

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

CYTA(HD) Regimen

Cytarabine (high-dose)

Disease Site Hematologic
Leukemia - Acute Myeloid (AML)

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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The information provided in this document is intended for use only in the management of adults with leukemia, and for cancer centres with expertise in treating acute leukemia.

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B - Drug Regimen

[cytarabine](#) 3000 mg /m² IV q12h Days 1, 3, 5

If patient is **≥60 years of age**, use cytarabine **1000 to 1500 mg/m² q12h** days 1, 3, 5

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C - Cycle Frequency

Repeat every 28 days or when blood counts recover, for up to 4 cycles

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit 0.5 hour (CADD pump connection)

Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) 21.079 minutes

Nursing Workload (average time per visit) 86.667 minutes

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K - References

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M - Disclaimer

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