

## Regimen Reference Order – LYMP – riTUXimab maintenance

Planned Course: Every 12 weeks for 8 doses (2 years)

Indication for Use: Indolent Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, Maintenance Therapy

CVAD: At Provider's Discretion

**Proceed with treatment if:**

**ANC equal to or greater than  $1.2 \times 10^9/L$  AND Platelets equal to or greater than  $75 \times 10^9/L$**

❖ Contact Hematologist if parameters not met

### SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

#### Pre-treatment Requirements

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
Not Applicable		

#### Treatment Regimen – LYMP – riTUXimab maintenance

Establish primary solution 500 mL of: normal saline

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<b>SUBCUTANEOUS riTUXimab</b>		
acetaminophen	650 mg	Orally 30 minutes prior to riTUXimab
diphenhydramINE	50 mg	Orally 30 minutes prior to riTUXimab
riTUXimab	1400 mg (1400 mg = 11.7 mL)	<p><b>Subcutaneous:</b> Administer over 5 minutes into abdomen Syringe should be held in hand for 5 minutes to warm up and decrease viscosity Use 25G needle</p> <p><i>*Nursing Alert: Ensure subcutaneous riTUXimab formulation is used</i></p> <p><i>*Alert: rapid infusion and subcutaneous route not to be used for riTUXimab naïve patients</i></p>
<b>OR</b>		
<b>INTRAVENOUS riTUXimab</b>		
acetaminophen	650 mg	Orally 30 minutes prior to riTUXimab
diphenhydramINE	50 mg	IV in normal saline 50 mL over 15 minutes
riTUXimab	375 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	<p><b>Slow infusion: (if equal to or less than 6 months since last riTUXimab dose):</b> IV made up to a final concentration of 1 mg/mL in normal saline. Start at 100 mg/hr for 30 minutes and escalate infusion rate in 100 mg/hr increments every 30 minutes to maximum of 400 mg/hr</p> <p><i>*Nursing Alert: IV tubing is primed with riTUXimab</i></p>
<b>OR</b>		

		<p><b>Slow infusion: (if greater than 6 months since last ritUXimab dose):</b> IV made up to a final concentration of 1 mg/mL in normal saline. Start at 50 mg/hr for 60 minutes and escalate infusion rate in 50 mg/hr increments every 30 minutes to maximum of 400 mg/hr</p> <p><i>*Nursing Alert: IV tubing is primed with ritUXimab</i></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Rapid infusion:</b> IV in normal saline over 90 minutes: Infuse 50 mL of a 250 mL bag (or 100 mL of a 500 mL bag) over 30 minutes, then infuse the remaining 200 mL (or 400 mL of a 500 mL bag) over 60 minutes</p> <p><i>Concentration dependent drug: Pharmacy will adjust diluent volume to ensure drug stability</i></p> <p><i>*Alert: rapid infusion and subcutaneous route not to be used for ritUXimab naïve patients</i></p>
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Flush after ritUXimab:

- 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

All Cycles

- CBC, as per Physician Orders

**INTRAVENOUS ritUXimab**

- Full vital signs (temperature, heart rate, blood pressure, respiration and O<sub>2</sub> saturation) prior to each dose and as clinically indicated
- No observation period is required
- Patient can be discharged from treatment room if stable whether they had a reaction or not

**SUBCUTANEOUS ritUXimab**

- Full vital signs (temperature, heart rate, blood pressure, respiration and O<sub>2</sub> saturation) prior to dose, at discharge, and as clinically indicated
- **15 minute observation period required after each dose**

## Recommended Support Medications

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
Not Applicable		

## DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Patients should be instructed to contact their cancer team immediately if symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions occur after discharge

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Administering nurse must document any infusion related-reactions with any dose of ritUXimab
- Ensure there were no **Grade 3 or 4** infusion-related reaction with the previous dose prior to administering ritUXimab via Subcutaneous injection or Rapid Infusion