

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

PC Regimen

Procarbazine-CCNU (Lomustine)

Disease Site Central Nervous System

Intent Adjuvant
Curative
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 Adjuvant treatment following radiation therapy for grade 2 or 3 oligodendroglioma (IDH-mutant, 1p19q codeleted), if toxicity to PCV is a concern

(Also refer to [PEBC guideline](#) for details on treatment recommendations.)

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B - Drug Regimen

lomustine	100-110 mg /m ²	PO	Day 1
procarbazine	60 mg /m ²	PO	Days 8 to 21

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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT EVERY 42 DAYS

For a usual total of 4-6 cycles unless disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: High – Consider prophylaxis daily (Days 8 to 21)
Moderate – Consider prophylaxis daily (Day 1)

Febrile Neutropenia Risk: Low

Other Supportive Care:

- If vomiting not controlled during procarbazine treatment, escalate antiemetic treatment – vomiting may increase intracranial pressure with larger brain tumours

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

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J - Administrative Information

Outpatient prescription for home administration

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K - References

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PEBC Advice Documents or Guidelines

- [An Endorsement of the ASCO-SNO Guideline on Therapy for Diffuse Astrocytic and Oligodendroglial Tumors in Adults](#)

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