

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

CVP Regimen

Cyclophosphamide-VinCRISTine-Prednisone

Disease Site Hematologic - Lymphoma - Non-Hodgkin's Low Grade

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 First-line/salvage therapy for indolent lymphoma

Supplementary Public Funding **prednisone**
ODB - General Benefit (prednisone) ([ODB Formulary](#))

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B - Drug Regimen

cyclophosphamide	750 mg /m ²	IV	Day 1
vinCRISStine	1.4 mg /m ²	IV (maximum 2 mg)	Day 1
prednisone	100 mg	PO	Days 1 to 5

(outpatient prescription in 50 mg tablets)

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

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

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Moderate

Other Supportive Care:

Also refer to [CCO Antiemetic Summary](#)

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E - Dose Modifications

Doses should be modified according to the protocol by which the patient is being treated.

Dosage with toxicity

Hematologic Toxicities: Also see [general recommendations](#).

Toxicity	Vincristine¹ (% previous dose)	Cyclophosphamide¹ (% previous dose)
Grade 4 hematological ≥ 7 d, febrile neutropenia, bleeding	100%	75% or G-CSF for low ANC

Grade 3 non-hematological toxicity	100%	75%
Grade 4 organ toxicity	Discontinue	Discontinue
Neurotoxicity	Mild: 67% Moderate: Hold until recovery, then ↓ 50% Severe: Discontinue	100%

¹Prior to retreatment, major organ toxicity should have recovered to ≤ grade 2 and ANC to ≥ 1.5 x 10⁹/L and platelets ≥ 100 x 10⁹/L.

Hepatic Impairment

Also consider dose modification for vincristine for severe increase in transaminases.

Bilirubin	Vincristine (% previous dose)	Cyclophosphamide (% previous dose)
1 – 2 X ULN	50%	100%
2 – 4 x ULN	25%	Caution
> 4 ULN	OMIT	Caution

Renal Impairment

Creatinine Clearance (mL/min)	Vincristine (% previous dose)	Cyclophosphamide (% previous dose)
>30-50	No dose adjustment required.	100%
10-30		50-75%
< 10		50% or Omit

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F - Adverse Effects

Refer to [cyclophosphamide](#), [vinCRISTine](#), prednisone drug monograph(s) for additional details of adverse effects

Most Common Side Effects	Less Common Side Effects, but may be Severe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alopecia • Nausea and vomiting • Myelosuppression ± infection and bleeding (may be severe) • Constipation • Anorexia • Peripheral neuropathy • Steroid effects (e.g. weight gain, GI irritation, hyperglycemia, insomnia) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↑ Antidiuretic hormone • ↑ LFTs • Arterial or venous thromboembolism • Cardiotoxicity • Hemolytic uremic syndrome • Nephrotoxicity • Pancreatitis • Pneumonitis • GI perforation • Tumor lysis syndrome • Steroid effects (e.g. myopathy, cataracts, osteoporosis)

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G - Interactions

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H - Drug Administration and Special Precautions

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I - Recommended Clinical Monitoring

Recommended Clinical Monitoring

- CBC; baseline and before each cycle. Interim counts should be done in first cycle and repeated if dose modification necessary.
- Blood glucose testing; baseline and regular
- Baseline and regular liver & renal function tests and urinalysis.
- Clinical toxicity assessment (including gastrointestinal, neurotoxicity, constipation)

and cystitis); at each visit

- Grade toxicity using the current [NCI-CTCAE \(Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events\) version](#)

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit	1 hour
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	30.139 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	41.667 minutes

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K - References

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