

## Regimen Monograph

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## A - Regimen Name

## BORTDEXALENA(LD) Regimen

Bortezomib-Dexamethasone-Lenalidomide (RVD-Lite) (For transplant-eligible patients)

**Disease Site** Hematologic  
Multiple Myeloma

**Intent** Palliative

**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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**Rationale and Uses** For treatment of **transplant eligible** patients with previously untreated multiple myeloma. Consider use in patients who cannot tolerate the BORTDEXALENA regimen.

**Supplementary Public Funding** [bortezomib](#)  
 New Drug Funding Program (Bortezomib - In Combination with Lenalidomide and Dexamethasone for Previously Untreated Multiple Myeloma Pre-SCT) ([NDFP Website](#) )

[lenalidomide](#)  
 ODB Limited Use (lenalidomide - Induction therapy for transplant eligible, newly diagnosed multiple myeloma, according to clinical criteria) ([ODB Formulary](#) )

**dexamethasone**  
 ODB - General Benefit (dexamethasone) ([ODB Formulary](#))

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## B - Drug Regimen

<a href="#">bortezomib</a>	1.3 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV / Subcut	Days 1, 8, 15, 22
<a href="#">lenalidomide</a> <sup>1</sup>	15 mg	PO	Days 1 to 21
<b>dexamethasone</b>	20 mg	PO	Days 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23

<sup>1</sup> Lenalidomide may only be prescribed and dispensed by physicians and pharmacists registered with a controlled distribution program. Patients must also be registered and meet all conditions of the program.

Alternative dosing schedules were described by Okazuka et al and Mookerjee et al. (See References section.)

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## C - Cycle Frequency

### REPEAT EVERY 28 DAYS

Give up to 4 cycles and assess for response and suitability for transplant.

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**D - Premedication and Supportive Measures**

**Antiemetic Regimen:** Low  
No routine prophylaxis for lenalidomide

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

**Screen for hepatitis B virus in all cancer patients starting systemic treatment.** Refer to the [hepatitis B virus screening and management](#) guideline.

**Other Supportive Care:**

- Antiviral prophylaxis for herpes zoster is recommended.
- Patients at risk of tumour lysis syndrome should have appropriate prophylaxis and be monitored closely.
- Prophylaxis for venous thromboembolism is recommended in patients at risk.
- Careful consideration and monitoring must be taken with erythropoietin stimulating agents (ESAs), since the concomitant use of ESAs with lenalidomide may potentiate the risk of thrombosis. RBC or platelet transfusions with lenalidomide dose reductions/interruptions may be appropriate in severe / symptomatic anemia or thrombocytopenia.
- Consider GCSF as secondary prophylaxis.
- Optimal control of thyroid function is recommended prior to starting lenalidomide treatment.

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**J - Administrative Information**

Outpatient prescription for home administration (lenalidomide & dexamethasone)

**Bortezomib:**

Approximate Patient Visit	0.5 hour
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	16.369 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	27.5 minutes

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## K - References

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## **PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines**

- [Treatment of Multiple Myeloma: ASCO and CCO Joint Clinical Practice Guideline](#)

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