

## Regimen Monograph

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## A - Regimen Name

## CRBP(DESENS) Regimen

CARBOplatin (Desensitization)

**Disease Site** Gynecologic - Ovary

**Intent** Adjuvant  
Curative  
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 the ambulatory administration of carboplatin through a 12 to 16-step graduated rate infusion (as part of a desensitization protocol) in patients who have had a grade 3 or higher infusion reaction previously.

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**B - Drug Regimen****CARBO**platin

AUC 4-6

IV

Day 1

May adjust Carboplatin dose to AUC target (using Calvert formula) as outlined in "Other Notes" section.

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For a usual total of 6 to 8 cycles unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs

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**Antiemetic Regimen:** Moderate (Carboplatin AUC < 5)  
Moderate + NK1 antagonist (Carboplatin AUC ≥ 5)

**Other Supportive Care:**

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

Refer to the CCO guideline for detailed description of [Management of Cancer Medication-Related Infusion Reactions](#)

**Infusion Reaction Prophylaxis:**

- H1-receptor antagonist (e.g. diphenhydramine or a non-sedating equivalent)
- H2-receptor antagonist (e.g. ranitidine)
- Corticosteroid (e.g. dexamethasone)
- Montelukast 10 mg
- ASA (e.g. 500 mg, or the dose that is commercially available, such as 325 mg)

Beta-blockers and ACE-inhibitors should be held for 24 hours before initiating the desensitization protocol, as they may interfere with the action of rescue medications if an IR occurs during the desensitization process.

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## H - Drug Administration and Special Precautions

Refer to [CARBOplatin](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details

### Administration

Refer to the CCO Management of Cancer Medication-Related Infusion Reactions guideline for a detailed description of [Desensitization](#) protocols.

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## J - Administrative Information

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| Approximate Patient Visit                  | 7-8 hours     |
| Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) | 107.3 minutes |
| Nursing Workload (average time per visit)  | 480 minutes   |

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## K - References

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**March 2020** New ST-QBP regimen for carboplatin desensitization in the outpatient setting.

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## L - Other Notes

### Calvert Formula

**DOSE (mg) = target AUC X (GFR + 25)**

- AUC = product of serum concentration (mg/mL) and time (min)
- GFR (glomerular filtration rate) expressed as measured Creatinine Clearance or estimated from Serum Creatinine (by Cockcroft and Gault method or Jelliffe method)

(Calvert AH, Newell DR, Gumbrell LA, et al, Carboplatin dosage: Prospective evaluation of a simple formula based on renal function. J Clin Oncol, 1989; 7: 1748-1756)

**To avoid toxicity, FDA recommends capping the carboplatin dose for a desired AUC. The maximum dose is based on a capped GFR estimate at 125 mL/min for patients with normal renal function:**

**Maximum Carboplatin Dose (mg) = target AUC (mg/mL per min) x (125 mL/min + 25)**

For a target AUC = 6, the maximum dose is  $6 \times 150 = 900$  mg

For a target AUC = 5, the maximum dose is  $5 \times 150 = 750$  mg

For a target AUC = 4, the maximum dose is  $4 \times 150 = 600$  mg

(U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and research. Carboplatin dosing. 10 October 2010)

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