

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

CODOXM+RITU Regimen

Cyclophosphamide-Cytarabine-Vincristine-Methotrexate-Leucovorin-Doxorubicin-Rituximab

Disease Site Hematologic - Lymphoma - Non-Hodgkin's High Grade (Burkitt's Lymphoma)

Intent Curative

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

Note: Different rituximab products are NOT INTERCHANGEABLE.

Adapted for **outpatient** administration:

Cycle 1: All patients must receive their first dose of rituximab by IV infusion.

riTUXimab ¹	375 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
cyclophosphamide	800 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
vinCRISTine	1.5 mg /m ²	IV (maximum 2 mg)	Days 1 and 8
DOXOrubicin	40 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
cytarabine	70 mg	IT	Days 1 and 3
cyclophosphamide	200 mg /m ²	IV	Days 2 to 5
methotrexate	12 mg	IT	Day 15

Subsequent cycles of CODOX-M:

Rituximab IV:

riTUXimab ¹	375 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
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OR

Rituximab (subcut):

The subcutaneous formulation must only be given at the second or subsequent cycles, if the patient has previously received at least one full rituximab IV dose.

riTUXimab (subcut) ¹	1400 mg	Subcut	Day 1
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Plus CODOX-M Chemotherapy:

cyclophosphamide	800 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
vinCRISTine	1.5 mg /m ²	IV (maximum 2 mg)	Days 1 and 8

DOXOrubicin	40 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
cytarabine	70 mg	IT	Days 1 and 3
cyclophosphamide	200 mg /m ²	IV	Days 2 to 5
methotrexate	12 mg	IT`	Day 15

¹ dose may be postponed to later in the cycle if clinically indicated

Note: High-dose methotrexate (day 10) and leucovorin (start day 11) are given as **inpatient**.

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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT EVERY 21 DAYS

The MAGRATH regimen comprises of CODOX-M ± IVAC*. Three cycles of CODOX-M are used for low-risk patients. Four cycles of alternating CODOX-M and IVAC (total of 2 cycles of CODOX-M and 2 cycles of IVAC) are used for high-risk patients.

(*IVAC is given as inpatient.)

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Moderate (D1-5)
Minimal (D8, 15)

Other Supportive Care:

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

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit 1.5 hour (Subcut rituximab); 3-6 hours (IV rituximab);
(with additional time for intrathecal days)

Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) 50.499 minutes

Nursing Workload (average time per visit) 89.833 minutes

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PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines

- [Rituximab in Lymphoma and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia](#)

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