

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

CISPFU(RT) Regimen

CISplatin-Fluorouracil

Disease Site Gastrointestinal - Esophagus
Gastrointestinal - Gastric / Stomach

Intent Adjuvant
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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B - Drug Regimen**Weeks 1 and 5 concurrent with radiation:**

CISplatin	75 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
fluorouracil	1000 mg /m ² /day	IV over 24 hours as continuous infusion	Days 1 to 4
(Maximum 2000 mg/day)			

Alternative Cisplatin Schedule:

CISplatin	25 mg /m ²	IV	Days 1 to 3 OR Days 2 to 4
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OR

CISplatin	15 mg /m ²	IV	Days 1 to 5
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Concurrent with radiation on Weeks 1 and 5

THEN post-radiation q 21 days for 4 cycles total

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: High ($\geq 70\text{mg/m}^2$)
Moderate ($< 70\text{mg/m}^2$)

Febrile Neutropenia Risk: Moderate

Other Supportive Care:

Also refer to [CCO Antiemetic Summary](#)

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E - Dose Modifications

Doses should be modified according to the protocol by which the patient is being treated.

Dosage with toxicity**Hematologic Toxicities**

See [appendix 6](#) for general recommendations.

GI Toxicities

Toxicity	Action
If Mucositis or Diarrhea \geq Grade 3 in previous course	REDUCE to 2/3 dose of 5-FU
If Hand-Foot Syndrome \geq Grade 2	REDUCE to 2/3 dose of 5-FU

Hepatic Impairment

If Bilirubin $> 4 \times$ ULN, **OMIT** 5FU dose.

Renal Impairment

Toxicity	Action
If renal function has not returned to normal (CrCl < 1 mL/sec or Serum Creatinine > 136 µmol/L) by Day 1 of cycle	OMIT Cisplatin (Recommended action)

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Refer to [fluorouracil](#), [CISplatin](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details of adverse effects

Prolonged 5FU regimens have more Hand-Foot Syndrome but less myelosuppression and GI effects compared to bolus infusions.

Most Common Side Effects	Less Common Side Effects, but may be Severe or Life-Threatening
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nausea, vomiting• Nephrotoxicity (may be severe)• Hearing impairment• Myelosuppression +/- infection, bleeding• Abnormal electrolyte(s)• Anorexia• Diarrhea• Mucositis• Neurotoxicity• Photosensitivity• Rash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased LFTs• Arterial thromboembolism• Venous thromboembolism• Cardiotoxicity• Hemolysis• Hypersensitivity• Radiation recall reaction• Seizure• Vasculitis

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G - Interactions

Refer to [fluorouracil](#), [CISplatin](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details

Fluorouracil is a known radiation sensitizer. Patient should be carefully monitored for gastrointestinal toxicity when they are receiving concurrent 5FU Radiation therapy.

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H - Drug Administration and Special Precautions

Refer to [fluorouracil](#), [CISplatin](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details

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I - Recommended Clinical Monitoring

Treating physicians may decide to monitor more or less frequently for individual patients but should always consider recommendations from the product monograph.

Recommended Clinical Monitoring

- CBC; baseline and before each cycle. Interim counts should be done in first cycle and repeated if dose modifications necessary.
- Baseline and regular liver and renal function tests (including electrolytes and magnesium).
- Clinical toxicity assessment (including stomatitis, neurotoxicity, ototoxicity); at each visit
- Grade toxicity using the current [NCI-CTCAE \(Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events\) version](#)

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit	Day 1-4: 3 to 4 hours
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	19.124 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	52.917 minutes

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K - References

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PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines

- [Preoperative or Postoperative Therapy for Resectable Esophageal Cancer](#)
- [Neoadjuvant or Adjuvant Therapy for Resectable Gastric Cancer](#)
- [Systemic Therapy for Advanced Gastric Cancer](#)

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L - Other Notes

Schedule pump teaching session BEFORE first day of infusion.

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M - Disclaimer

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Regimen Monographs

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