 days = 1 cycle) x 12 cycles- 1 year
Discontinue if progression on imaging at 3 or 4 months.
DOSE MODIFICATIONS:

1. **Hematological**

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<th>ANC (x10^9/L)</th>
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<td>greater than or equal to 1.0 and greater than or equal to 100</td>
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*Baseline vinBLASTine dose reduced by 25% if chemotherapy delayed 2 or more weeks.

2. **Mucositis: Methotrexate:** reduced by 50% or 100% for NCI common Toxicity Criteria grade 1 or 2, respectively

3. **Renal dysfunction: Methotrexate:** temporarily withhold for elevations of serum creatinine (greater than 3X upper limit of normal)

4. **Hepatic dysfunction: Methotrexate:** temporarily withhold for elevations of bilirubin (greater than 1.5 X upper limit of normal) or ALT (greater than 5X upper limit of normal.)

5. **Significant third space fluids** (ascites, pleural effusions): Reconsider treatment

6. **Neuropathy:** vinBLASTine was temporarily withheld for grade 2 neuropathy or greater.

PRECAUTIONS:

1. **Neutropenia:** Fever or other evidence of infection must be assessed promptly and treated aggressively. Refer to BC Cancer Febrile Neutropenia Guidelines.

2. **Extravasation:** vinBLASTine may cause pain and tissue necrosis if extravasated. Refer to BC Cancer Extravasation Guidelines

Call Dr. Christine Simmons or tumour group delegate at (604) 877-6000 or 1-800-663-3333 with any problems or questions regarding this treatment program.

References:
