

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

FUMTMC(RT) Regimen

Mitomycin-Fluorouracil

Disease Site Gastrointestinal
 Anus

Intent Adjuvant
 (Combined modality with radiation)

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 In combination with radiation for all stages of localized, unresected squamous cell cancer of the anal canal, to improve local control and reduce colostomy rates

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B - Drug Regimen

fluorouracil	1000 mg /m ² /day	IV over 24 hours as continuous infusion	For 96 hours (on Days 1-4 and Days 29-32)
mitomycin	10* mg /m ²	IV	on Days 1 and 29

*Maximum 20 mg per dose; alternative mitomycin schedule: 12 mg/m² IV on Day 1 ONLY

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C - Cycle Frequency

CONCURRENT WITH RADIATION

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Low

Febrile Neutropenia Risk: Low

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E - Dose Modifications

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

Patients should be tested for DPD deficiency before starting treatment with fluorouracil. Refer to the [DPD Deficiency Guidance for Clinicians](#) for more information.

In patients with unrecognized DPD deficiency, acute, life-threatening toxicity may occur; if acute grade 2-4 toxicity develops, treatment should be stopped immediately and permanent discontinuation considered based on clinical assessment of the toxicities.

Dosage with toxicity**Hematologic Toxicities**

See appendix 6 for general recommendations.

GI Toxicities

Toxicity	Action
If Mucositis or Diarrhea \geq Grade 3 in previous course	REDUCE to 2/3 dose of 5-FU
If Hand-Foot Syndrome \geq Grade 2	REDUCE to 2/3 dose of 5-FU

Hepatic Impairment

If Bilirubin $>$ 4 x ULN, OMIT 5FU dose.

Renal Impairment

If serum creatinine $>$ 150 μ mol/L, OMIT dose of Mitomycin

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F - Adverse Effects

Refer to [fluorouracil](#), [mitomycin](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details of adverse effects

Prolonged fluorouracil regimens have more hand-foot syndrome, but less myelosuppression and GI effects compared to bolus infusions.

Most Common Side Effects	Less Common Side Effects, but may be Severe or Life-Threatening
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myelosuppression +/- infection, bleeding • Mucositis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nephrotoxicity • Increased LFTs • ARDS

- Alopecia
- Anorexia
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Photosensitivity
- Rash
- Hand-foot syndrome

- Arterial thromboembolism
- Venous thromboembolism
- Cardiotoxicity
- Hemolysis
- Hemolytic uremic syndrome
- Radiation recall reaction

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G - Interactions

Refer to [fluorouracil](#), [mitomycin](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details

Fluorouracil is a known radiation-sensitizer. Patient should be monitored for gastrointestinal toxicity when they are receiving concurrent 5FU-Radiation therapy.

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H - Drug Administration and Special Precautions

Refer to [fluorouracil](#), [mitomycin](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details

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I - Recommended Clinical Monitoring

Treating physicians may decide to monitor more or less frequently for individual patients but should always consider recommendations from the product monograph.

Recommended Clinical Monitoring

- CBC; baseline and before each cycle.
- Liver & renal function tests; baseline and before each cycle.
- Clinical toxicity assessment (including stomatitis, skin, local toxicity); 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	Day 1: 1 hour; 5FU only: 0.5 hour
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	21.146 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	58.333 minutes

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K - References

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PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines

- [Management of Squamous Cell Cancer of the Anal Canal](#)

April 2023 Updated DPD deficiency information in the Dose Modifications section and fluorouracil antidote information in the Other Notes section.

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L - Other Notes

- Schedule pump teaching session BEFORE first day of infusion.

Antidote for Fluorouracil Overdose:

Uridine triacetate is a prodrug of uridine and is a specific antidote for treating fluorouracil overdose or severe early onset toxicities. If available, consider administering as soon as possible (i.e. within 96 hours) for suspected overdose. If not available, treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

For usage approval and supply, contact Health Canada's [Special Access Program](#) (SAP) (Phone: 613-941-2108. On-call service is available for emergencies). Uridine triacetate (Vistogard®) is supplied by its manufacturer in the United States (Wellstat Therapeutics).

The recommended dosing and administration for **uridine triacetate** in patients ≥ 18 years is:

- 10 grams (1 packet of coated granules) orally every 6 hours for 20 doses in total, without regards to meals.
- Granules should not be chewed. They should be mixed with 3 to 4 ounces of soft foods such as applesauce, pudding or yogurt.
- The dose should be ingested within 30 minutes of preparation, followed by at least 4 ounces of water.
- Refer to the prescribing information on dose preparation for NG-tube or G-tube use.

Additional resources on the management of fluorouracil infusion overdose:

- [Management of Fluorouracil Infusion Overdose Guideline](#) (Alberta Health Services)
- [Management of Fluorouracil Infusion Overdose at the BCCA - Interim Guidance](#) (BC Cancer Agency)

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