

Carmustine/Etoposide/Cytarabine/Melphalan/Alemtuzumab RIC-SIB/MUD

INDICATIONS FOR USE:

INDICATION	ICD10	Regimen Code	Reimbursement Status
Reduced intensity conditioning for sibling or matched unrelated allogeneic stem cell transplantation in Hodgkins and Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma	C81 C85	00638a	Hospital

TREATMENT:

Conditioning chemotherapy is administered over **6 days**. Stem cells are infused on **day 0**.

Facilities to treat anaphylaxis **MUST** be present when the conditioning therapy and stem cells are administered.

Day (time)	Drug	Dose	Route	Diluent & Rate
-6	Carmustine ^{a,b,c}	300mg/m ²	IV infusion	1000ml glucose 5% over 1 hour
-5,-4,-3,-2 (AM dose)	Cytarabine	200mg/m ²	IV infusion	100ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 30 mins
-5,-4,-3,-2	Etoposide	100mg/m ²	IV infusion	1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 2 hours
-5,-4,-3,-2 (Commence immediately after first etoposide dose has been administered)	Etoposide	100mg/m ²	IV infusion	1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 2 hours
-5	Alemtuzumab	10mg	IV infusion	100ml sodium chloride 0.9% over (see below) ^d
-4,-3,-2,-1	Alemtuzumab	10mg	IV infusion	100ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 4 hours ^e
-5,-4,-3,-2 (PM dose - 12 hours post start of AM dose)	Cytarabine	200mg/m ²	IV infusion	100ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 30 mins
-1	Melphalan ^{f,g}	140mg/m ²	IV push	Into side arm of fast flowing sodium chloride 0.9% infusion over 30 mins
0	Stem Cell Infusion			
Start +6 (until ANC > 1.0x10 ⁹ /L for two consecutive days)	Filgrastim (GCSF)	300 mcg	S/C	n/a
Dose rounding Carmustine doses to the nearest 3.3mg Etoposide to the nearest 4mg if ≤200mg and nearest 20mg if >200mg Cytarabine to the nearest 20mg Melphalan to the nearest 5mg				
^a If carmustine is unavailable, lomustine 200mg/m ² PO day -6 can be substituted. Lomustine is rounded to the nearest 40mg capsule and is contraindicated in patients with coeliac disease/wheat allergy				
^b When reconstituted carmustine has a very short expiry time. (Refer to local policy for guidance on stability and shelf life to co-ordinate administration with pharmacy compounding)				
^c Carmustine intravenous solution is unstable in polyvinyl chloride container. The carmustine solution should be administered from PVC free containers only.				
^d 10ml/hr for first hour, 20ml/hr for second and third hours, 30ml/hr for subsequent hours				
^e 4 hour infusion applicable if tolerated on day -5				
^f When reconstituted melphalan has a very short expiry time. (Refer to local policy for guidance on stability and shelf life to co-ordinate administration with pharmacy compounding)				

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ELIGIBILITY:

- Indications as above
- Medical assessment as per SJH BMT assessment form

EXCLUSIONS:

- Hypersensitivity to carmustine, etoposide, cytarabine, melphalan, alemtuzumab or any of the excipients
- Pregnancy and lactation

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY:

- The treatment plan must be initiated by a Haematology Consultant working in the area of stem cell transplantation in a unit suitable for carrying out this treatment.

TESTS:

- Baseline and regular tests in accordance with SJH Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant work-up protocols

Disease monitoring:

Disease monitoring should be in line with the patient's treatment plan and any other test/s as directed by the supervising Consultant.

DOSE MODIFICATIONS:

- Any dose modification should be discussed with a Consultant.
- **Chemotherapy dosing in obese adult patients:** For patients with a BMI > 30kg/m² please refer to 'Chemotherapy Dosing in Obese Adult Stem Cell Transplant Recipients – Guidelines' for guidance on individual drug dosing as per SJH policy available on the SJH intranet.
- **Renal and Hepatic Impairment:**
 - Dose modifications are generally not undertaken in conditioning regimens.
 - Discuss with the consultant if the creatinine clearance is < 50 ml/min or if abnormal hepatic function.
 - Consult the following resources to inform any renal or hepatic dose modification discussions:
 - Summary of product characteristics (SPC) available at <http://www.hpra.ie>
 - Krens et al Lancet Oncol 2019;20(4) e200-e207 "Dose Recommendations for anticancer drugs in patients with renal or hepatic impairment" available at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30942181/>
 - UCHL renal impairment guidelines and hepatic impairment guidelines available on SJH intranet

