Regimen Monograph

A - Regimen Name

CISPPACL+BEVA+PEMB Regimen

CISplatin-PACLitaxel-Bevacizumab-Pembrolizumab

Disease Site

Gynecologic
Cervix

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 patients with persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer whose tumours express PD-L1 (CPS ≥1), as determined by a validated test.
Treatment is only for patients:

- who have not received prior systemic chemotherapy for metastatic or

advanced disease,
- who have a good performance status,
- whose disease is not amenable to curative treatment, and
- who do not have active central nervous system (CNS) metastases or significant autoimmune disease

Supplementary Public Funding

pembrolizumab
New Drug Funding Program (Pembrolizumab - Metastatic, Persistent, or Recurrent Carcinoma of the Cervix) (NDFP Website)

bevacizumab
New Drug Funding Program (Bevacizumab (Biosimilar) - Metastatic (Stage IVB), Persistent, or Recurrent Carcinoma of the Cervix) (NDFP Website)

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B - Drug Regimen

Different bevacizumab products are **not interchangeable**.

pembrolizumab*	2 mg /kg	IV (max 200 mg)	Day 1
PACLitaxel	175 mg /m²	IV	Day 1
CISplatin	50 mg /m²	IV	Day 1
bevacizumab	15 mg /kg	IV	Day 1

*Dosing based on NDFP funding criteria. Alternative dosing schedule: pembrolizumab 4mg/kg (max 400mg) IV q6 weeks.

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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT EVERY 21 DAYS unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs

CISPPACL+BEVA+PEMB* is usually given for 6 cycles. (Chemotherapy may be continued beyond 6 cycles for patients with ongoing benefit and without unacceptable side effects.)

Followed by BEVA+PEMB(MNT) or PEMB(MNT) for the maintenance phase of treatment (up to 35 doses of pembrolizumab in total given every 3 weeks, or 18 doses given every 6 weeks).

*If bevacizumab is discontinued due to toxicity, patients may receive pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy, followed by PEMB(MNT).
If CISPPACL is discontinued for toxicity, patients may continue to receive BEVA+PEMB(MNT).

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen:

Moderate

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.

Pre-medications (prophylaxis for infusion reaction):

Paclitaxel*:

- Dexamethasone 20 mg PO 12- and 6-hours OR Dexamethasone 20 mg IV 30 minutes pre-infusion†
- Diphenhydramine 25-50 mg IV/PO 30-60 minutes pre-infusion
- Ranitidine 50 mg IV OR Famotidine 20 mg IV 30-60 minutes pre-infusion

*Consider discontinuing pre-medications for paclitaxel if there was no IR in the first 2 doses.

†Oral and IV dexamethasone are both effective at reducing overall IR rates. Some evidence suggests that oral dexamethasone may be more effective for reducing severe reactions; however, adverse effects and compliance remain a concern.

Pembrolizumab:

- Routine pre-medication is not recommended.
- May consider antipyretic and H1-receptor antagonist in patients who experienced a grade 1-2 infusion reaction.

Other Supportive Care:

- Avoid the use of corticosteroids or immunosuppressants before starting pembrolizumab treatment. Corticosteroids may be used as premedication (e.g. antiemetic) when given with chemotherapy.
- For cisplatin, all patients should receive adequate hydration and premedication for emesis, according to local guidelines.

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit	8 hours
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	46.674 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	79.833 minutes

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K - References

CADTH reimbursement recommendation: Pembrolizumab (treatment of adult patients with persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer whose tumours express PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 1), as determined by a validated test, in combination with chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab). December 2022.

Colombo N, Dubot C, Lorusso D, et al. Pembrolizumab for persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer. N Engl J Med. 2021 Nov 11;385(20):1856-1867. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2112435

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