

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

ETOP(PO) Regimen

Etoposide (oral)

ETOP Regimen

Etoposide

Disease Site Skin - Merkel Cell

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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Supplementary Public Funding [etoposide](#)
ODB - General Benefit (etoposide - oral capsules)

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B - Drug Regimen

ETOP(PO) Regimen:

etoposide	100 mg	PO	Daily on Days 1 to 10 OR Days 1 to 14
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Alternative ETOP Schedule (as IV):

etoposide	50-100 mg /m ²	IV	Days 1 to 5
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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT EVERY 28 DAYS

Until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Low
No routine prophylaxis for etoposide PO

Other Supportive Care:

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

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J - Administrative Information

Oral capsules: Outpatient prescription for home administration

Approximate Patient Visit

ETOP	1 to 1.5 hours
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	
ETOP	16.542 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	
ETOP	39.167 minutes

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K - References

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