

## Regimen Monograph

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## A - Regimen Name

# FLAG+IDA Regimen

Fludarabine-cytarabine-filgrastim-idarubicin

**Disease Site** Hematologic - Leukemia - Acute Myeloid (AML)

**Intent** Curative

**Regimen Category** **evidence-informed :**

Regimen is considered appropriate as part of the standard care of patients; meaningfully improves outcomes (survival, quality of life), tolerability or costs compared to alternatives (recommended by the Disease Site Team and national consensus body e.g. pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review, pCODR). Recommendation is based on an appropriately conducted phase III clinical trial relevant to the Canadian context OR (where phase III trials are not feasible) an appropriately sized phase II trial. Regimens where one or more drugs are not approved by Health Canada for any indication will be identified under Rationale and Use.

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**The information provided in this document is intended for use only in the management of adults with leukemia, and for cancer centres with expertise in treating acute leukemia.**

**Rationale and Uses** As consolidation therapy for high-risk newly diagnosed or relapsed/refractory AML patients in complete remission.

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**B - Drug Regimen**

<a href="#">filgrastim</a>	300 mcg	Subcut	Days 1 to 4
<a href="#">IDArubicin</a>	10 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Days 1 to 2
<a href="#">fludarabine</a>	30 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Days 1 to 4

**4 hours after starting Fludarabine, give:**

<a href="#">cytarabine</a>	2000 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Days 1 to 4
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**C - Cycle Frequency**

**REPEAT EVERY 28 DAYS**

For 2 consolidation cycles unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs

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**D - Premedication and Supportive Measures**

**Antiemetic Regimen:** Moderate

**Other Supportive Care:**

Also refer to [CCO Antiemetic Recommendations](#).

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**J - Administrative Information**

Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) 21.07175 minutes

Nursing Workload (average time per visit) 51.66666667 minutes

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## K - References

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