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# **EDITOR'S CHOICE**

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

#### **Eligibility Clarified for Chemotherapy for Advanced NSCLC:**

The **Lung Tumour Group** has clarified the eligibility of first-line chemotherapy regimens for advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). The revised criteria include their use after patients have been first treated with an EGFR tyrosine-kinase inhibitor (e.g., Gefitinib in ULUAVGEFF).

#### **CANCER DRUG MANUAL**

#### **REVISED MONOGRAPHS**

**Bortezomib Monograph** has been revised to add information regarding subcutaneous administration in the Parenteral Administration table, Dosage Guidelines, and a paragraph after the Side Effects table. The intravenous dosing information in Dosage Guidelines has also been updated.

**Carmustine Monograph** has been revised to include historical content and references for

alternative reconstitution instructions utilizing less ethanol in the Solution Preparation and Compatibility section.

**Cetuximab Monograph** has been revised to include topical steroids in rash management guidelines in the paragraph after the Side Effects table.

**Flutamide Monograph** has been revised to modify the CYP P450 interactions in the Interactions section.

**RiTUXimab Monograph** has been revised to update pediatric Dosage Guidelines.

Teniposide Monograph, Patient Handout and the Chemotherapy Preparation and Stability Chart (CPSC) have undergone complete revisions to update all sections of the documents and to reflect current template standards. Expert review was provided by Dr. Tom Nevill (Leukemia/BMT Program) and Dr. Dawn Warkentin (VGH pharmacist, Leukemia/BMT Program).

### **EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

The **Cancer Drug Manual Team** would like to bid farewell to CDM Editorial Board members, **Leeanne Joki** (RN) and **Dr. Anna Tinker** (Medical Oncologist, BCCA), as they step down from the board in July 2011. The team would like to thank both individuals for their many contributions to the board.

## LIST OF NEW AND REVISED PROTOCOLS, PRE-PRINTED ORDERS AND PATIENT HANDOUTS

**BC** Cancer Agency Protocol Summaries, Provincial Pre-Printed Orders (PPPOs) and Patient Handouts are revised periodically. New, revised or deleted protocols, PPPOs and patient handouts for this month are listed below. Protocol codes for treatments requiring "Compassionate Access Program" (previously Undesignated Indications Request) approval are prefixed with the letter "**U**".

NEW Protocols, PPPOs and Patient Handouts (AFFECTED DOCUMENTS ARE CHECKED):							
CODE	Protocol	PPPO	Patient Handout	Protocol Title			
HNNLAPG				Induction Treatment of Locally Advanced Nasopharyngeal Cancer with Cisplatin and Gemcitabine			

REVISED PROTOCOLS, PPPOS AND PATIENT HANDOUTS (AFFECTED DOCUMENTS ARE CHECKED):							
CODE	Protocol	PPPO	Patient Handout	Changes	Protocol Title		
UCNBEV	Ø	Ø		Dosing and Tests schedule clarified, Treatment duration and Caution for thrombosis highlighted	Palliative Therapy for Recurrent Malignant Gliomas Using Bevacizumab		
UHNLACETRT		$\overline{\checkmark}$		Reformatted	Combined Cetuximab and Radiation Treatment for Locally Advanced Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck		
HNNLAPG				Creatinine added	Induction Treatment of Locally Advanced Nasopharyngeal Cancer with Cisplatin and Gemcitabine		
LUAVDC	Ø			Eligibility updated	First-Line Treatment of Advanced Non-Small Cel Lung Cancer (NSCLC) with Cisplatin and Docetaxel		
LUAVNP	Ø			Eligibility updated	Treatment for Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) with Cisplatin and Vinorelbine		
LUAVPC	V			Eligibility updated	First-Line Treatment of Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) with CARBOplatin and PACLitaxel		
LUAVPG	V			Eligibility updated	Treatment of Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) with Platinum and Gemcitabine		
ULUAVPP				Tests section clarified	First-Line Treatment of Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer With Platinum and Pemetrexed		
LUAVVIN	V			Eligibility updated	Treatment of Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) with Vinorelbine in Elderly Patients		
LUSCTOP	V			Dose Modifications for renal function clarified	Second-line Treatment of Recurrent Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC) with Topotecan		

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