

## Regimen Monograph

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## A - Regimen Name

# CAPEMTMC(RT) Regimen

**Capecitabine-mitomycin**

**Disease Site**      Gastrointestinal  
   Anus

**Intent**                      Adjuvant

**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 stage I-III squamous cell carcinoma of the anal canal and ECOG performance status of less than or equal to 2.

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

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**B - Drug Regimen**

[capecitabine](#) 825 mg /m<sup>2</sup> PO BID\*

\*total daily dose 1650 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

**Concurrent on radiation days**

(Days 1-5, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26, 29-33, and continue until last day of RT)

[mitomycin](#) 10 mg /m<sup>2</sup> IV (maximum 20 mg) Days 1 and 29

**Alternative mitomycin schedule:**

[mitomycin](#) 12 mg /m<sup>2</sup> IV (maximum 20 mg) Day 1 ONLY

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**C - Cycle Frequency**

**Single course, concurrent with radiotherapy**

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**D - Premedication and Supportive Measures**

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

**Other Supportive Care:**

- 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.

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

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## J - Administrative Information

Outpatient prescription for home administration (capecitabine)

Approximate Patient Visit	0.5 hour
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	16.99 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	41.667 minutes

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## K - References

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### **PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines**

- [Management of Squamous Cell Cancer of the Anal Canal](#)

**April 2023** Updated DPD deficiency information in the Other Notes section

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## L - Other Notes

### **DPD Deficiency Testing and Guidance:**

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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