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A - Regimen Name

PACL(W)+PERTRAS(SC) Regimen

PACLitaxel (weekly)-PERTuzumab (subcut)-Trastuzumab (subcut)

Disease Site Breast

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

Phesgo® (pertuzumab and trastuzumab combined subcut injection) is **not interchangeable** with other trastuzumab or pertuzumab formulations. Phesgo® has different dosage and administration instructions than IV pertuzumab, IV trastuzumab, and subcut trastuzumab when administered alone.

Cycle 1 - Trastuzumab and Pertuzumab Loading Dose:

PERTuzumab / trastuzumab (subcut) 1200 / 600 mg Subcut Day 1

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

PACLitaxel 80 mg /m² IV Days 1, 8

Cycle 2 and Onwards - Trastuzumab and Pertuzumab Maintenance Dose:

PERTuzumab / trastuzumab (subcut) 600 / 600 mg Subcut Day 1

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PACLitaxel 80 mg /m² IV Days 1, 8

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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT EVERY 21 DAYS

Until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. If paclitaxel is discontinued (e.g., after 6-8 cycles or due to unmanageable toxicity), may continue treatment with PERTRAS(SC) if there is no evidence of disease progression

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Low

Other Supportive Care:

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

Pre-medications for PACLitaxel (prophylaxis for infusion reaction):*

- Dexamethasone 20 mg PO 12-and 6-hours OR Dexamethasone 20 mg IV 30 minutes pre-infusion[†]
- Diphenhydramine 25-50 mg IV/PO 30-60 minutes pre-infusion
- Ranitidine 50 mg IV OR Famotidine 20 mg IV 30-60 minutes pre-infusion

*Consider discontinuing pre-medications for PACLitaxel if there was no IR in the first 2 doses.

[†]Oral and IV dexamethasone are both effective at reducing overall IR rates. Some evidence suggests that oral dexamethasone may be more effective for reducing severe reactions; however, adverse effects and compliance remain a concern.

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit 2 to 2.5 hours

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K - References

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