

Regimen Monograph

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A - Regimen Name

PGIFNA Regimen

peglylated interferon alpha 2A

Disease Site Hematologic - Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPNs)

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

peglylated interferon alpha 2a 45 to 180 mcg Subcut once weekly

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

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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT WEEKLY

Until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: Minimal

Other Supportive Care:

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

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K - References

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M - Disclaimer

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