

## Regimen Monograph

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## A - Regimen Name

**CHOP+IR-DHAP+R Regimen**

**Cyclophosphamide-Doxorubicin-Vincristine-Prednisone-Ibrutinib-Rituximab Alternating with Dexamethasone-Cytarabine-Cisplatin-Rituximab**

**Disease Site** Hematologic  
Lymphoma - Non-Hodgkin's Low Grade  
  
(Mantle cell lymphoma)

**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** Treatment of previously untreated mantle cell lymphoma

**Supplementary** [riTUXimab](#)

**Public Funding** New Drug Funding Program (Rituximab (Biosimilar IV) and Rituximab SC in Combination with Chemotherapy - Indolent B-cell Lymphoma) ([NDFP Website](#))

**[riTUXimab \(subcut\)](#)**

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**dexamethasone**

ODB - General Benefit (dexamethasone)

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## B - Drug Regimen

**Note:** Different rituximab products are NOT INTERCHANGEABLE.

**Alternating Treatment:** CHOP+IR alternating with DHAP+R for a total of 6 cycles

**Cycle 1 - All patients must receive their first dose of rituximab by IV infusion.**

**CHOP+IR Cycle:**

<a href="#">riTUXimab</a>	375 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Day 1
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OR

**Rituximab (subcut):**

The subcutaneous formulation must only be given at the second or subsequent cycles, if the patient has previously received at least one full rituximab IV dose.

<a href="#">riTUXimab (subcut)</a>	1400 mg	Subcut	Day 1
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**Plus chemotherapy:**

<b>prednisone</b>	100 mg	PO daily	Days 1 to 5*
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\*(On Day 1 to be given as part of premedication before riTUXimab)

<a href="#">vinCRISTine</a>	1.4 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV (max 2 mg)	Day 1
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## CHOP+IR-DHAP+R

<a href="#">DOXOrubicin</a>	50 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Day 1
<a href="#">cyclophosphamide</a>	750 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Day 1
<a href="#">iBRUtinib</a>	560 mg	PO	Days 1 to 19

(This drug is not currently publicly funded for this regimen and intent)

### **DHAP+R Cycle** (adapted for outpatient administration):

#### **Rituximab IV:**

<a href="#">riTUXimab</a>	375 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Day 1
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OR

#### **Rituximab (subcut):**

The subcutaneous formulation must only be given at the second or subsequent cycles, if the patient has previously received at least one full rituximab IV dose.

<a href="#">riTUXimab (subcut)</a>	1400 mg	Subcut	Day 1
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#### **Plus chemotherapy:**

<a href="#">CISplatin</a>	100 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Day 1
<a href="#">cytarabine</a>	2000 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	q12h on Day 2 (total 2 doses)
<b>dexamethasone</b>	40 mg	PO	Daily, Days 1 to 4*

\*(On Day 1 to be given as part of premedication before riTUXimab)

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### **C - Cycle Frequency**

#### **REPEAT EVERY 21 DAYS**

CHOP+IR alternating with DHAP+R for a total of 6 cycles,  
followed by ibrutinib maintenance (IBRU(MNT))

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## D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

**Antiemetic Regimen:** Moderate (CHOP+IR)  
High (DHAP+R)  
Minimal – No routine prophylaxis; PRN recommended (ibuprofen)

- 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.

### Rituximab premedication (prophylaxis for infusion reactions):

Administer at least 30 minutes prior to rituximab:

- Oral antipyretic (e.g. acetaminophen)
- H1-receptor antagonist (e.g. diphenhydramine)
- Give day 1 prednisone as part of pre-medication before rituximab
- In patients receiving **subcut rituximab** who experienced adverse effects with pre-medications, the omission of pre-medications can be considered.

### Other Supportive Care:

- If high volume disease, consider prophylaxis for tumour lysis.
- Consider prophylaxis for patients at an increased risk for opportunistic infections.
- Standard regimens for Cisplatin premedication and hydration should be followed. Refer to local guidelines.

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## J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit	CHOP+IR: 2 to 5 hours; DHAP+R: Inpatient regimen; some centres have modified this regimen for outpatient treatment
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	39.115 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	73.375 minutes

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## K - References

Cisplatin drug monograph. Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario).

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