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BENEFIT DRUG LIST

The current Benefit Drug List and Class II forms are available on the website <u>www.bccancer.bc.ca</u>.

PROTOCOL UPDATE

Protocols by Drugs Index A cross-referenced index lists the BC Cancer Agency benefit drugs with their corresponding protocols. This index can be obtained via H-drive at regional cancer centres or Fax-back as listed at the end of the Update.

Protocol codes for treatments requiring "Undesignated Indication" approval prior to use are prefixed with the letter **U**.

- INDEX to BC Cancer Agency Protocol Summaries revised monthly (includes tumour group, protocol code, indication, drugs, last revision date and version)
- **BRAVCAP** revised (DPD deficiency added to exclusions and precautions): Therapy of metastatic breast cancer using capecitabine

- **UGIAVCAP** new: Palliative therapy of advanced colorectal cancer using capecitabine
- **GOCXRADC** revised (scheduling of cisplatin and radiation clarified): Treatment of high risk squamous cell carcinoma of cervix with concurrent cisplatin and radiation

Protocols are available on the BC Cancer Agency website <u>www.bccancer.bc.ca/ccp/</u>.

CANCER MANAGEMENT MANUAL

The Cancer Management Manual is available onBCCancerAgencywebsitewww.bccancer.bc.ca/cmm/.

PRE-PRINTED ORDER UPDATE

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

- **UGIFUIP** revised (misspelling corrected in indication): Chemotherapy of pseudomyxoma peritonei using intraperitoneal mitomycin and fluorouracil
- **LUPE** revised (bilirubin deleted from labs section): Palliative therapy of selected solid tumours using cisplatin and etoposide

An index to the orders can be obtained by Faxback.

CANCER DRUG MANUAL

The Cancer Drug Manual is available on the BC Cancer Agency website <u>www.bccancer.bc.ca/cdm/</u>.

SUPPORTIVE CARE

Guidelines for the Care of Radiation Skin Reactions have been available on our website under Cancer Management Guidelines (listed on the right hand menu) since June 2001. Printed copies of these guidelines are now available at all BC Cancer Agency regional cancer centres and will be sent to the Communities Oncology Network (CON).

The guidelines were prepared by an interdisciplinary team based on published literature as well as national and international practices. They have been approved by the BC Cancer Agency Provincial Radiation Therapy Program. An evaluation of the guidelines is planned for 2003 with focus on clinical outcomes and a survey will be included with copies sent out to the CON. Additional evaluation tools and data collection strategies will be used at the BC Cancer Agency regional cancer centers. Print copies are available now from each of our cancer Centre patient resource centres (Cancer Information Centres). An electronic or print copy may also be obtained by contacting the Vancouver Centre Library by email: requests@bccancer.bc.ca or by phone: 604-877-6000 ext 2698. (or outside the Lower Mainland: 1-800-663-3333)

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PATIENT EDUCATION

Prostate cancer patient information on the BC Cancer Agency website has been recently revised, but will not be posted on our website for some time. However, print copies of the revised version are available now from each of our cancer centre patient resource centres (Library/Cancer Information Centres). An electronic or print copy may also be obtained by contacting the Vancouver Centre Library by email: requests@bccancer.bc.ca or by phone: 604-877-6000 ext 2698. (or outside the Lower Mainland: 1-800-663-3333)

PROVINCIAL SYSTEMIC THERAPY PROGRAM POLICIES

BC Cancer Agency Systemic Therapy Policies are available at <u>h:\everyone\systemic\prov\chemo\policies</u> on the H-drive at the regional cancer centres and on <u>www.bccancer.bc.ca/ccp/</u> in the BC Cancer Agency website.

LIBRARY/CANCER INFORMATION CENTRE

Unconventional Cancer Therapies Manual is available on the BC Cancer Agency website www.bccancer.bc.ca/uct/. The manual consists of

46 short monographs on the more commonly used unconventional cancer therapies (e.g., Essiac, vitamins, teas, shark cartilage) and includes tips for the patient and family on how unconventional therapies can be evaluated. For each therapy the manual provides proponent/advocate claims, as well as evidence-based evaluation/critique quotations from the literature.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

International Society of Oncology Pharmacy Practitioners (ISOPP) VIII Symposium will be held on 7-11 May, 2002, at the Fairmont Hotel (Vancouver) in Vancouver, BC. The conference has a wide ranging program for the pharmacist, from setting oncology up а chemotherapy service to pharmacogenomics, drug and disease updates, molecular biology, advances in safe handling of antineoplastics, and symptom management issues.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Suzuki, internationally renowned television personality, geneticist, and environmental activist. Other speakers include Dianne Kapty, Kimberly Kuik, Robin O'Brien, Lynne Nakashima, and Suzanne Taylor of the BC Cancer Agency Systemic Therapy Program, and Dana Cole of the Prince George Regional Hospital.

For more information, visit the conference website at <u>www.isopp.org</u>, or contact Jeff Barnett at <u>jbarnett@bccancer.bc.ca</u> or (250) 519-5519.

Canadian Bioethics Society 14th Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held on 17-20 October, 2002, in the Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, BC. This year's theme will be "Ethical Challenges Across the Lifespan". A discussion on negotiating bioethics in a culturally diverse society will be hosted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC on pre-conference day (17 October). A post-conference morning discussion (20 October) on privacy and research on ethics boards will be hosted by the National Council on Ethics in Human Research.

For more information, visit the conference web site at www.uvic.ca/cbs, or contact Veronica Morris at cbs@uvic.ca or (250) 519-7072.

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Benefit Drug List (1 March 2002)		BenefitList.doc
Class 2 Form (1 February 2002)		Class2.doc
Filgrastim Usage Form (1 June 2001)		GCSF_form.doc
Undesignated Indication Form (November 2001)		Undesig.doc

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