

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

MTPR(HD) Regimen

Methylprednisolone

Disease Site Hematologic - Leukemia - Chronic Lymphocytic (CLL)

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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B - Drug Regimen

methylprednisolone

1000 mg /m²

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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J - Administrative Information

Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) 8.300 minutes

Nursing Workload (average time per visit) 35 minutes

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K - References

Thornton PT, Matutes E, Bosanquet AG et al. High dose methylprednisolone can induce remissions in CLL patients with p53 abnormalities. *Ann Hematol* 2003;82:759-765.

Thornton et al, High dose methylprednisolone in refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia. *Leukemia & Lymphoma* 1999; 34: 167.

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M - Disclaimer

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