Regimen Monograph

A - Regimen Name

XELOX+ZOLB Regimen

Capecitabine-Oxaliplatin-Zolbetuximab

Disease Site

Gastrointestinal
Gastric / Stomach

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

Treatment of CLDN18.2 positive, HER2-negative locally advanced unresectable or metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma

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B - Drug Regimen

Cycle 1:

zolbetuximab[1]	800 mg /m²	IV loading dose	Day 1
oxaliplatin	130 mg /m²	IV	Day 1
capecitabine	1000 mg /m²	PO	BID*, on Days 1-14

*Total dose = 2000 mg/m^2 per day

Cycle 2 and beyond:

zolbetuximab[1]	600 mg /m²	IV maintenance dose	Day 1
oxaliplatin[2]	130 mg /m²	IV	Day 1
capecitabine[2]	1000 mg /m²	PO	BID*, on Days 1-14

*Total dose = 2000 mg/m^2 per day

[1]Give zolbetuximab before chemotherapy when given on the same day.

[2]After treatment initiation, if chemotherapy is discontinued due to intolerance, zolbetuximab may be continued as single agent - ZOLB(MNT).

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C - Cycle Frequency

REPEAT EVERY 21 DAYS

Until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

(In the GLOW trial, XELOX was given for 8 cycles with zolbetuximab.)

After treatment initiation, if chemotherapy is discontinued due to intolerance, zolbetuximab may be continued as single agent, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. (Refer to ZOLB(MNT).)

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D - Premedication and Supportive Measures

Antiemetic Regimen: High
No routine prophylaxis for capecitabine

- Also refer to CCO Antiemetic Recommendations.

Screen for hepatitis B virus in all cancer patients starting systemic treatment. Refer to the hepatitis B virus screening and management guideline.

Other Supportive Care:

- Topical emollients (e.g. hand creams, udder balm) therapy may ameliorate the manifestations of hand-foot syndrome in patients receiving capecitabine.
- Supportive care should be provided, including loperamide for diarrhea.

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J - Administrative Information

Approximate Patient Visit	5 hours
Pharmacy Workload (average time per visit)	17.14 minutes
Nursing Workload (average time per visit)	44.167 minutes

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K - References

Fluorouracil drug monograph. Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario).

Oxaliplatin drug monograph. Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario).

Product monograph: Zolbetuximab. Astellas Pharma Canada, Inc. December 14, 2024.

Reimbursement recommendation (draft): Zolbetuximab. Canada' Drug Agency. Meeting Date: December 2024.

Shah MA, Shitara K, Ajani JA, et al. Zolbetuximab plus CAPOX in CLDN18.2-positive gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma: the randomized, phase 3 GLOW trial. Nat Med. 2023 Aug;29(8):2133-41.

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L - Other Notes

DPD Deficiency Testing and Guidance

Patients should be tested for DPD deficiency before starting treatment with capecitabine. Refer to the DPD Deficiency Guidance for Clinicians for more information.

In patients with unrecognized DPD deficiency, acute, life-threatening toxicity may occur; if acute grade 2-4 toxicity develops, treatment should be stopped immediately and permanent discontinuation considered based on clinical assessment of the toxicities.

Antidote for Capecitabine Overdose:

Uridine triacetate is a prodrug of uridine and is a specific antidote for treating capecitabine overdose or severe early onset toxicities. If available, consider administering as soon as possible (i.e. within 96 hours) for suspected overdose. If not available, treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

For usage approval and supply, contact Health Canada's Special Access Program (SAP) (Phone: 613-941-2108. On-call service is available for emergencies).

The recommended dosing and administration for **uridine triacetate** in patients ≥18 years is:

- 10 grams (1 packet of coated granules) orally every 6 hours for 20 doses in total, without regards to meals.
- Granules should not be chewed. They should be mixed with 3 to 4 ounces of soft foods such as applesauce, pudding or yogurt.
- The dose should be ingested within 30 minutes of preparation, followed by at least 4 ounces of water.
- Refer to the prescribing information on dose preparation for NG-tube or G-tube use.

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