

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

MTTN Regimen

Mitotane (Adjuvant)

Disease Site Endocrine
 Adrenal

Intent Adjuvant

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 For patients with adrenal carcinoma who have undergone complete resection, and who have no prior chemotherapy or radiotherapy and no distant metastases.

Supplementary Public Funding [mitotane](#)
ODB - General Benefit (mitotane) ([ODB Formulary](#))

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B - Drug Regimen[mitotane](#)

1 to 3 g

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*Daily, adjust as tolerated

(*may give the daily dose in divided doses. Up to 5000 mg daily used in some clinical trials; Outpatient prescription in multiples of 500mg tablets)

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Until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

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Antiemetic Regimen: Moderate – Consider prophylaxis daily

Febrile Neutropenia Risk: Low

Other Supportive Care:

- Antiemetics: Adjust according to symptoms
- Supplement with replacement cortisone (glucocorticoid) and fludrocortisone (mineralocorticoid) (see mitotane drug monograph)

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

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E - Dose Modifications

Refer to protocol by which patient is being treated.

Dosage with toxicity

Mitotane has a long half life and accumulates in fat. Dose adjustments may not result in immediate improvement in drug related effects.

Toxicity / Event	Dose
Severe trauma, stress or infection	Interrupt; start steroids
Myelosuppression	No dose adjustment required
Adrenal insufficiency	Use corticosteroid supplementation
Mild to moderate GI, skin or CNS toxicity	Decrease dose* or hold, depending on severity
Mitotane levels > 20 mg/L	Hold and monitor levels; restart when levels within therapeutic range
Toxicity / Event (Continued)	Dose
Grade 3 related non-hematologic toxicity	Hold, consider dose reduction* * reduce to maximum dose tolerated by patient
Grade 4 related non-hematologic toxicity	Discontinue

Hepatic Impairment

No specific dose adjustments found. Exercise caution in mild to moderate hepatic impairment (unless due to metastatic disease), as mitotane is mainly metabolized by the liver. Not recommended for use in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Renal Impairment

No specific dose adjustments found. Exercise caution in mild to moderate renal impairment. Not recommended for use in patients with severe renal impairment. Mitotane is unlikely to be dialyzable in the case of an overdose.

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F - Adverse Effects

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

Most Common Side Effects	Less Common Side Effects, but may be Severe or Life-Threatening
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrenocortical insufficiency • Fatigue • Anorexia • Somnolence and other CNS effects (may be severe) • Nausea and vomiting • Diarrhea • Rash • ↑ LFTs (may be severe) • Hyperlipidemia • Myelosuppression (± infection/bleeding - may be severe) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hematuria, hemorrhagic cystitis • Toxic retinopathy, maculopathy • Prolonged bleeding time

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G - Interactions

Refer to [mitotane](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details

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H - Drug Administration and Special Precautions

Refer to [mitotane](#) drug monograph(s) for additional details. Patients should use medical alert tag or bracelet warning of adrenal suppression.

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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

- Observe for adrenal insufficiency
- Clinical CNS evaluation especially with long-term usage
- Regular clinical assessment of GI and skin toxicity, adrenal insufficiency, ophthalmic and CNS effects
- Grade toxicity using the current [NCI-CTCAE \(Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events\) version](#)

Suggested Clinical Monitoring

- Neurological assessments; baseline and regular
- Serum cortisol levels; baseline and periodic
- Urine test; periodic
- CBC; baseline and regular
- Liver function tests; baseline and as clinically indicated
- If mitotane plasma level testing is available and clinically necessary, consider levels q2 weeks after starting treatment, after each dose adjustment, in hepatic/renal impairment, obese patients or recent weight loss; every 1 week monitoring if a high starting dose has been used. Monitor levels regularly (e.g. monthly) after reaching maintenance dose especially with toxicity and in obese patients. If treatment is interrupted, monitor levels q2 months.

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J - Administrative Information

Outpatient prescription for home administration

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K - References

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L - Other Notes

Mitotane causes adrenal suppression; it is important to maintain adequate replacement of both the glucocorticoid and mineralocorticoid steroids throughout mitotane treatment, and possibly after mitotane is discontinued.

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M - Disclaimer

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