

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

ATRA(IND) Regimen

Tretinoin (ATRA)

Disease Site Hematologic - Leukemia - Acute Promyelocytic (APL)

Intent Palliative
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.

Supplementary Public Funding [tretinoin \(ATRA\)](#)
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B - Drug Regimen

[tretinoin \(ATRA\)](#) 45 mg /m² PO Daily*

(*In 2 divided doses per day)

(Outpatient prescription in multiples of 10 mg capsules)

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C - Cycle Frequency

Continue for 30 to 90 days (until complete remission)

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Minimal – No routine prophylaxis; PRN recommended

Other Supportive Care:

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

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K - References

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