# IP CETUXIMAB (INITIAL DOSE) (EVERY 7 DAYS)

Types: ONCOLOGY TREATMENT

Synonyms: CET, HERB, CETUXIMAB, ERBITUX, ERB, HERBITUX, COLORECTAL, GI, GASTRO, META, HEAD, NECK, H&N

Cycle 1	Repeat 1 time		Cycle length: 7 days	
Day 1			Perform every 1 day x1	
Labs		TAROLIC DANEI		
	✓ COMPREHENSIVE ME Interval: Once			
		Occurrences:		
	✓ CBC WITH PLATELET Interval: Once	Occurrences:		
	✓ MAGNESIUM LEVEL	Occurrences		
	Interval: Once	Occurrences:		
Labs		Occurrences		
Lab	BASIC METABOLIC P	ANEL		
	Interval: Once	Occurrences:		
Nursing Orders TREATMENT CONDITIONS 4				
	Interval: Until	Occurrences:		
	discontinued Comments:	HOLD and notify provid	ler if Magnesium LESS than or EQUAL to 1.7	
	Comments.	TIOLD and notify provid	of it Magnesiam LEGO than of Ego/Le to 1.7	
Line Flush				
	sodium chloride 0.9 % Dose: 20 mL	Route: intravenous	PRN	
	Start: S			
Nursing Orders sodium chloride 0.9 % infusion 250 mL				
	Dose: 250 mL	Route: intravenous	once @ 30 mL/hr for 1 dose	
	Start: S		_	
	Instructions:  To keep vein open.			
Pre-Medications				
	diphenhydrAMINE (Bi	ENADRYL) injection 25		
	Dose: 25 mg	Route: intravenous	once for 1 dose	
	Start: S Instructions:			
	Give 30 minutes prior	to cetuximab		
Sup	Supportive Care			
	○ LORAZepam (ATIVAN	) injection 1 mg		
	Dose: 1 mg Start: S	Route: intravenous	PRN	
○ LORAZepam (ATIVAN) tablet 1 mg				
	Dose: 1 mg Start: S	Route: oral	PRN	
Chemotherapy				
	cetuximab (ERBITUX)	400 mg/m2 in 0 mL		

Dose: 400 mg/m2 Route: intravenous once over 120 Minutes for 1 dose

Offset: 30 Minutes

Instructions:

Administer with low protein binding 0.22 micron filter. Do not shake. Do not mix with other medications. Flush IV line with NS at the end of infusion.

1st infusion: Infuse first 10 mL over 10 minutes and observe patient for 30 minutes for allergic reactions if infusion tolerated, infuse loading dose over 120 minutes.

Rate of infusion not to exceed 10 mg/minute (5

mL/minute)

Ingredients: Name Type Dose Selected Adds Vol.

CETUXIMAB 100 MG/50 ML INTRAVENOUS SOLUTION Medications 400 Main Yes mg/m2 Ingredient

### **Nursing Orders**

### **ONC NURSING COMMUNICATION 14**

Interval: Until

Occurrences: --

discontinued

Comments: Contact Provider if drug-induced acneiform rash develops and covers

more than 25 per cent of the body.

### Hematology & Oncology Hypersensitivity Reaction Standing Order

### **ONC NURSING COMMUNICATION 82**

Interval: Until

Occurrences: --

discontinued

Comments: Grade 1 - MILD Symptoms (cutaneous and subcutaneous symptoms

only – itching, flushing, periorbital edema, rash, or runny nose)

1. Stop the infusion.

- 2. Place the patient on continuous monitoring.
- 3. Obtain vital signs.
- 4. Administer Normal Saline at 50 mL per hour using a new bag and new

intravenous tubing.

5. If greater than or equal to 30 minutes since the last dose of Diphenhydramine, administer Diphenhydramine 25 mg intravenous

once.

6. If less than 30 minutes since the last dose of Diphenhydramine, administer Fexofenadine 180 mg orally and Famotidine 20 mg intravenous once.

