

## Regimen Monograph

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## A - Regimen Name

**FLUD(PO)+OBIN Regimen**

Fludarabine (oral)-oBINutuzumab

**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.

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**Rationale and Uses** For the treatment of patients with follicular lymphoma<sup>†</sup> whose disease is refractory\* to a rituximab-containing regimen and has a good performance status

<sup>†</sup> indolent lymphoma histologies other than follicular lymphoma (excluding CLL and mantle cell lymphoma) may be eligible for obinutuzumab funding (refer to [NDFP form](#))

\* no response to OR progression during or within 6 months after rituximab or a

rituximab-containing regimen

**Supplementary  
Public Funding**

**[oBINutuzumab](#)**

New Drug Funding Program (Obinutuzumab - In Combination with Chemotherapy for Refractory Follicular Lymphoma)

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**B - Drug Regimen****FLUD(PO)+OBIN (induction)****Cycle 1:**

<a href="#">oBINutuzumab</a>	1000 mg	IV	Days 1, 8 and 15
<a href="#">fludarabine</a>	40 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	PO	Days 1 to 5

(This drug is not currently publicly funded for this regimen and intent)

**Cycles 2 to 6:**

<a href="#">oBINutuzumab</a>	1000 mg	IV	Day 1
<a href="#">fludarabine</a>	40 mg /m <sup>2</sup>	PO	Days 1 to 5

(This drug is not currently publicly funded for this regimen and intent)

For obinutuzumab maintenance use, report as regimen OBIN(MNT) after FLUD(PO)+OBIN induction.

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**C - Cycle Frequency**

**Induction: REPEAT EVERY 28 DAYS** for up to 6 cycles unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity (see [NDFP form](#))

For patients who responded to induction therapy, refer to maintenance obinutuzumab regimen - OBIN(MNT).

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**D - Premedication and Supportive Measures**

**Antiemetic Regimen:** Minimal  
No routine prophylaxis for fludarabine PO

**Other Supportive Care:**

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

**Obinutuzumab:**

Hepatitis B screening should be performed prior to treatment for all patients.

Patients at risk for tumour lysis syndrome should receive adequate hydration and uricostatics or alternative starting 12 to 24 hours prior to infusion.

Consider withholding antihypertensives (if applicable) 12 hours prior to infusion, during infusion and for the first hour after drug administration, and withholding concomitant medications that increase bleeding risk, especially in the first cycle.

Patients with neutropenia should receive antimicrobial prophylaxis; consider use of G-CSF, antiviral and antifungal prophylaxis.

**Premedication recommendations:**

<b>Treatment cycle, day</b>	<b>Patients</b>	<b>Premedication</b>
Cycle 1, Day 1	All	IV corticosteroid*/^ completed at least 1 hr prior to infusion &  PO analgesic/antipyretic** & antihistamine*** at least 30 min prior to

		infusion
Subsequent infusions	Patients with no prior IR during previous infusion	PO analgesic/antipyretic** at least 30 min prior to infusion
	Patients with grade 1 or 2 IR with previous infusion	PO analgesic/antipyretic** & antihistamine*** at least 30 min prior to infusion
	Patients with grade 3 IR with previous infusion OR  patients with lymphocyte counts > 25 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L prior to next treatment	IV corticosteroid*/^ completed at least 1 hr prior to infusion &  PO analgesic/antipyretic** & antihistamine*** at least 30 min prior to infusion

\*e.g. 100 mg prednisone or 20 mg dexamethasone. Hydrocortisone should not be used as it has not been effective in reducing IR rates.

^ If a corticosteroid-containing chemotherapy regimen is given on the same day as obinutuzumab, the corticosteroid can be given as PO if given at least 1 hour prior to obinutuzumab, in which case additional IV corticosteroid as premedication is not required.

\*\*e.g. 1000 mg acetaminophen

\*\*\*e.g. 50 mg diphenhydramine

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**J - Administrative Information**

Approximate Patient Visit                      3 hours  
 Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) 18.249 minutes  
 Nursing Workload (average time per visit)    74.833 minutes

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## K - References

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