

**Regimen Monograph**

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**A - Regimen Name**

# CISPTOPO Regimen

Topotecan-CISplatin

**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.

**Rationale and Uses** Patients with metastatic, recurrent cervical cancer should be offered the opportunity to participate in randomized trials. If trials are not available, cisplatin in combination with topotecan should be offered to women for whom first line treatment with chemotherapy is indicated

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**B - Drug Regimen**

|                           |                         |    |                              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| <a href="#">topotecan</a> | 0.75 mg /m <sup>2</sup> | IV | Days 1 to 3                  |
| <a href="#">CISplatin</a> | 50 mg /m <sup>2</sup>   | IV | Day 1 (give after topotecan) |

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

Until evidence of stable disease, metastatic progression or limited by toxicity

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**D - Premedication and Supportive Measures**

**Antiemetic Regimen:** Moderate (D1)  
Low (D2,3)

**Other Supportive Care:**

Standard regimens for Cisplatin premedication and hydration should be followed. Refer to Cisplatin monograph

Also refer to [CCO Antiemetic Recommendations](#).

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**E - Dose Modifications**

Doses should be modified according to the protocol by which the patient is being treated. The following recommendations are in use at some centres.

**Dosage with toxicity****Hematologic Toxicities**

See Appendix 6 for general recommendations.

Prior to the first cycle, patients must have a baseline neutrophil count of  $\geq 1.5 \times 10^9/L$ , a platelet count of  $\geq 100 \times 10^9/L$ , and a hemoglobin level of  $\geq 90$  g/L.

Do not retreat with topotecan and cisplatin, unless absolute neutrophil count recovers to  $\geq 1.5 \times 10^9/L$  and platelet count  $\geq 100 \times 10^9/L$ . Treatment to be delayed until blood counts have returned to acceptable levels.

Severe hematological toxicities should be managed by dose modification and the use of granulocyte-colony-stimulating factors (G-CSFs) in subsequent cycles.

At the time of retreatment, chemotherapy doses were adjusted based on nadir blood counts and interval toxicity:

| Toxicity (Grade/ Counts x 10 <sup>9</sup> )  |        | Toxicity (Grade/ Counts x10 <sup>9</sup> ) | Topotecan <sup>1</sup> | Cisplatin <sup>1</sup> |
|--|--------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Platelets 25-50  | and/or | ANC 0.5-1                                  | ↓ by 20% <sup>2</sup>  | ↓ by 20%               |
| Febrile Neutropenia  |        |  |                        |                        |
| Platelets < 25   | and/or | ANC < 0.5                                  | ↓ by 40%               | ↓ by 40%               |
| Grade 2 Neurotoxicity  |        |  | No change              | Consider ↓             |
| Grade 3 Neurotoxicity  |        |  | No change              | Hold and ↓ by 20%      |
| Grade 3 other non-hematological  |        |  | Hold and ↓ by 20%      | Hold and ↓ by 20%      |
| Grade 4 other non-hematological  |        |  | Discontinue            | Discontinue            |
| <sup>1</sup> Do not retreat until toxicity $\leq$ grade 2 and ANC $\geq 1.5 \times 10^9 /L$ and platelet count $\geq 100 \times 10^9 /L$ .<br><sup>2</sup> Consider growth factor support if febrile neutropenia recurs after dose ↓ |        |  |                        |                        |

### Hepatic Impairment

| Bilirubin (µmol/L) | Cisplatin (% previous dose) | Topotecan dose              |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <171               | No dose adjustment required | No dose adjustment required |
| $\geq 171$         |                             | No data found               |

**Renal Impairment**

| Creatinine clearance (mL/min) | Cisplatin (% previous dose) | Topotecan (% previous dose) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 40-50                         | 50-75%                      | No change                   |
| 20 - <40                      |                             | 50%                         |
| 10 - <20                      | OMIT                        | CONTRAINDICATED             |
| <10                           |                             |                             |

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**F - Adverse Effects**

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

| Most Common Side Effects   | Less Common Side Effects, but may be Severe or Life Threatening  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myelosuppression ± infection and bleeding (may be severe)</li> <li>• Nausea and vomiting</li> <li>• Neurotoxicity and ototoxicity</li> <li>• Nephrotoxicity ± electrolyte abnormality (may be severe)</li> <li>• Alopecia</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Diarrhea (may be severe)</li> <li>• Rash (may be severe)</li> <li>• Stomatitis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interstitial lung disease</li> <li>• Arterial thromboembolism</li> <li>• Hemolysis, thrombotic microangiopathy</li> </ul> |

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**G - Interactions**

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

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## H - Drug Administration and Special Precautions

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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

- Clinical toxicity assessment (including gastrointestinal, infection, bleeding, pulmonary, skin toxicity, neurotoxicity and ototoxicity).
- CBC before each cycle. Interim counts should be done in first cycle and repeated if dose modifications necessary.
- Baseline and regular liver and renal function (including electrolytes and magnesium) tests
- 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: 3-4 hours; Days 2-3: 0.5 hour |
| Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) | 17.887 minutes                       |
| Nursing Workload (average time per visit)  | 53.333 minutes                       |

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## K - References

Cisplatin and topotecan drug monographs, Cancer Care Ontario.

Long HJ, III, Bundy BN, Grendys EC, et al. Randomized phase III trial of cisplatin with or without topotecan in carcinoma of the uterine cervix: a Gynecologic Oncology Group Study. J Clin Oncol. 2005;23(21):4626-33.

### **PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines**

- [Systemic Treatment for Recurrent, Metastatic, or Persistent Cervical Cancer](#)

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