Patient Name:	Kent and Medway SACT protocol	Date	Protocol No.
Patient Number:	High Dose Methotrexate	calculated	HAEM-NHL-018
DOB:	High grade NHL CNS prophylaxis NB Caution in patients over 70 years of age, and/or with significant	Height (m)	Written/Checked by: M.Archer H.Paddock
Consultant:	co-morbidities. Disease modification		O.Okuwa
Allergies:	Frequency and number of cycles: 8-15 days Maximum of 3 cycles.	Weight (kg)	Authorising Consultant: M.Aldouri
		Surface area (m²)	Date written:06.08/2021 Finalised: 30.11.2021 Version No: 1

- FBC, U&Es and LFTs pre-dose.
- Haematological: If WBC $< 3.0 \times 10^9$ /L or platelets $< 100 \times 10^9$ /L delay treatment for 1 week.
- Exclude third space fluids (ascites, pleural effusion) before starting methotrexate
- Check urine pH > 7 before starting Methotrexate. Dipstick urine every 2 hours to check pH > 7. If urine pH < 7 give 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate, if urine pH > 7 give 50mmol Sodium Bicarbonate. NB Sodium Bicarbonate infusions must be infused via a central line and commence fluid balance chart.
- Monitor urine output every 4 hours, aim for 400ml/m²/4 hours (approx. 700ml over 4 hours). Consider furosemide 20mg-40mg if necessary to maintain urine output.
- **Renal Impairment:** If GFR > 80ml/min no dose adjustment required; if GFR 60-80ml/min give 65% of dose; if GFR 45-59 ml/min give 50% of dose; if GFR 30-44ml/min discuss with consultant; contraindicated if GFR <30ml/min. Discuss with consultant for all queries with renal function.
- **Hepatic Impairment:** If bilirubin <50 and AST <180 no dose adjustment required, if bilirubin between 51-85 μmol/L or AST >180 give 75% of dose, if bilirubin > 85 μmols/L Contraindicated. It is expected that patients receiving high dose methotrexate will develop hypertransaminasemia and occasionally hyperbilirubinemia. These elevations can last up to 2 weeks following the methotrexate infusion and are not considered toxicity requiring discontinuation of repeated administration of methotrexate. Persistent hyperbilirubinemia and/or grade 3-4 hypertransaminasemia for longer than 3 weeks should result in discontinuation of the drug.
- Monitoring Methotrexate:
 - o Take levels 48 hours after the start of the Methotrexate infusion and every 24 hours thereafter until methotrexate level is below 0.1μmol/L. Continue folinic acid and hydration until methotrexate levels < 0.1 μmol/L.
 - O Note exact date and time methotrexate level was drawn.
 - Check Methotrexate level immediately prior to T48, T72 and T96 dose of Folinic Acid.
- **GLUCARPIDASE reversal agent:** NHS England will fund Glucarpidase as a reversal agent for methotrexate (unlicensed in UK) for adults receiving high-dose methotrexate chemotherapy (doses >1g/m²)
 - Who develop significant deterioration in renal function (>1.5x ULN and rising, or the presence of oliguria) OR
 - o Have toxic plasma methotrexate level AND
 - Have been treated with all standard rescue and supportive measures AND

- At risk of life-threatening methotrexate-induced toxicities
- o The recommended dose is one single intravenous injection of 50units/kg
- Common drug interactions (for comprehensive list refer to BNF/SPC):

Patient must not receive NSAID's, salicylates, sulphonamides or high dose penicillin at the same time as Methotrexate. Patients must not receive co-trimoxazole in the week before the methotrexate infusion. Restart co-trimoxazole once methotrexate level is <0.1

µmol/L and neutrophil count recovery.

