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Cumulative Index for the Systemic Therapy Update newsletter from January to June 2000 is now available and distributed with the July issue of the Update. It is also available on the BCCA H-drive at:

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on the BCCA website at:

http://bccancer.com/communication.cfm and by request via Fax-back.

PROTOCOL UPDATE

Protocol codes for treatments requiring "Undesignated Indication" approval prior to use are prefixed with the letter ${\bf U}$.

- INDEX to BCCA Protocol Summaries revised monthly (includes tumour group, protocol code, indication, drugs, last revision date and version)
- UBRAJACT new: Adjuvant therapy for breast cancer using doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide followed by paclitaxel (Taxol ®)

- GOADVCX renamed GOCXADV
- GOCXADV reformatted (replacing old protocol code GOADVCX): Treatment of advanced/recurrent non-small cell cancer of the cervix with cisplatin and etoposide
- GOEP revised (title, contact physician and ondansetron dosing changed, magnesium added to monitoring tests): Therapy of dysgerminomatous ovarian germ cell cancer using cisplatin and etoposide
- GOOVCARB new: First or second line therapy for invasive epithelial ovarian cancer using single-agent carboplatin
- UGOOVCXCAT new: Primary treatment of advanced/recurrent non-small cell cancer of the cervix with carboplatin and paclitaxel in ambulatory care settings
- GOTDLR revised (expansion of "Tests" section and addition of "Precautions" section): Therapy for low risk gestational trophoblastic cancer using dactinomycin and methotrexate
- LYCOPP reformatted: Treatment of Hodgkin's disease using cyclophosphamide, vincristine, procarbazine and prednisone
- LYIT reformatted: Treatment of lymphoma using intrathecal methotrexate and cytarabine
- LYPALL revised (procarbazine route added; dexamethasone IV route added): Lymphoma palliative chemotherapy

CANCER MANAGEMENT MANUAL

Lung Tumour Group has revised the entire section lung tumour with new separate subsections on mesothelioma and thymoma. The Cancer Management Manual is available on our website at http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/cmm/.

PRE-PRINTED ORDER UPDATE

Pre-printed orders should always be checked with the most current BCCA protocol summaries. The Vancouver Cancer Centre has prepared the following chemotherapy pre-printed orders, which can be obtained as a guide for reference:

- UBRAVTR revised (pre-printed order titled UBRAVTR one form): Palliative therapy for metastatic breast cancer using trastuzumab (Herceptin ®)
- LYCOPP: Treatment of Hodgkin's disease using cyclophosphamide, vincristine, procarbazine and prednisone

An index to the orders can be obtained by Fax-back.

DRUG UPDATE

Cisapride (Prepulsid®), a prokinetic agent used in the supportive care of cancer patients, will be withdrawn from commercial distribution in Canada after 7 August, 2000. This is due to the risk of serious cardiac arrhythmias (including 76 deaths) associated with the use of cisapride (Systemic Therapy Update May 2000). Limited distribution of cisapride may remain available through the Health Canada's Special Access Program. Other alternative prokinetic agents available in Canada include metoclopramide and domperidone.

COMMUNITIES ONCOLOGY NETWORK

New fax numbers for Patient Referrals have been in use effective 10 June 2000:

Fraser Valley Cancer Centre(604) 675-7222 Vancouver Cancer Centre(604) 708-2005 Vancouver Island Cancer Centre(250) 519-2001

The fax number for the Cancer Centre for the Southern Interior remains (250) 979-4001. This change is a result of continued implementation of new fax server technology within the Patient Information Management process at BCCA. Fax server technology will enable electronic storage of documents received by fax. As well, it should reduce the incidence of busy fax numbers, which has been a concern in the past.

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