

## Regimen Monograph

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## A - Regimen Name

# CRBPGEMC+DURV Regimen

Carboplatin-Gemcitabine-Durvalumab

**Disease Site**      Gastrointestinal  
                                   Hepatobiliary / Liver / Bile Duct

**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**      For the first-line treatment of locally advanced\* or metastatic biliary tract cancer\*\* in patients who have a good performance status

\* not amenable to surgery

\*\* patients must have unresectable / metastatic disease at initial diagnosis or > 6 months after completion of adjuvant therapy or curative surgery

**Supplementary Public Funding** [durvalumab](#)  
New Drug Funding Program (Durvalumab - Locally Advanced Unresectable or Metastatic Biliary Tract Cancer) ([NDFP Website](#))

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## B - Drug Regimen

<a href="#">durvalumab</a> <sup>1,2</sup>	1500 mg	IV	Day 1
<a href="#">gemcitabine</a>	1000 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	IV	Days 1 and 8
<a href="#">CARBOplatin</a> <sup>3</sup>	AUC 5	IV	Day 1

<sup>1</sup>For patients with body weight  $\leq$  30 kg, give durvalumab 20 mg/kg, until weight increases to > 30kg.

<sup>2</sup>Give durvalumab prior to chemotherapy when both are given on the same day.

<sup>3</sup>Adjust Carboplatin dose to AUC target (using Calvert formula) as outlined in "Other Notes" section.

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## C - Cycle Frequency

### REPEAT EVERY 21 DAYS

For up to 8 cycles, unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs; refer to DURV(MNT) for durvalumab maintenance

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## D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

**Antiemetic Regimen:** Moderate + NK1 antagonist (Carboplatin AUC  $\geq$  5) (Day 1)  
Low (Day 8)

**Screen for hepatitis B virus in all cancer patients starting systemic treatment.** Refer to the [hepatitis B virus screening and management](#) guideline.

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**Other Supportive Care:**

- Also refer to [CCO Antiemetic Recommendations](#).
- Consider pre-medication in patients with prior durvalumab infusion related reactions.

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**J - Administrative Information**

Approximate Patient Visit	Day 1: 3 hours; Day 8: 0.75 hour
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	32.765 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	48.583 minutes

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**K - References**

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**April 2024** Updated the administrative section with nursing and pharmacy workload

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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)

(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)

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