7. Notify the treating physician.

8. If no improvement after 15 minutes, advance level of care to Grade 2

(Moderate) or Grade 3 (Severe).

9. Assess vital signs every 15 minutes until resolution of symptoms or

otherwise ordered by covering physician.

#### **ONC NURSING COMMUNICATION 83**

Interval: Until discontinued

Occurrences: --

Comments: Grade 2 – MODERATE Symptoms (cardiovascular, respiratory, or gastrointestinal symptoms – shortness of breath, wheezing, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, diaphoresis, throat or chest tightness, abdominal or

back pain)

- 1. Stop the infusion.
- 2. Notify the CERT team and treating physician immediately.
- 3. Place the patient on continuous monitoring.

- 4. Obtain vital signs.
- 5. Administer Oxygen at 2 L per minute via nasal cannula. Titrate to maintain O2 saturation of greater than or equal to 92%.
- 6. Administer Normal Saline at 150 mL per hour using a new bag and new intravenous tubing.
- 7. Administer Hydrocortisone 100 mg intravenous (if patient has allergy to Hydrocortisone, please administer Dexamethasone 4 mg intravenous), Fexofenadine 180 mg orally and Famotidine 20 mg intravenous once.
- 8. If no improvement after 15 minutes, advance level of care to Grade 3 (Severe).
- 9. Assess vital signs every 15 minutes until resolution of symptoms or otherwise ordered by covering physician.

#### **ONC NURSING COMMUNICATION 4**

Interval: Until discontinued Comments:

Occurrences: --

Grade 3 – SEVERE Symptoms (hypoxia, hypotension, or neurologic compromise – cyanosis or O2 saturation less than 92%, hypotension with systolic blood pressure less than 90 mmHg, confusion, collapse, loss of consciousness, or incontinence)

- 1. Stop the infusion.
- 2. Notify the CERT team and treating physician immediately.
- 3. Place the patient on continuous monitoring.
- 4. Obtain vital signs.
- 5. If heart rate is less than 50 or greater than 120, or blood pressure is less than 90/50 mmHg, place patient in reclined or flattened position.
- 6. Administer Oxygen at 2 L per minute via nasal cannula. Titrate to maintain O2 saturation of greater than or equal to 92%.
- 7. Administer Normal Saline at 1000 mL intravenous bolus using a new bag and new intravenous tubing.
- 8. Administer Hydrocortisone 100 mg intravenous (if patient has allergy to Hydrocortisone, please administer Dexamethasone 4 mg intravenous) and Famotidine 20 mg intravenous once.
- 9. Administer Epinephrine (1:1000) 0.3 mg subcutaneous.
- 10. Assess vital signs every 15 minutes until resolution of symptoms or otherwise ordered by covering physician.

## diphenhydrAMINE (BENADRYL) injection 25

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Dose: 25 mg

Route: intravenous

PRN

Start: S

fexofenadine (ALLEGRA) tablet 180 mg

Dose: 180 mg Route: oral PRN

Start: S

famotidine (PEPCID) 20 mg/2 mL injection 20

mg

Dose: 20 mg

Route: intravenous

PRN

Start: S

hydrocortisone sodium succinate (Solu-CORTEF) injection 100 mg

Dose: 100 mg Route: intravenous PRN

dexamethasone (DECADRON) injection 4 mg

Dose: 4 mg Route: intravenous PRN

Start: S

epINEPHrine (ADRENALIN) 1 mg/10 mL ADULT

injection syringe 0.3 mg

Dose: 0.3 mg Route: subcutaneous PRN

Start: S

**Nursing Orders** 

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Occurrences: --

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Discharge Nursing Orders

Dose: 20 mL Route: intravenous PRN

☑ HEParin, porcine (PF) injection 500 Units

Dose: 500 Units

Route: intra-catheter

once PRN

Start: S Instructions:

Concentration: 100 units/mL. Heparin flush for

Implanted Vascular Access Device

maintenance.