

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

CISPPEME+CEMI Regimen

Cisplatin-Pemetrexed-Cemiplimab

Disease Site Lung
Non-Small Cell

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 First-line treatment in patients with advanced non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) (metastatic or unresectable locally advanced disease not suitable for definitive chemoradiation)

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B - Drug Regimen

pemetrexed	500 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
CISplatin	75 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
cemiplimab ¹	350 mg	IV	Day 1

(This drug is not publicly funded. Universal compassionate access program is available.)

¹Administer the chemotherapy drugs first, followed by cemiplimab on the same day.

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

For a total of 4 cycles, unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

After completion of CISPPEME+CEMI, continue with maintenance pemetrexed and cemiplimab (regimen code: PEME+CEMI(MNT)).

If chemotherapy is discontinued due to toxicity, may continue with cemiplimab maintenance (regimen code: CEMI(MNT)).

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: High

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.

Cemiplimab pre-medications (prophylaxis for infusion reaction):

- Routine pre-medication is not recommended. No premedication was given for the first dose of cemiplimab during clinical trials.
- May consider premedication in patients who experienced a grade 1-2 infusion reaction. (Migden et al) Refer to Management of Infusion-related Reactions table.

Other Supportive Care:**Pemetrexed:**

- Vitamin B12 1000mcg IM every 9 weeks, Folic acid 0.4 - 1 mg PO daily (both starting \geq 1 week prior to pemetrexed administration; continue throughout and 3 weeks after last dose of Pemetrexed).
- Dexamethasone 4mg PO BID for 3 days starting day before chemotherapy suggested for rash prophylaxis.
- Note: NSAIDs should be held for 2-5 days prior and 2 days after pemetrexed (refer to pemetrexed monograph)

Cisplatin:

- Standard regimens for Cisplatin premedication and hydration should be followed. Refer to local guidelines.

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Approximate Patient Visit	4 to 6 hours
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	55.610 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	59.167 minutes

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