

Regimen Reference Order – GAST – irinotecan

ARIA: GAST – [irinotecan]

Planned Course: Every 21 days until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

Indication for Use: Colorectal Cancer Recurrent Metastatic

CVAD: At Provider's Discretion

Proceed with treatment if:

ANC equal to or greater than $1.5 \times 10^9/L$ AND Platelets equal to or greater than $100 \times 10^9/L$

❖ Contact Physician if parameters not met

SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Pre-treatment Requirements

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
Not Applicable		

Treatment Regimen – GAST - irinotecan

Establish primary solution 500 mL of: normal saline

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
ondansetron	16 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
dexamethasone	12 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
atropine	0.6 mg	IV Push over 2 – 3 minutes pre-irinotecan May be repeated once if diarrhea occurs during irinotecan infusion
irinotecan	350 mg/m^2	IV in 500 mL D5W over 90 minutes

All doses will be automatically rounded that fall within the DSG Approved Dose Bands. See GAST DSG – Dose Banding document for more information

Flush after each medication:

- 50 mL over 6 minutes (500 mL/hr)

REQUIRED MONITORING

All Cycles

- CBC, biochemistry as per physician order

Recommended Support Medications

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
dexamethasone	4 mg	Orally twice daily on Days 2 and 3
prochlorperazine	10 mg	Orally every 4 hours as needed for nausea and vomiting
loperamide	2 to 4 mg	Orally as directed below

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Instruct patient to continue taking anti-emetic(s) at home
- If cramping or diarrhea occurs more than 24 hours after irinotecan administration:
 - Take loperamide 4 mg (two 2 mg tablets) orally STAT; then
 - During the day: take 2 mg (one 2 mg tablet) orally every 2 hours
 - During the night: Take 4 mg (two 2 mg tablets) orally at bedtime and then every 4 hours until morning
 - STOP loperamide once no bowel movement has occurred (e.g. diarrhea-free) for 12 hours
 - If diarrhea has not stopped despite taking **12 tablets (24 mg) of loperamide over a 24 hour period**, please contact your clinic for further instructions. If this occurs after clinic hours, please call the Medical Oncologist on-call and/or report to the nearest emergency room/urgent care centre. Please note that 24 mg per 24 hours is higher than the usual “over the counter” dose for loperamide.
- Reinforce applicable safe handling precautions of medications, blood and body fluids for 48 hours after completion of chemotherapy

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Nursing to provide patient with 30 tablet supply of loperamide 2 mg, labelled by Pharmacy, to take home with Cycle 1