References: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/bjh.16866

 $\underline{http://nssg.oxford-haematology.org.uk/lymphoma/documents/lymphoma-chemo-protocols/L-13-high-dose-methotrexate-high-grade-nhl-cns-prophylaxis.pdf}$

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NB for funding information, refer to CDF and NICE Drugs Funding List

Day	Time	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration Details	Batch No	Nurses Sign	Start Time	Stop Time
Day -1 Pre hydration		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
//		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
Day 1	ТО	Ondansetron	<75yrs 16mg >/=75yrs 8mg	IV	15 min					
	ТО	METHOTREXATE	(3g/m²)	IV	4 hrs	High dose Methotrexate is infused through one arm of a Y-extension with hydration through the other.				
		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
		Prescribers signature & d	late:		1	Pharmacists clinical screen & date:	Final release signa	ature & date:		

Day	Time	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration Details	Batch No	Nurses Sign	Start Time	Stop time
Day 1 cont		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
Day 2	T24	Folinic acid	30mg	IV	bolus					
//		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
	T30	Folinic acid	30mg	IV	bolus					
		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
	T36	Folinic acid	30mg	IV	bolus					
		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8hrs					
	T42	Folinic acid	30mg	IV	bolus					
		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
	•	Prescribers signature & da	ate:		•	Pharmacists clinical screen & date:	Final release sign	ature & date:	•	

Day	Time	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration Details	Batch No	Nurses Sign	Start Time	Stop time
Day 3	T48	Folinic acid	30mg	PO		Check Methotrexate				
//						level immediately prior				
//						to dose of Folinic Acid.				
		1L 5% glucose +50-	125ml/hr	IV	8hrs					
		100mmol Sodium								
		bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride								
	T54	Folinic acid	20mg	PO						
	154	Folinic acid	30mg	PO						
		1L 5% glucose +50-	125ml/hr	IV	8hrs					
		100mmol Sodium								
		bicarbonate + 20mmol								
		Potassium chloride								
	T60	Folinic acid	30mg	PO						
		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50-	125ml/hr	IV	8hrs					
		100mmol Sodium								
		bicarbonate + 20mmol								
		Potassium chloride								
	T66	Folinic acid	30mg	PO						
		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50-	125ml/hr	IV	8hrs					
		100mmol Sodium								
		bicarbonate + 20mmol								
		Potassium chloride								
		Prescribers signature & da	ate:			Pharmacists clinical screen & date:	Final release sign	ature & date:		

Day	Time	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration Details	Batch No	Nurses Sign	Start Time	Stop time
Day 4	T72	Folinic acid	30mg	PO		Check Methotrexate level immediately prior to dose of Folinic Acid.				
		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8hrs					
	T78	Folinic acid	30mg	PO						
		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8hrs					
	T84	Folinic acid	30mg	PO						
		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8hrs					
	T90	Folinic acid	30mg	PO						
		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
		Prescribers signature & da	ate:		1	Pharmacists clinical screen & date:	Final release signature & date:			

Day	Time	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration Details	Batch No	Nurses Sign	Start Time	Stop time
Day 5	Т96	Folinic acid	30mg	РО		Check Methotrexate level immediately prior to dose of Folinic Acid.				
		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
	T102	Folinic acid	30mg	РО						
		1L 5% glucose + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
	T108	Folinic acid	30mg	РО						
		1L 0.9% NaCl + 50- 100mmol Sodium bicarbonate + 20mmol Potassium chloride	125ml/hr	IV	8 hrs					
	T114	Folinic acid	30mg	PO						
		Prescribers signature & d	ate:		I	Pharmacists clinical screen & date:	Final release signature & date:			

TTO Medication	Drug	Dose	Route	Directions	Date	Quantity	Disp	Check
Day 1	Metoclopramide 10mg PO		TDS orally for 5 days					
	Difflam 0.9% mouthwash	10ml	ТОР	QDS				
	Aciclovir	400mg	РО	BD				
	Fluconazole	50mg	РО	OD				
	Start on admission Sodium methotrexate level < 0.1 µm		000mg PO QDS	5 for 36 hours and then review. Continue until				
	Prescribers signature & da	ite:		Pharmacists clinical screen & date:	Final release signature & date:			