

## Regimen Reference Order – LYMP – R-bendamustine

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LYMP – [BR (Split Day SLOW on Cycle 1)]

Planned Course: Every 28 days for 6 cycles

Indication for Use: Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

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  $75 \times 10^9/L$**

❖ **Contact Hematologist if parameters not met**

### SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

#### Pre-treatment Requirements

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
allopurinol*	300 mg	Orally once daily for 10 days to begin 3 days prior to Cycle 1 and at provider’s discretion for subsequent cycles <b>(Self-administered at home)</b> * Only patients at risk of tumor lysis syndrome will be prescribed allopurinol

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Establish primary solution 500 mL of: normal saline		
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
<b>Cycle 1</b>		
<b>Day 1</b>		
cetirizine	10 mg	Orally 30 minutes prior to riTUXimab
acetaminophen	650 mg	Orally 30 minutes prior to riTUXimab
dexamethasone	20 mg	IV in normal saline 50 mL over 15 minutes
<b>Wait 30 minutes after completion of IV pre-medications before starting riTUXimab</b>		
riTUXimab (IV brand name specific)	375 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	<b><u>Slow infusion</u> (if greater than 6 months since last riTUXimab dose or no previous riTUXimab):</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 a maximum of 400 mg/hr <i>*Nursing Alert: IV tubing is primed with riTUXimab</i> <i>*Alert: Ensure brand name on prescription label (indicated in brackets on prescription label) matches prescribed order</i> <i>*Alert: Pharmacy to ensure final volume on label</i>
<b>OR</b>		

		<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 a maximum of 400 mg/hr</p> <p><i>*Nursing Alert: IV tubing is primed with riTUXimab</i></p> <p><i>*Alert: Ensure brand name on prescription label (indicated in brackets on prescription label) matches prescribed order</i></p> <p><i>*Alert: Pharmacy to ensure final volume on label</i></p>
ondansetron	16 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
bendamustine	90 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	IV in normal saline 500 mL over 1 hour
normal saline	100 mL	IV over 12 minutes
<b>Day 2</b>		
ondansetron**	16 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
dexamethasone**	12 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
bendamustine	90 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	IV in normal saline 500 mL over 1 hour
normal saline	100 mL	IV over 12 minutes
<b>**If BR is split over three days, give dexamethasone 12 mg and ondansetron prior to bendamustine on Day 3</b>		
<b>Cycle 2 and onwards</b>		
<b>Day 1</b>		
cetirizine	10 mg	Orally 30 minutes prior to riTUXimab
acetaminophen	650 mg	Orally 30 minutes prior to riTUXimab
dexamethasone	12 mg	IV in normal saline 50 mL over 15 minutes
<b>Wait 30 minutes after completion of IV pre-medications before starting riTUXimab</b>		
riTUXimab (Subcutaneous)	1400 mg (1400 mg = 11.7 mL)	<p><b>Subcutaneous:</b> Administer over 5 minutes into abdomen</p> <p>Syringe should be held in hand for 5 minutes to warm up and decrease viscosity</p> <p>Use 25G needle</p> <p><i>*Nursing Alert: Ensure subcutaneous riTUXimab formulation is used (riTUXimab-hyaluronidase, human)</i></p>
<b>OR</b>		
riTUXimab (IV brand name specific)	375 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	<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>*Alert: Ensure brand name on prescription label (indicated in brackets on prescription label) matches prescribed order</i></p> <p><i>*Alert: Pharmacy to ensure final volume on label</i></p>
<b>OR</b>		

		<p><b>Slow infusion:</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 a maximum of 400 mg/hr</p> <p><b>*Nursing Alert:</b> IV tubing is primed with riTUXimab</p> <p><b>*Alert:</b> Ensure brand name on prescription label (indicated in brackets on prescription label) matches prescribed order</p> <p><b>*Alert:</b> Pharmacy to ensure final volume on label</p>
ondansetron	16 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
bendamustine	90 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	IV in normal saline 500 mL over 1 hour
normal saline	100 mL	IV over 12 minutes
<b>Day 2</b>		
ondansetron	16 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
dexamethasone	12 mg	Orally 30 minutes pre-chemotherapy
bendamustine	90 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	IV in normal saline 500 mL over 1 hour
normal saline	100 mL	IV over 12 minutes
All doses will be automatically rounded that fall within the DSG Approved Dose Bands. See LYMP DSG – Dose Banding document for more information		

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

## REQUIRED MONITORING

### Day 1

- CBC, serum creatinine, urea, electrolytes, liver enzymes, LDH, total bilirubin, uric acid and albumin as per Physician Orders

### INTRAVENOUS riTUXimab

- Full vital signs (temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure and O<sub>2</sub> saturation) at baseline and as clinically indicated
- No observation period is required after riTUXimab administration. Patient can be discharged from treatment room if stable whether they had a reaction or not

### SUBCUTANEOUS riTUXimab

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

## Recommended Support Medications

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
dexamethasone	8 mg	Orally once daily on Days 3 and 4 <b>**If BR is split over three days, dexamethasone is given once daily on Days 4 and 5</b>

metoclopramide	10 – 20 mg	Orally every 4 hours as needed for nausea and vomiting
valACYclovir	500 mg	Orally once daily (at physician's discretion)

## DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

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

- valACYclovir may be prescribed for herpes zoster (shingles) prophylaxis
- Herpes zoster prophylaxis should be considered in patients with:
  - A history of shingles or recurrent cold sores
  - Treatment with bendamustine in the relapsed setting
- Administering nurse must document any infusion-related reactions with any dose of riTUXimab
- Ensure there were **no Grade 3 or 4** infusion-related reactions with any previous dose prior to administering riTUXimab via subcutaneous injection or rapid infusion
- Intravenous riTUXimab formulation is available from more than one manufacturer and uses several different brand names. Brand name will be indicated in brackets after riTUXimab. **Ensure prescription label matches the brand name on prescribed order for intravenous riTUXimab**