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SYSTEMIC THERAPY UPDATE

INDEX to the Systemic Therapy Update is available for the year 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998. These indices are available on the H-drive for the regional cancer centres, our website, and fax or email.

BENEFIT DRUG LIST

The current Benefit Drug List and Class II forms are available on the website www.bccancer.bc.ca.

PROTOCOL UPDATE

Protocols by Drugs Index A cross-referenced index lists the BC Cancer Agency benefit drugs with their corresponding protocols. This index can be obtained via H-drive at regional cancer centres or Fax-back as listed at the end of the Update.

Protocol codes for treatments requiring “Undesignated Indication” approval prior to use are prefixed with the letter **U**.

- **INDEX to BC Cancer Agency Protocol Summaries** revised monthly (includes tumour group, protocol code, indication, drugs, last revision date and version). These revisions will be effective 2 January, 2002.
- **SCHYPCAL** revised (drug cost deleted): Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of malignancy related hypercalcemia
- **SMTAM** reformatted: Palliative therapy for malignant melanoma using tamoxifen
- **SMTV** new (formalised): Second line treatment of metastatic malignant melanoma using tamoxifen and vinblastine

Protocols are available on the BC Cancer Agency website www.bccancer.bc.ca/ccp/.

CANCER MANAGEMENT MANUAL

Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Screening
A new patient information section has been added on screening for prostate cancer with PSA.

The Cancer Management Manual is available on BC Cancer Agency website www.bccancer.bc.ca/cmm/.

PRE-PRINTED ORDER UPDATE

Pre-printed orders should always be checked with the most current BC Cancer Agency protocol summaries. The Vancouver Cancer Centre has prepared the following chemotherapy pre-printed orders, which can be used as a guide for reference:

- **BRAVTRNAV** new: Palliative therapy for metastatic breast cancer using trastuzumab (Herceptin®) and vinorelbine
- **UGIFUIP** revised (typo in fluorouracil dosing): Chemotherapy of pseudomyxoma peritonei using intraperitoneal mitomycin and fluorouracil
- **GIIRFUFA** revised (dosing section): First-line palliative combination chemotherapy for

metastatic colorectal cancer using irinotecan, fluorouracil and folinic acid (leucovorin)

- **GOCXRADC** revised (appointment dates and times): Treatment of high risk squamous cell carcinoma of cervix with concurrent cisplatin and radiation
- **HNFUFA** revised (booking section): Fluorouracil and leucovorin for recurrent head and neck cancer
- **HNCMT** new: Therapy for recurrent and metastatic nasopharyngeal cancer using cisplatin and etoposide
- **LYCHOP-R** revised (timing of prednisone): Treatment of lymphoma with doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisone and rituximab

An index to the orders can be obtained by Fax-back.

PATIENT EDUCATION

Prostate Specific Antigen Screening See under [Cancer Management Manual](#)

DRUG UPDATE

Hydromorphone Pharmacare Authorisation

Pharmacare has pre-approved any prescriptions for long-acting hydromorphone (Hydromorph Contin®) from oncologists and haematologists when it is used for pain management in cancer, palliative care and chronic pain. The special authority form is not required for these prescriptions. The authorisation is loaded into the PharmaNet and assigned to the prescribers under their practitioner College ID numbers.

CANCER DRUG MANUAL

The Cancer Drug Manual is available on the BC Cancer Agency website www.bccancer.bc.ca/cdm/.

PROVINCIAL SYSTEMIC THERAPY PROGRAM POLICIES

BC Cancer Agency Systemic Therapy Policies are available at h:\everyone\systemic\prov\chemo\policies on the H-drive at the regional cancer centres and on www.bccancer.bc.ca/ccp/appendices.shtml in the BC Cancer Agency website.

COMMUNITIES ONCOLOGY NETWORK

Pharmacy Educators See under [Continuing Education](#)

LIBRARY/CANCER INFORMATION CENTRE

Unconventional Cancer Therapies Manual is available on the BC Cancer Agency website www.bccancer.bc.ca/uct/. The manual consists of 46 short monographs on the more commonly used unconventional cancer therapies (e.g., Essiac, vitamins, teas, shark cartilage) and includes tips for the patient and family on how unconventional therapies can be evaluated. For each therapy the manual provides proponent/advocate claims, as well as by evidence-based evaluation/critique quotations from the literature.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pharmacy Communities Oncology Network (CON) Educators

The BC Cancer Agency has recently developed the position of Pharmacy CON Educator for each of the four regional cancer centres, from funding received from the Health Action Plan. These pharmacists will be responsible, part time, for addressing the oncology educational needs of the pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in their region.

The priorities for professional development in oncology pharmacy were discussed at the recent Partners in Cancer Care Meeting, held in Vancouver in November. The first priority was identified to be a needs-assessment of the development goals of oncology pharmacists and pharmacy technicians so that an appropriate curriculum may be developed. Each Pharmacy CON Educator will be contacting their regional CON pharmacies to accomplish this task. If you wish to contact your regional Pharmacy CON Educator to discuss your professional development needs, please feel free to call:

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Benefit Drug List (1 December 2001)	BenefitList.doc
Class 2 Form (1 December 2001)	Class2.doc
Filgrastim Usage Form (1 June 2001)	GCSF_form.doc

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