



# **CARBOplatin and Oral Etoposide Therapy- 21days**

## **INDICATIONS FOR USE:**

INDICATION	ICD10	Regimen Code	Reimbursement Status
Small cell lung cancer (SCLC) extensive disease	C34	00319a	CARBOplatin - Hospital Etoposide - CDS

### TREATMENT:

The starting dose of the drugs detailed below may be adjusted downward by the prescribing clinician, using their independent medical judgement, to consider each patients individual clinical circumstances.

CARBOplatin is administered on day 1 and etoposide is administered on three consecutive days (Days 1-3) of a 21day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity develops.

Day	Drug	Dose	Route and Method of Administration	Diluent & Rate	Cycle
1	CARBOplatin	AUC 5	IV infusion	500ml glucose 5% over 60 min	Every 21 days
1-3	Etoposide	200mg/m <sup>2</sup>	PO	N/A	Every 21 days

CARBOplatin is administered prior to etoposide

The standard oral etoposide dose is approximately twice the effective intravenous etoposide dose i.e.  $200 \text{ mg/m}^2(orally) = 100 \text{ mg/m}^2(intravenous)y$ . Prediction of oral dosing based on intravenous dose may be unreliable therefore it is recommended to titrate the oral dose to achieve maximal effect and minimise toxicity.

Etoposide capsules should be taken on an empty stomach

Daily doses greater than 200mg should be given as two divided doses.

# **CARBOplatin dose:**

The dose in mg of CARBOplatin to be administered is calculated as follows:

### Dose (mg) = target AUC (mg/ml x min) x (GFR ml/min +25)

- Measured GFR (e.g. nuclear renogram) is preferred whenever feasible.
- **Estimation of GFR (eGFR)** can be done by using the Wright formula or using the Cockroft and Gault formula to measure creatinine clearance.
- The GFR used to calculate the AUC dosing should not exceed 125ml/min.
- For obese and anorexic patients the formulae may not give accurate results and measured GFR
  is recommended. Where obesity or overweight is likely to lead to an overestimate of GFR and
  isotope GFR is not available the use of the adjusted ideal body weight for Cockroft and Gault
  may be considered (3).

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#### **WRIGHT FORMULA**

There are two versions of the formula depending on how serum creatinine values are obtained, by the kinetic Jaffe method or the enzymatic method. The formula can be further adapted if covariant creatine kinase (CK) values are available (not shown).

**1.** *SCr measured using enzymatic assay.* 

GFR (ml/min) = (6230 - 32.8 x Age) x BSA x (1 - 0.23 x Sex) SCr (micromol/min)

2. SCr measured using Jaffe assay

GFR (ml/min) = (6580 - 38.8 x Age) x BSA x (1 - 0.168 x Sex) SCr (micromol/min)

Key: Sex = 1 if female, 0 if male; Age in years; BSA= DuBois BSA

### **COCKCROFT-GAULT FORMULA**

GFR (ml/min) =  $S \times (140 - age in years) \times wt (kg)$ serum creatinine (micromol/L)

S= 1.04 for females and 1.23 for males

# **ELIGIBILTY:**

- Indications as above
- Patients unsuitable for treatment with CISplatin based regimens
- ECOG 0-2 (0-3 in patients < 70)

# **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Hypersensitivity to CARBOplatin, etoposide or any of the excipients
- Pregnancy or lactation

## PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY:

The treatment plan must be initiated by a Consultant Medical Oncologist.

#### **TESTS:**

#### Baseline tests:

Blood renal and liver profile

## Regular tests:

- FBC weekly prior to treatment
- Renal and liver profile before each cycle

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### 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.

# Haematological:

Table 1: Dose modification of CARBOplatin in haematological toxicity

ANC (x10 <sup>9</sup> /L)		Platelets (x10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	Dose
≥ 1.5	and	<u>≥</u> 100	100%
< 1.5	and	< 100	Delay one week or until recovery
<0.5 for >5 days or neutropenic fever			Consider dose reduction for etoposide

### **Renal and Hepatic Impairment:**

Table 2: Dose modification of CARBOplatin and etoposide in renal and hepatic impairment

Drug	Renal Impairment		Hepatic Imp	airm	ent	
CARBOplatin	<ul> <li>are at greater risk to deve</li> <li>In case of GFR ≤ 20ml/n administered at all.</li> <li>If Cockroft &amp; Gault or Wrishould be adjusted perceatinine obtained administration.</li> <li>If isotope GFR is used, the provided the serum creather time of the isotope creatinine is higher than given to remeasuring the</li> </ul>	ght formula are used, the dose recycle based on a serum within 48 hrs of drug endose should remain the same tinine is ≤110% of its value at measurement. If the serum this, consideration should be endose GFR or to recalculating using ght formulae taking care this	Probably no	dose	e modifica	tion required
Etoposide	Cr Cl (ml/min)	Dose	Bilirubin (micromol/L)		AST	Dose
	>50	100%	26-51	or	60-180	50%
	15-50	75%	>51	or	>180	Clinical decision
	<15	50%		•	•	
	Subsequent doses should	be based on clinical response				

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#### Table 3: Dose modification schedule based on adverse events

Adverse reactions	Recommended dose modification
Grade ≥ 3 (Other than mucositis or alopecia)	Delay until recovery to Grade 1. Then reduce dose of CARBOplatin and etoposide to 75%

### **SUPPORTIVE CARE:**

### **EMETOGENIC POTENTIAL:**

CARBOplatin High

Etoposide Minimal to Low (Refer to local policy).

**PREMEDICATIONS:** Not usually required unless patient has experienced a previous hypersensitivity

**OTHER SUPPORTIVE CARE**: No specific recommendations

## **ADVERSE EFFECTS / REGIMEN SPECIFIC COMPLICATIONS**

The adverse effects listed are not exhaustive. Please refer to the relevant Summary of Product Characteristics for full details.

- **Neutropenia**: Fever or other evidence of infection must be assessed promptly and treated appropriately.
- Hypersensitivity: Reactions to CARBOplatin may develop in patients who have been previously
  exposed to platinum therapy. However allergic reactions have been observed upon initial exposure
  to CARBOplatin.
- Neurotoxicity and ototoxicity: Neurological evaluation and an assessment of hearing should be
  performed on a regular basis, especially in patients receiving high dose CARBOplatin. Neurotoxicity,
  such as parasthesia, decreased deep tendon reflexes, and ototoxicity are more likely seen in patients
  previously treated with CISplatin, other platinum treatments and other ototoxic agents. Frequency
  of neurologic toxicity is also increased in patients older than 65 years

### **DRUG INTERACTIONS:**

- Avoid concurrent use with nephrotoxic drugs (e.g. aminoglycosides, furosemide, NSAIDS) due to additive nephrotoxicity. If necessary monitor renal function closely.
- Avoid concurrent use with ototoxic drugs (e.g. aminoglycosides, furosemide, NSAIDS). If necessary perform regular audiometric testing.
- CYP3A4 inducers may increase the clearance of etoposide.
- CYP3A4 inhibitors may decrease the clearance of etoposide.
- Current drug interaction databases should be consulted for more information.

### ATC CODE:

CARBOplatin - L01XA02 Etoposide - L01CB01

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