

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

CISPPEME+PEMB Regimen

CISplatin-Pemetrexed-Pembrolizumab

Disease Site Lung
Mesothelioma (Pleural)

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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B - Drug Regimen

pembrolizumab *	200 mg	IV	Day 1
(This drug is not currently publicly funded for this regimen and intent)			
pemetrexed *	500 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
CISplatin *	75 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1

*Give pembrolizumab before chemotherapy.

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

For 6 cycles, unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

Refer to PEMB(MNT) for the maintenance phase of treatment.

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: High

Other Supportive Care:

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.

Pemetrexed:

- Vitamin B12 1000mcg IM every 9 weeks, Folic acid 0.4 - 1 mg PO daily (both starting ≥ 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.

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:

- Avoid the use of corticosteroids or immunosuppressants before starting pembrolizumab treatment. Corticosteroids may be used as premedication (e.g. antiemetic) when given with chemotherapy.

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Approximate Patient Visit	5-6 hours
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	51.185 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	51.667 minutes

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