

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

CAPECRBP Regimen

Capecitabine-carboplatin

Disease Site Gastrointestinal
 Esophagus
 Gastric / Stomach

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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Supplementary Public Funding [capecitabine](#)
 ODB - General Benefit (capecitabine)

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B - Drug Regimen

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| CARBOplatin | AUC 4 to 5 | IV | Day 1 |
| capecitabine | 1000 mg /m ² | PO | BID*, Days 1 to 14 |

*Total dose 2000 mg/m²/day
(Outpatient prescription in 150mg and 500mg tablets)

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C - Cycle Frequency**REPEAT EVERY 21 to 28 DAYS**

For a usual total of 6 cycles unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Moderate + NK1 antagonist (Carboplatin AUC ≥ 5) (D1)
Moderate (Carboplatin AUC < 5) (D1)
No routine prophylaxis for capecitabine

Other Supportive Care:

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

- Topical emollients (e.g. hand creams, udder balm) or oral pyridoxine therapy may ameliorate the manifestations of hand-foot syndrome in patients receiving capecitabine.
- Supportive care should be provided, including loperamide for diarrhea.

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J - Administrative Information

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| Approximate Patient Visit | 0.5 to 1 hour |
| Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) | 22.22 minutes |
| Nursing Workload (average time per visit) | 44.167 minutes |

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K - References

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Kang YK, Kang WK, Shin D, et al. Capecitabine/cisplatin versus 5-fluorouracil/cisplatin as first-line therapy in patients with advanced gastric cancer: a randomised phase III noninferiority trial. *Ann Oncol* 2009;20(4):666-73.

PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines

- [Systemic Therapy for Advanced Gastric and Gastro-Esophageal Carcinoma](#)

April 2023 Updated DPD deficiency information in the Other Notes section

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L - Other Notes

Patients should be tested for DPD deficiency before starting treatment with capecitabine. Refer to the [DPD Deficiency Guidance for Clinicians](#) for more information.

In patients with unrecognized DPD deficiency, acute, life-threatening toxicity may occur; if acute grade 2-4 toxicity develops, treatment should be stopped immediately and permanent discontinuation considered based on clinical assessment of the toxicities.

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