

## Pembrolizumab - Previously Untreated Locally Advanced or Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

(This form must be completed before the first dose is dispensed.)

### 1. Patient Profile

- \* Surname: .....
- \* Given Name: .....
- \* OHIN: ..... \* Chart Number: .....
- \* Postal Code: .....
- \* Height (cm): ..... \* Weight (kg): .....
- \* BSA (m<sup>2</sup>): ..... \* Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other
- \* Date of Birth: .....  
Day Month Year
- \* Site: .....
- \* Attending Physician (MRP- Most Responsible Physician): .....
- Requested Prior Approval ☐ Yes \* Patient on Clinical Trial ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Other (specify): .....
- Specify Arm:  
☐ Standard of care arm ☐ Experimental arm  
☐ Blinded / Unknown

### Prior Approval Request

- \* Select the appropriate prior approval scenario:

- ☐ 1-Unknown primary (submit pathology report and clinic note)
- ☐ 2-Clinical document review (identify the patient history that needs to be reviewed against eligibility criteria in Additional Comments below)
- ☐ 3-Regimen modification - schedule (complete questions a and b)
- ☐ 4-Regimen modification - drug substitutions (complete questions a and c)
- ☐ 5-Withholding a drug in combination therapy from start of treatment (complete questions d, e and f)
- ☐ 6-Maintenance therapy delay (submit clinic note)
- ☐ 7-Prior systemic therapy clinical trials (complete question g)
- ☐ 8-Modification due to supply interruption/drug shortage
- ☐ 9-Supplemental doses requested
- ☐ Other (specify)

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**All relevant supporting documentation must be submitted at the time of prior approval. Documentation may include a pathology report, clinic note, and/or CT scans.**

a. Co-morbidities / toxicity / justification:

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b. Intended regimen schedule: .....

c. Intended regimen: .....

d. Drug(s) to be held: .....

e. Rationale for holding drug(s): .....

f. Intention to introduce drug at a later date? ☐ Yes

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i. Additional comments:

[ST-QBP regimen code: PEMB]

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## 5. Notes

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1. Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) will fund one line of atezolizumab, nivolumab, nivolumab plus ipilimumab, or pembrolizumab for advanced non-small cell lung cancer. Patients who were treated with durvalumab (or other anti-PD1/PD-L1 therapy) in the curative setting must have a disease free interval of 6 months or greater in order to be considered for funding under this policy.
2. Patients who complete 35 cycles without disease progression may receive up to an additional 17 cycles at the point of confirmed disease progression if the treating physician deems the patient eligible for retreatment. Claims should be submitted under the same form used for initial treatment.
3. Patients switching from other first-line therapies must provide PD-L1 testing results and a clinic note indicating the reason for switching when submitting the enrolment form.
4. Pembrolizumab funding is for single agent use only.

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## 6. FAQs

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- i. **My patient is currently receiving first line pembrolizumab through private means. Can my patient be transitioned over to receive funding through the New Drug Funding Program (NDFP)?**

Provided the funding criteria were met at the time of treatment initiation and the patient's disease has not progressed, your patient may be eligible for continued coverage of pembrolizumab through the New Drug Funding Program. Note that the patient will be eligible for a total of 2 years (35 doses) for initial treatment, regardless of the funding source.

- ii. **My patient did not progress after finishing treatment with pembrolizumab. Can I re-treat with nivolumab at the time of disease progression?**

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Provided the patient did not progress on initial therapy with pembrolizumab, the patient may receive up to an additional 17 cycles of pembrolizumab if the treating physician deems the patient eligible for re-treatment.

- iii. **My patient is currently receiving pembrolizumab on an every 3 week schedule. Can my patient be transitioned over to an every 6 week schedule?**

The decision to switch should be based on a discussion between the clinician and patient. Switches between schedules (from every 3 weeks to every 6 weeks or vice versa) will be eligible for continued funding provided the patient's disease has not progressed. Please note that the funded duration remains the same (i.e., a maximum of two years for the initial treatment course plus one additional year of retreatment, if eligible).

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## 7. Supporting Documents

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None required.

If switching from other first line therapies, please provide PD-L1 testing results and a clinic note indicating the reason for switching at the time of enrolment.

In the event of an audit, the following should be available to document eligibility:

- PD-L1 testing results indicating Tumour Proportion Score (TPS)  $\geq$  50% as determined by a valid test.
- CT scans every 3 to 6 months, along with clinic notes indicating no disease progression.
- In instances where there is pseudoprogression,
  - a clinic note documenting the assessment and decision to continue, AND
  - a confirmatory scan conducted preferably at 6 to 8 weeks but no later than 12 weeks after the initial disease progression to confirm the absence of true progression

Signature of Attending Physician (MRP-Most Responsible Physician): .....

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Day      Month      Year