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## SUPPLEMENT

### HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES IN PROTOCOLS, PRE-PRINTED ORDERS AND PATIENT HANDOUTS

The Provincial Systemic Therapy Program has revised the following program effective 15 November 2013:

#### **Genitourinary:**

The Genitourinary Tumour Group has expanded the eligibility criteria for the use of abiraterone with prednisone to patients with “asymptomatic” metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) who have not received prior chemotherapy (UGUPABI). This program was previously approved only for patients with “symptomatic” disease who have received prior docetaxel-containing chemotherapy or who were ineligible for chemotherapy. Approval of the new program was based on a phase III randomized controlled trial that evaluated abiraterone with prednisone versus prednisone alone in chemotherapy-naïve patients with asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic (ECOG 0 to 1) mCRPC. [Ryan et al. *NEJM* 2013;368:138-148] Abiraterone was associated with a significant increase in radiologic progression free survival (16.5 mo vs. 8.3 mos, HR 0.53 [95% CI 0.45-0.62]), and a trend towards improved overall survival (not yet reached vs. 27.2 mo, HR 0.75 [95% CI 0.61-0.93]). Abiraterone with prednisone was overall well tolerated, and significantly delayed the median time to the initiation of chemotherapy (25.2 mo vs. 16.8 mo, HR 0.58 [95% CI 0.49-0.69]).

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