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SUPPORTIVE CARE:

Antiemetics:

Table 1: Recommended SJH regimen specific anti-emetics

Prevention of acute nausea and vomiting			Prevention of delayed nausea and vomiting			Comment
Drug	Dose	Admin Day	Drug	Dose	Admin Day	
Dexamethasone	6mg PO	-1	Dexamethasone	4mg PO	0, +1, +2	Dexamethasone with melphalan only
Ondansetron	8mg PO/IV ^a TDS	-6 to -1	Aprepitant	80mg PO	0, +1	
Aprepitant	125mg PO	-1				

^aMay be administered orally

Alemtuzumab Pre-medication:

Prior to alemtuzumab therapy (i.e. 60 minutes pre-therapy), the following should be administered:

- Paracetamol 1g PO
- Chlorphenamine 10mg IV
- Hydrocortisone 100mg IV

Other pre-medications:

- **Melphalan hydration:** Sodium chloride 0.9% must be given at a rate of 125ml/m²/hour for two hours pre melphalan and for 6 hours post melphalan

Other Supportive Care:

Table 2: Other Supportive Medication

GvHD prophylaxis Refer to signed off BMT assessment form for confirmed choice and target level of immunosuppression	Ciclosporin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ciclosporin 5mg/kg once daily IV over 6 hours from day -1 • The equivalent oral dose is: (Total IV dose x 0.67) twice daily PO • Target levels: 100-150micrograms/L 	Tacrolimus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.03mg/kg once daily IV over 22 hours, starting from day -1 • The equivalent oral dose is: (Total IV dose) twice daily PO • Target levels: 5-10 nanograms/ml
GvHD and VOD prophylaxis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ursodeoxycholic acid 250mg TDS PO • Continue until day +90 	

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<p>HSV prophylaxis</p>	<p>All patients should receive the following until CD4 count >200/microlitre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valaciclovir 500mg once daily PO or Aciclovir 250mg TDS IV (if oral route not available or ANC < 0.5x10⁹/L) <p>Patients with an active herpes infection should receive the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valaciclovir 1g TDS PO or Aciclovir 10mg/kg TDS IV (if oral route not available)
<p>CMV prophylaxis Prescribe for all CMV seropositive recipients</p>	<p>Patients receiving CMV prophylaxis with letermovir also require HSV prophylaxis above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letermovir 240mg once daily PO/IV, as appropriate, starting Day +1 if patient is receiving ciclosporin immunosuppression Letermovir 480mg once daily PO/IV, as appropriate, starting Day +1 if patient is receiving tacrolimus immunosuppression Letermovir via the oral route is first line. Letermovir IV at the same oral dose should be prescribed only where the patient cannot tolerate oral or where there are concerns around absorption. CMV prophylaxis is usually continued until day +100 <p>Patients should bring their oral letermovir supply with them on admission. High tech prescription will have been provided to patient at their counselling appointment pre-admission. Liaise with transplant pharmacist if any supply issues arise.</p> <p>When ANC > 1.0 x 10⁹/L, pre-emptive monitoring (9mls in EDTA [purple tube] (Tuesday and Fridays) should be carried out for CMV reactivation/infection in <u>all</u> patients.</p>
<p>Antifungal prophylaxis Refer to signed off BMT assessment form for confirmed choice of antifungal prophylaxis</p>	<p>When ANC < 0.5x10⁹/L or if patient on high dose steroids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liposomal amphotericin 1mg/kg once daily IV Mon/Wed/Fri or Caspofungin 70mg once daily IV Mon/Wed/Fri <p>If at higher risk due to prior possible/probable fungal infection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liposomal amphotericin 1mg/kg once daily IV or Caspofungin 70mg once daily IV if >80kg or Caspofungin 70mg once daily IV on day 1 of treatment followed by 50mg once daily IV thereafter if <80kg

