

**Rituximab (Rituxan)**

Contact Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Cycle: \_\_\_\_\_ 4 weeks \_\_\_\_\_ 8 weeks \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ BSA: \_\_\_\_\_

Adjusted IBW: \_\_\_\_\_ Adjusted BSA: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Anti-anaphylactic medications at bedside**

- Epinephrine 1:1000 1ml
- Epinephrine 1:10,000 10ml
- Diphenhydramine 50mg IV
- Hydrocortisone 100mg IV

**2. Other Medications:** (check the appropriate medications)

- Acyclovir: 400 mg PO BID
- TMP/Sulfa: 80/400mg 2 tablets PO BID every Sat/Sun
- Antifungal:
- Lorazepam: 0.5mg-1.0mg PO every 4 hours prn nausea

**3. Treatment:**

**Day 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre- Medications:**

- Acetaminophen 650 mg PO 30 minutes prior to rituximab
- Diphenhydramine 50 mg PO 30 minutes prior to rituximab

- **Rituximab** (375mg/M<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ mg IV in NS at standard dilution of 2mg/ml.

**Day 8** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre- Medications:**

- Acetaminophen 650 mg PO 30 minutes prior to rituximab
- Diphenhydramine 50 mg PO 30 minutes prior to rituximab

- **Rituximab** (375mg/M<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ mg IV in NS at standard dilution of 2mg/ml.

**Day 15** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre- Medications:**

Acetaminophen 650 mg PO 30 minutes prior to rituximab

Diphenhydramine 50 mg PO 30 minutes prior to rituximab

- **Rituximab** (375mg/M<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ mg IV in NS at standard dilution of 2mg/ml.

**Day 22** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre- Medications:**

Acetaminophen 650 mg PO 30 minutes prior to rituximab

Diphenhydramine 50 mg PO 30 minutes prior to rituximab

- **Rituximab** (375mg/M<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ mg IV in NS at standard dilution of 2mg/ml.

**First Infusion:** Begin infusion at 25ml/hour, increasing in 25ml/hour increments every 30 minutes to maximum rate of 200 ml/hour

**Subsequent infusions** may begin at 50ml/hour, increasing by 50ml/hour every 30 minutes to a maximum rate of 200ml/hour.

Vital signs every 15 minutes X 4, then q 30 minutes until completed.

**Please Note:** If patient experiences fever accompanied by chills or rigors, shortness of breath, chest pain, or hypotension, infusion may be restarted at half the rate during which the reaction occurred.

Schedule day 8 \_\_\_\_\_, day 15 \_\_\_\_\_, day 22 \_\_\_\_\_ doses to be given in clinic.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Pager: \_\_\_\_\_

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