

Regimen Reference Order – CUTA – pembrolizumab (Adjuvant)

ARIA: CUTA – [pembrolizumab q21 days (ADJ)]

CUTA – [pembrolizumab q42 days (ADJ)]

Planned Course: Every 21 days up to a maximum of 1 year of therapy (18 cycles)
OR

Every 42 days up to a maximum of 1 year of therapy (9 cycles)

Indication for Use: Melanoma, Resected, Adjuvant

Drug Alert: Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor

CVAD: At Provider’s Discretion

Proceed with treatment if:

- *ANC equal to or greater than 1.5 x 10⁹/L AND Platelets equal to or greater than 50 x 10⁹/L*
- *AST/ALT equal to or less than 3 times the upper limit of normal*
- *Total bilirubin equal to or less than 1.5 times the upper limit of normal*
- *Creatinine clearance is equal to or greater than 30 mL/minute*

❖ **Contact Physician if parameters not met**

SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Pre-treatment Requirements		
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
Not Applicable		

Treatment Regimen – CUTA – pembrolizumab (Adjuvant)		
Establish primary solution 500 mL of: normal saline		
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
pembrolizumab	2 mg/kg (every 21 days) OR	IV in normal saline 50 mL over 30 minutes <i>Use 0.2 or 0.22 micron filter</i>
	4 mg/kg (every 42 days)	IV in normal saline 50 mL over 30 minutes <i>Use 0.2 or 0.22 micron filter</i>
<p>Maximum pembrolizumab dose is 200 mg (every 21 days) or 400 mg (every 42 days)</p> <p>All doses will be automatically rounded that fall within the DSG Approved Dose Bands. See CUTA DSG – Dose Banding document for more information</p>		

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

REQUIRED MONITORING

All Cycles

- CBC, serum creatinine, urea, AST, ALT, total bilirubin, albumin, glucose, sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium as per Physician Orders
- TSH prior to cycle 1 then every 3 cycles thereafter as per Physician Orders
- Medical oncologist or designate (i.e. family practitioner in oncology) must assess patient for immune-mediated adverse reactions prior to each cycle
- Full vital signs (temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure and O₂ saturation) at baseline and as clinically indicated
- No observation period required. Patient can be discharged from treatment room if stable whether they had a reaction or not

Recommended Support Medications

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
None required		

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Patient should be instructed to contact their cancer team immediately if symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions occur after discharge
- Confirm that patient has received the CCMB Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Medical Alert wallet card
- Reinforce to patient the immune-mediated adverse reactions and importance of reporting immediately
 - For severe symptoms, the patient should be instructed to go to the nearest emergency room. Oncologist on call should be contacted

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- pembrolizumab is an Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor. Consult with oncologist for immune-mediated adverse reactions; corticosteroids are often indicated