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Regimen Reference Order – LEUK – AL4 (CNS Phase)

ARIA: LEUK - [AL4 (CNS Phase)]

Planned Course: Single phase (1 cycle = 21 days) Indication for Use: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

CVAD: Preferred (VESICANT INVOLVED)

Proceed with treatment if:

Day 1

• ANC equal to or greater than $1 \times 10^9/L$ AND Platelets equal to or greater than $100 \times 10^9/L$

- AST less than 8 times the upper limit of normal
- Direct bilirubin less than 25 μmol/L

Proceed with mercaptopurine if:

Days 1 to 14

- ANC equal to or greater than $0.5 \times 10^9/L$ AND Platelets equal to or greater than $50 \times 10^9/L$
- AST less than 8 times the upper limit of normal
- Direct bilirubin equal or less than 25 μmol/L
- No or mild mucositis
 - ❖ Contact Leukemia/BMT (L/BMT) Physician if parameters not met

Note: Hepatitis B serology results must be reviewed in accordance with CCMB Policy Hepatitis B Monitoring for Oncology and Hematology Patients

SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Pre-treatment Requirements		
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
Not Applicable		

Treatment Regimen – LEUK – AL4 (CNS Phase)				
Establish primary solution 500 mL of: normal saline				
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline		
ondansetron	16 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy on Day 1		
dexamethasone	18 mg/m²/day (round to nearest 2 mg)	Orally divided twice a day on Days 1 to 5 (Self-administered at home)		
vinCRIStine	2 mg (standard dose)	IV in normal saline 25 mL over 2 to 3 minutes by gravity infusion on Day 1		
DOXOrubicin	30 mg/m ²	IV Push over 10 to 15 minutes on Day 1		

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mercaptopurine	50 mg/m ² (round to nearest 25 mg)	Orally once daily on an empty stomach on Days 1 to 14 Do not take with milk or milk-based products (Self-administered at home)	
iMAtinib	600 mg	ONLY to be prescribed if patient has Philidelphia Chromosome positive disease Orally once daily with food (Self-administered at home)	
Patients will receive Triple Intrathecal Therapy on Days 1, 4, 8 and 11 (See APPENDIX A – AL4 (CNS Phase) Intrathecal Therapy (IT))			
mercaptopurine (PURINETHOL®) available dosage strength: 50 mg tablets Classification: Cytotoxic, Hazardous iMAtinib (GLEEVEC®) available dosage strength: 100 mg, 400 mg tablets Classification: Cytotoxic, Hazardous			

In the event of an infusion-related hypersensitivity reaction, refer to the 'Hypersensitivity Reaction Standing Order'

REQUIRED MONITORING

Hepatitis B serology

Hepatitis B surface antigen and Hepatitis B core antibody (drawn within preceding 5 years)

CNS Phase

Day 1

• CBC and biochemistry as per Physician Orders

Days 4, 8 and 11

• CBC as per Physician Orders

Recommended Support Medications			
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline	
sulfamethoxazole- trimethoprim DS	800/160mg	Orally twice daily on Saturdays and Sundays only	

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

- If nausea or mucositis develops, instruct patient to contact their L/BMT physician
- sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim should not be administered on intrathecal therapy days due to potential drug interaction
- mercaptopurine should not be taken at the same time as milk or milk-based products. Cow's milk in particular, contains high concentrations of xanthine oxidase which inactivates mercaptopurine
- Reinforce safe handling precautions of medications, blood and body fluids for 48 hours after completion of chemotherapy



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• Due to the risk of reactivation of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) while on this treatment regimen, prescriber must adhere to CCMB Policy *Hepatitis B Monitoring for Oncology and Hematology Patients* for ordering and interpreting HBV serology and prescribing antiviral prophylaxis

- This regimen is given with concurrent cranial radiation
- Intrathecal therapy is part of this regimen to start Day 1 of AL4 (CNS Phase). See APPENDIX A AL4 (CNS Phase) Intrathecal Therapy
- iMAtinib is to be prescribed for patients with Philidelphia Chromosome positive disease. iMAtinib continues daily throughout AL4 protocol (all phases)
- bisphosphonate therapy (zoledronic acid) is recommended during AL4 protocol
- Administration site restrictions are in place for AL4 protocol. Protocol must be administered at CCMB MacCharles in Winnipeg



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APPENDIX A

AL4 (CNS Phase) Intrathecal Therapy (IT)

Planned course: Days 1, 4, 8 and 11 of AL4 (CNS Phase)

Proceed with treatment if:

- ANC equal to or greater than $0.5 \times 10^9/L$ AND Platelets equal to or greater than $50 \times 10^9/L$
- AST less than 8 times upper limit of normal
- Direct bilirubin equal or less than 25 μmol/L
- No or mild mucositis
 - Contact L/BMT Physician if parameters not met

Drug and Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
Days 1, 4, 8 and 11	
Triple Intrathecal:	Intrathecal in 6 mL preservative free normal saline administered in L/BMT
methotrexate 12 mg	Clinic
cytarabine 40 mg	
hydrocortisone 50 mg	

IT is ordered as a separate cyclical Support regimen (1 cycle= 21 days) to start Day 1 of AL4 (CNS Phase)

General Instructions:

• Contact L/BMT physician for guidance on dose modifications if blood parameters are not met or moderate or severe mucositis