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<p>PJP prophylaxis</p>	<p><u>1st line therapy:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-trimoxazole 960mg BD Mon/Wed/Fri PO • Commence only on engraftment when ANC > 1.0x10⁹/L if appropriate <p><u>2nd line therapy (if allergic to co-trimoxazole or contraindicated):</u> <i>PJP Prophylaxis and T. gondii IgG NEGATIVE:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentamidine 300mg nebule and salbutamol 2.5mg nebule pre-pentamidine, every 4 weeks <p>plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phenoxymethylpenicillin 333mg BD daily PO <p>Continue the phenoxymethylpenicillin until patients have been revaccinated and have adequate pneumococcal/Haemophilus titres</p> <p><i>PJP Prophylaxis and T gondii IgG POSITIVE:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atovaquone 750mg BD PO plus • Pyrimethamine 25mg once daily PO plus • Folinic acid 15mg once daily PO plus • Phenoxymethylpenicillin 333mg BD daily PO <p>Continue the phenoxymethylpenicillin until patients have been revaccinated and have adequate pneumococcal/Haemophilus titres</p> <p>Please note: If a patient is to be discharged on atovaquone, pyrimethamine or folinic acid, please contact pharmacy in advance to arrange supply and funding through a community drugs scheme</p>
<p>Mouthcare</p>	<p>Mucositis WHO grade < 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sodium chloride 0.9% 10ml QDS mouthwash • Nystatin 1ml QDS PO (use 15 minutes after sodium chloride 0.9% mouthwash) <p>Mucositis WHO grade ≥ 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chlorhexidine digluconate 0.12% (Kin[®] mouthwash) 10mls QDS mouthwash • Nystatin 1ml QDS PO (use 15 minutes after Kin[®] mouthwash)
<p>Gastroprotection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lansoprazole 30mg / omeprazole 40mg once daily PO <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esomeprazole 40mg once daily IV (if oral route not available)
<p>Folate supplementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folinic acid 15mg once daily IV is commenced from Day+2 onwards • Switch to folic acid 5mg once daily PO when oral route is available
<p>Vitamin K supplementation</p>	<p>Beginning on day +2 post stem cell transplant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vitamin K (phytomenadione) 10mg once weekly IV
<p>Prevention of vaginal bleeding</p>	<p>If required for menstruating female patients until platelets > 50 x10⁹/L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norethisterone 5mg TDS PO if >55Kg • Norethisterone 5mg BD PO if <55kg
<p>Tumour Lysis syndrome</p>	<p>Consider allopurinol in active disease pre transplant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allopurinol 300mg once daily PO for 5-7 days and review

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Hepatitis B prophylaxis/treatment	<p>A virology screen is completed as part of transplant workup. Hepatitis B prophylaxis or treatment may be initiated in consultation with a Virology Consultant or Hepatology Consultant if required.</p> <p>Options may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lamivudine 100mg once daily PO or Entecavir 500mcg once daily PO
Prevention of constipation	<p>Consider laxatives if appropriate e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senna two tablets (15mg) nocte PO while on ondansetron
Antibiotic standing order	<p>Antibiotic standing order should be prescribed for neutropenic sepsis/neutropenic fever based on previous microbiology and renal function</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piptazobactam 4.5g QDS IV plus Amikacin* 15mg/kg once daily IV <p>*Ciprofloxacin 400mg BD IV may be considered instead of amikacin in cases of renal impairment</p> <p>Refer to Antimicrobial Guidelines in the Prescriber's Capsule for antibiotic choice where a patient is allergic to any of the above</p>
Magnesium and potassium standing order	<p>Magnesium and potassium standing orders should be prescribed for all transplant patients in accordance with stem cell unit practice as indicated on EPMAR</p>
VTE prophylaxis	<p>Consider VTE prophylaxis in accordance with SJH policy</p>
Bone Health	<p>Consider calcium and vitamin D supplementation prior to discharge for patients who are on high dose steroids. Other medications for maintenance of bone health may need to be considered as appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calcium carbonate and colecalciferol (Caltrate® 600mg/400unit) One tablet BD

ADVERSE EFFECTS / REGIMEN SPECIFIC COMPLICATIONS:

- Please refer to the relevant Summary of Product Characteristics and SJH Stem Cell Transplant Programme PPGs for full details.

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

- The relevant Summary of Product Characteristics and current drug interaction databases should be consulted.

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