

Regimen Reference Order – H&N – gemcitabine + CISplatin

ARIA: H&N – [gemcitabine + CISplatin (NPC)]

Planned Course: Every 21 days for 3 cycles

Indication for Use: Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma (NPC); Induction

CVAD: At provider's discretion

Proceed with treatment if:

- **ANC equal to or greater than $1 \times 10^9/L$ AND Platelets equal to or greater than $100 \times 10^9/L$**
- **Creatinine clearance greater than 45 mL/minute**
- ❖ **Contact Physician if parameters not met**

SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Pre-treatment Requirements

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
Not Applicable		

Treatment Regimen – H&N – gemcitabine and CISplatin

Establish primary solution 500 mL of: normal saline

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Day 1		
magnesium sulfate	2 g	IV in normal saline 1000 mL over 2 hours (Pre hydration)
aprepitant	125 mg	Orally 1 hour pre-chemotherapy
ondansetron	16 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
dexamethasone	12 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
OLANzapine	2.5 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
gemcitabine	1000 mg/m^2	IV in normal saline 250 mL over 30 minutes
CISplatin	80 mg/m^2	IV in normal saline 500 mL over 1 hour <i>*Alert: CISplatin infusion must be complete prior to mannitol administration</i>
mannitol	12.5 g	IV in normal saline 1000 mL over 2 hours (Post hydration)
Days 2 and 3		
normal saline	1000 mL	IV over 2 hours

Day 8		
dexamethasone	8 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
gemcitabine	1000 mg/m ²	IV in normal saline 250 mL over 30 minutes

Flush after each medication:

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

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

REQUIRED MONITORING

Day 1

- CBC, biochemistry, serum creatinine, urea, liver enzymes and electrolytes as per Physician Orders
- Baseline blood pressure prior to magnesium infusion and repeat 15 minutes after start of magnesium infusion

Day 8

- CBC and serum creatinine only

Recommended Support Medications

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
aprepitant	80 mg	Orally once daily on Days 2 and 3
dexamethasone	8 mg	Orally once daily on Days 2, 3 and 4
OLANzapine	2.5 mg	Orally the evening of Day 1 then twice daily on Days 2, 3 and 4. Also use OLANzapine 2.5 to 5 mg AS NEEDED for breakthrough nausea and vomiting (including Days 1 to 4) up to maximum of 10 mg per day. Contact clinic if nausea/vomiting is not adequately controlled

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Instruct patient to continue taking anti-emetic(s) at home
- Instruct patient to notify cancer team if having significant diarrhea or vomiting
- Reinforce applicable safe handling precautions of medications, blood and body fluids for 48 hours after completion of chemotherapy

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- CISplatin is ototoxic and nephrotoxic
- CISplatin can cause hypomagnesemia