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FAX request form and IN TOUCH phone list are provided if additional information is needed.

## BENEFIT DRUG LIST

The following new program has been funded by the Provincial Systemic Therapy Program effective:

- Trastuzumab in combination with vinorelbine for breast cancer

This new indication is now added to the existing Class II drug on the benefit list. A Class II form

must be completed and submitted to the Provincial Systemic Therapy Program before the drug will be dispensed at a regional cancer centre or reimbursed to a community hospital.

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The current Benefit Drug List and Class II forms are available on the website [www.bccancer.bc.ca](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca).

## PROTOCOL UPDATE

**Protocols by Drugs Index** A cross-referenced index has been created which 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)
- **BRAVTRNAV** new: Palliative therapy for metastatic breast cancer using trastuzumab (Herceptin®) and vinorelbine
- **CNCCNU** revised (new indications added, reformatted): Lomustine (CCNU) for first line treatment of recurrent malignant brain tumors
- **CNMODPCV** revised (new indications added, dose modifications clarified, reformatted): Modified PCV adjuvant chemotherapy grade III astrocytoma
- **CNTEMOZ** revised (new indications added, reformatted): Second line therapy for recurrent malignant gliomas using temozolomide

- **SCHYPCAL** revised (cost of pamidronate dose): Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of malignancy related hypercalcemia

Most protocols are available on the BC Cancer Agency website [www.bccancer.bc.ca](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca).

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### CANCER MANAGEMENT MANUAL

**Breast Tumour** section has been revised.

**Guidelines for the Care of Radiation Skin Reactions** is a new section added to the Manual.

**Guidelines for the Care of Chronic Ulcerating Malignant Skin Lesions** is a new section added to the Manual.

The Cancer Management Manual is available on BC Cancer Agency website [www.bccancer.bc.ca](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca).

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### 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:

- **BRAVCLOD** (pre-printed order entitled BRCLODIV) revised (labs and clodronate infusion time): Therapy for bone metastases in breast cancer using clodronate
- **BRAVPAM** (pre-printed order entitled BRCLODIV) revised (labs and clodronate infusion time): Therapy for bone metastases in breast cancer using clodronate
- **UBRAJACT** (pre-printed order entitled BRAVTAX) revised (Class II eligibility, labs and appointments): Adjuvant therapy for breast cancer using doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide followed by paclitaxel
- **CNTAMCAR** new: In-house phase II pilot study utilizing carboplatin and high dose tamoxifen
- **GIGAI** new: Combined modality adjuvant therapy for completely resected gastric adenocarcinoma using fluorouracil + folinic acid (leucovorin) + radiation therapy
- **GIRLAIFF** revised: Preoperative concurrent chemotherapy and radiotherapy and

postoperative chemotherapy for locally-advanced (borderline resectable or unresectable) rectal adenocarcinoma

- **UGUGEMCIS** new: Palliative therapy for urothelial carcinoma using cisplatin and gemcitabine
- **GUPMX** new: Palliative therapy for hormone-refractory prostate cancer using mitoxantrone and prednisone
- **LYRITUX** revised (dilution volume): Treatment of lymphoma with single agent rituximab

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

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### PATIENT EDUCATION

**New Drug Information Handouts** for a number of drugs have been developed or completely revised. Please see under [Cancer Drug Manual](#) for more details.

**Dyspnea patient education pamphlet** see under [Supportive Care](#).

Patient handouts on cancer drugs are available on the H-drive ([h:everyone/systemic/chemo/pt\\_educ/](http://h:everyone/systemic/chemo/pt_educ/)) and our [website](#). Copies of these handouts are also available via Fax-back.

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### DRUG UPDATE

**Bleomycin Associated Lung Toxicity** A guideline for oxygen therapy for patients who have received bleomycin has been developed by the BC Cancer Agency GU Tumour Group and Provincial Systemic Therapy Program. It provides recommendations for oxygen therapy based on available evidence relating bleomycin pulmonary toxicity to supplemental oxygen therapy. This information has been incorporated into the Bleomycin drug monograph of the Cancer Drug Manual on our website.

**Irinotecan Safety Information Letter for patients starting GIIRFUFA** The BC Cancer Agency GI Systemic Therapy Working Group and the Provincial Systemic Therapy Program have recommended that all new patients receiving GIIRFUFA be given an additional "Irinotecan GIIRFUFA Letter" along with the usual package of

irinotecan, fluorouracil and leucovorin patient handouts. This letter was issued by Pharmacia, the manufacturer of irinotecan, at the request of Health Canada in response to preliminary safety information related to this treatment regimen from two ongoing clinical trials. This new policy is effective as of 17 September. Copies of the letter can be obtained from the H-drive ([h:\everyone\systemic\chemo\pt\\_educ\Irinotecan\\_GIIRFUFA\\_letter.doc](h:\everyone\systemic\chemo\pt_educ\Irinotecan_GIIRFUFA_letter.doc)), Fax-back or our [website irinotecan patient information handout](#).

### CANCER DRUG MANUAL

**New Drug Monographs and Patient Information** As part of the ongoing revision for the Cancer Drug Manual third edition project, the following monographs and patient information handouts have been completely revised or developed:

1. Anastrozole	11. Octreotide
2. Bicalutamide	12. Oxaliplatin
3. Capecitabine	13. Pamidronate
4. Carboplatin	14. Raltitrexed
5. Clodronate	15. Rituximab
6. Docetaxel	16. Temozolomide
7. Exemestane	17. Topotecan
8. Gemcitabine	18. Trastuzumab
9. Irinotecan	19. Tretinoin
10. Letrozole	20. Vinorelbine

Copies of these monographs and patient information have been sent out to all Communities Oncology Network hospitals. They are also available via our [website](#) and the H-drive ([h:\everyone\systemic\chemo\cancer\\_drug\\_manual\\_monographs](h:\everyone\systemic\chemo\cancer_drug_manual_monographs)).

The Cancer Drug Manual is available on the BC Cancer Agency website [www.bccancer.bc.ca](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca).

### SUPPORTIVE CARE

**Dyspnea patient education pamphlet** has been developed by the Pain and Symptom Management/Palliative Care Program. Copies are available from the BC Cancer Agency Library/Cancer Information Centre.

### 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](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca) in the BC Cancer Agency website.

### LIBRARY/CANCER INFORMATION CENTRE

**Unconventional Cancer Therapies Manual** is available on the BC Cancer Agency website at [www.bccancer.bc.ca](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca). 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

**BCCA Annual Cancer Conference** will be held at the Wall Centre, Vancouver, on 22-24 November 2001. The conference will include presentations for physicians, nurses, patient and family counsellors, pharmacists. For more details, please contact Jack Chritchley at (604) 877 6183.

### ERRATUM

**Protocol Update of BRAVDOC** in the July 2001 issue has read as follows:

- **BRAVDOC** revised (eligibility): Palliative therapy for metastatic breast cancer using docetaxel (*not* doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide)

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