# **Regimen Reference Order – GAST – capecitabine**

ARIA: GAST - [capecitabine (ADJ)] GAST - [capecitabine (MET)]

Planned Course:	Every 21 days for 8 cycles (Adjuvant) OR	
	Every 21 days until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity (Metastatic)	
Indication for Use:	Colorectal Cancer; Adjuvant OR	
	Colorectal Cancer; Metastatic	

Proceed with treatment if:

ANC equal to or greater than 1.5 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L AND Platelets equal to or greater than 100 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L Contact Physician if parameters not met

# SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Treatment Regimen – GAST – capecitabine				
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline		
capecitabine	1250 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Orally twice daily on <b>Days 1 to 14</b> , followed by 7 days off Take with food. Swallow whole (Self-administered at home)		
capecitabine (XELOD) Classification: Cytoto		ngths: 150 mg and 500 mg tablets		
All doses will be automatically rounded that fall within CCMB Approved Dose Bands. See Dose Banding document for more information				

# **REQUIRED MONITORING**

#### Baseline and prior to each cycle

• CBC, serum creatinine, urea, electrolytes, liver enzymes and total bilirubin as per Physician Orders

Recommended Support Medications				
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline		
metoclopramide	10 – 20 mg	Orally every 4 hours as needed for nausea and vomiting		

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENT**

- Instruct patient to continue taking anti-emetic(s) at home
- Reinforce applicable safe handling precautions of medications, blood and body fluids for 48 hours after completion of chemotherapy

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

• capecitabine can cause diarrhea, hand-foot syndrome and neuropathy

