

Systemic Therapy Programme Newsletter

NCCP Framework Document for Decision Making for Tests in the Irish Molecular Pathology Service Implementation Stage

The NCCP has produced a Framework document for Decision Making for Tests (Predictive for Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy Treatment) in the Irish Molecular Pathology Service. The framework document supports the current and future development and evaluation of cancer molecular diagnostics testing predictive for Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy in Ireland. The framework is used to appraise the evidence on the efficacy and effectiveness of tests. Tests will be assessed against set criteria. The Cancer Molecular Diagnostics Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) Advisory Group will make recommendations to the NCCP on the clinical validity, analytical validity and clinical utility of tests. These recommendations inform the NCCP on deciding which tests should be supported on a national basis. The framework has been circulated to hospital group CEOs and is available on the NCCP website: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/cancer/profinfo/medonc/>

A Test Proposal Form is now available for new test submissions (test predictive for drug treatment) for consideration by the Molecular Diagnostics (Drugs) Advisory Group. The Advisory Group will carry out assessment of test submission forms and experts in certain areas will be invited to partake in the review process as required. When recommending new tests adequate lead time should be allowed for test accreditation and capacity to expand. Horizon scanning for new drugs that may require a companion test is now being carried out on an ongoing basis.

National Cancer Information System

The MOCIS project has been re-branded to the “National Cancer Information System “ (NCIS). NCIS will provide a patient’s tumour record, functionality supporting tumour boards and systemic anti-cancer therapy prescribing, scheduling, compounding and administration with use of national regimens. The project is approaching implementation in the first sites.

Pharmacy ACU specifications for printers and isolators are available from ncis@cancercontrol.ie on request. Hospitals where possible should continue their migration to national regimens.

Contact: ncis@cancercontrol.ie

Clinical Advisory Groups

Following discussion with ISMO and IHS, the NCCP have set up a number of specific clinical advisory groups specific e.g. Breast, Genitourinary, Myeloid, Plasma Cell Disorders, each group comprising a number of clinicians with particular interest and focus in that disease area. If you are a medical oncologist or haematologist interested in joining a clinical advisory group, please contact us at:

oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie

National Medical Oncology and Haematology Meetings

Based on feedback from attendees at previous national meetings, the most popular element of the national meeting was the discipline-specific workshops. The NCCP took a different approach to the national meeting in 2018. National meetings took place for individual disciplines – (i) nursing, (ii) pharmacy, (iii) ISMO members and (iv) IHS members. If you are interested in hearing about these meetings and are currently employed in a publicly funded hospital and would like to enquire about attending, please get in touch at:

oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie

SACT Regimens

243 regimens have been approved and published covering 416 indications as of June 2018. The breakdown by speciality is:

Oncology:	190 regimens
Haematology:	33 regimens
Haematology/Oncology:	20 regimens

New HSE Regimen Share File

In line with recommendations 41-45 of the NCCP Oncology Medication Safety Review 2014, the NCCP recommend that each hospital maintain a copy locally of all their chemotherapy regimens in use. The NCCP is now providing access to all NCCP regimens on a HSE Share File. This file holds a PDF of all the NCCP chemotherapy regimens according to tumour group. This allows for designated hospital staff to access the HSE Share File to download the most recent copies of the NCCP regimen.

In order to gain access to the Share File, please contact oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie

Documents Published

A number of documents have been published on the website in the SACT guidance, documents and resources section ([click here](#)) including:

- NCCP Oral Anti-Cancer Medicines Model of Care Recommendations: [click here](#)
- Biosimilar Guidance: [click here](#)
- Nursing assessments: [click here](#)
- Capacity planning for Pharmacy Aseptic Compounding Units: [click here](#)
- Guidance on rituximab rapid infusion rate: [click here](#)
- Tallman lettering position paper: [click here](#)

Feedback

We welcome your feedback. If you have any comments or suggestions please forward to oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie

NCCP Website

The NCCP has its own site within the HSE website, where you can access information on Medical Oncology and Haemato-Oncology Programmes, drug protocols, cancer drug management programme, in addition to clinical practice guidelines, GP resources, nurse training programmes, and patient information leaflets and booklets. Please visit us on www.hse.ie/cancer

New drugs and indications

The drugs below have been approved for specific indications. Please check our [website](#) for details

ODMS	Community Drug Scheme
Carfilzomib	Alectinib
Daratumumab	Cobimetinib
Nivolumab	Olaparib
Obintuzumab	Palbociclib
Pembrolizumab	Trametinib
	Vismodegib

New sections on regimens added to the website

- Oral Anti-Cancer Medicine list detailing the regimens available for OAM: [click here](#)
- A summary of current NCCP regimens classified according to drug, tumour group, revision due date and recently launched regimens has been included in a section entitled 'Regimen information summaries': [click here](#)

Don't forget to submit claims for **reimbursement of ODMS Drugs** within one month of administration to patients

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