

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

PACL(W) Regimen

PACLitaxel (weekly)

Disease Site Head and Neck

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 For the treatment of recurrent or metastatic carcinoma of the head and neck

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B - Drug Regimen

[PACLitaxel](#)

80 mg /m²

IV

Days 1, 8, 15

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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT EVERY 28 DAYS

Until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

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J - Administrative Information

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| Approximate Patient Visit | 2 hours |
| Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit) | 18.663 minutes |
| Nursing Workload (average time per visit) | 39.833 minutes |

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K - References

Paclitaxel drug monograph, Cancer Care Ontario.

Grau JJ, Caballero M, Verger E, et al. Weekly paclitaxel for platin-resistant stage IV head and neck cancer patients. *Acta Otolaryngol* 2009;129(11):1294-9.

Tahara M, Minami H, Hasegawa Y, et al. Weekly paclitaxel in patients with recurrent or metastatic head and neck cancer. *Cancer Chemother Pharmacol*. 2011 Sep;68(3):769-76.

PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines

- [The Management of Head and Neck Cancer in Ontario](#)

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M - Disclaimer

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