Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

GEMC+RAMU Regimen

Gemcitabine-Ramucirumab

Disease Site

Lung
Mesothelioma (Pleural)

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

Therapy for patients with previously treated malignant pleural mesothelioma

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B - Drug Regimen

ramucirumab	10 mg /kg	IV	Day 1
(This drug is not currently publicly funded for this regimen and intent)			
gemcitabine	1000 mg /m²	IV	Days 1 and 8

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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT EVERY 21 DAYS

Until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Low

- Also refer to CCO Antiemetic Recommendations.

Screen for hepatitis B virus in all cancer patients starting systemic treatment. Refer to the hepatitis B virus screening and management guideline.

Ramucirumab Premedications (prophylaxis for infusion reactions):

- H1-receptor antagonist IV (e.g. diphenhydramine)

For patients who experienced a grade 1 or 2 infusion reaction:

- H1-receptor antagonist IV (e.g. diphenhydramine)
- Dexamethasone IV (or equivalent)
- Acetaminophen

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit	Day 1: 2.25 hours; Day 8: 0.75 hours
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	22.855 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	36.667 minutes

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K - References

Pinto C, Zucali PA, Pagano M, et al. Gemcitabine with or without ramucirumab as second-line treatment for malignant pleural mesothelioma (RAMES): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2 trial. Lancet Oncol. 2021 Oct;22(10):1438-47.

Ramucirumab drug monograph, Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario).

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M - Disclaimer

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