

**Chemotherapy Protocol**  
**LUNG CANCER – NON-SMALL CELL (NSCLC)**  
**CISPLATIN-VINORELBINE**  
**(Intravenous)**

Regimen

- NSCLC – Cisplatin-Vinorelbine IV

Indication

- First line therapy of stage III or IV NSCLC
- Neoadjuvant therapy stage III
- WHO Performance status 0, 1, 2
- Palliative intent

Toxicity

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Adverse Effect</b>
Cisplatin	Neuropathy, nephrotoxicity, ototoxicity
Vinorelbine	Neuropathy, stomatitis, transient elevation of LFTs, pain, constipation

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

Monitoring

*Disease*

- A baseline chest x-ray should be performed before starting treatment and up to date (ideally within 1 month) cross section imaging should also be performed

Regimen

- EDTA or calculated creatinine clearance before the first cycle
- FBC, LFTs and U&Es prior to each cycle
- A chest x-ray should be performed before each cycle
- Consider formal audiology test if relevant

## Dose Modifications

The dose modifications listed are for haematological, liver and renal function only. Dose adjustments may be necessary for other toxicities as well.

In principle all dose reductions due to adverse drug reactions should not be re-escalated in subsequent cycles without consultant approval. It is also a general rule for chemotherapy that if a third dose reduction is necessary treatment should be stopped.

Please discuss all dose reductions / delays with the relevant consultant before prescribing, if appropriate. The approach may be different depending on the clinical circumstances. The following is a general guide only.

### *Haematology*

Prior to prescribing the following criteria must be met;

Prior to prescribing on day one of cycle one the following criteria must be met;

Criteria	Eligible Level
Neutrophil	equal to or more than $1.5 \times 10^9/L$
Platelets	equal to or more than $100 \times 10^9/L$

Consider blood transfusion if patient symptomatic of anaemia or haemoglobin is less than 8g/dL

If the neutrophils are less than  $1.5 \times 10^9/L$  then in the first instance delay treatment for 7 days. If counts recover at this point continue at the initial dose. If counts remain low continue with treatment using a 20% dose reduction. If the myelosuppression recurs despite this dose reduction stop treatment.

If the platelets are less than  $100 \times 10^9/L$  then in the first instance delay treatment for 7 days. If the counts recover at this point continue at the initial dose. If the counts still fall within this range continue using a 20% dose reduction. If the platelet level falls below  $50 \times 10^9/L$  reduce the dose by 50%.

Dose adjustments for day eight should be made according to local practice guidelines or procedures.

### *Hepatic Impairment*

Drug	Bilirubin $\mu\text{mol/L}$		AST/ALT units	Dose (%of original dose)
Cisplatin	No adjustment necessary			
Vinorelbine	For the intravenous preparation consider a dose reduction to $20\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ in severe liver impairment For the oral preparation consider a dose of $50\text{mg}/\text{m}^2/\text{week}$ in moderate liver impairment			

### Renal Impairment

Drug	Creatinine Clearance (ml/min)	Dose (% of original dose)
Cisplatin	more than 60	100
	45 - 59	75
	less than 45	Do not use or consider carboplatin
Vinorelbine	No dose adjustment is necessary	

### Regimen

The maximum dose of intravenous vinorelbine is 60mg.

### 21 day cycle for 4 cycles

Drug	Dose	Days	Administration
Cisplatin	80mg/m <sup>2</sup>	1	Intravenous infusion in 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with 20mmol potassium chloride at a maximum rate of 1mg cisplatin/min (minimum time 120 minutes)
Vinorelbine	30mg/m <sup>2</sup> (max dose 60mg)	1, 8	Intravenous bolus in 50ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 10 minutes

### Dose Information

- Cisplatin will be dose banded as per the CSCCN agreed bands
- Vinorelbine will be dose banded as per the CSCCN agreed bands

### Administration Information

#### Extravasation

- Cisplatin – exfoliant
- Vinorelbine – vesicant

### Additional Therapy

- Antiemetics

15-30 minutes prior to chemotherapy on **day one** only;

- aprepitant 125mg oral

- dexamethasone 4mg oral or intravenous
- ondansetron 8mg oral or intravenous

As take home medication;

- aprepitant 80mg once a day oral for 2 days
- dexamethasone 4mg once a day oral for 3 days
- metoclopramide 10mg three times a day oral when required
- ondansetron 8mg twice a day oral for 3 days

15 – 30 minutes prior to chemotherapy on **day eight** only;

- metoclopramide 10mg oral or intravenous

- Cisplatin pre and post hydration as follows;

Pre

Furosemide 40mg oral or intravenous

1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with 20mmol potassium chloride and 16mmol magnesium sulphate over 60 minutes

Post

1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with 20mmol potassium chloride and 16mmol magnesium sulphate over 60 minutes

Patients should be advised to drink at least 3 litres of fluid in the 24 hours after administration of cisplatin.

- Gastric protection with a proton pump inhibitor or H<sub>2</sub> antagonist may be considered in patients considered at high risk of GI ulceration or bleed
- Prophylactic antibiotics can be considered if required

#### [Additional Information](#)

- There are several protocols that utilise cisplatin and vinorelbine for NSCLC. Some involve radiotherapy, others do not. The dose of vinorelbine must be adjusted where radiotherapy is administered concurrently. Please ensure you have the correct protocol before prescribing.

#### [Coding](#)

- Procurement – X70.3
- Delivery – X72.1 / X72.4

#### References

1. National Institute of Clinical Excellence (2005). CG24. The Diagnosis and Treatment of Lung Cancer. Methods, Evidence and Guidance. DOH: London.
2. Gebbia V, Galetta D, Lorusso V et al. Cisplatin plus weekly vinorelbine versus cisplatin plus vinorelbine on days 1 and 8 in advanced non-small cell lung cancer: a prospective randomised phase III trial of the G.O.I.M. Lung Cancer 2008; 61 (3): 369-377.

**REGIMEN SUMMARY**  
**Cisplatin-Vinorelbine IV**

**Day One**

1. Aprepitant 125mg oral
2. Dexamethasone 4mg oral or intravenous
3. Ondansetron 8mg oral or intravenous
4. Furosemide 40mg oral or intravenous
5. 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with 20mmol potassium chloride and 16mmol magnesium sulphate over 60 minutes
6. Vinorelbine 30mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenous infusion in 50ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 10 minutes
7. Cisplatin 80mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenous infusion in 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with 20mmol potassium chloride at a maximum rate of 1mg cisplatin/minute (minimum time 120 minutes)
8. 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with 20mmol potassium chloride and 16mmol magnesium sulphate over 60 minutes

**Take Home Medicines**

9. Aprepitant 80mg once a day for 2 days starting on day 2 of the cycle oral
10. Dexamethasone 4mg once a day for 3 days starting on day 2 of the cycle oral
11. Metoclopramide 10mg three times a day when required oral
12. Ondansetron 8mg twice a day for 3 days starting on the evening of day 1 of the cycle oral

**Day Eight**

13. Metoclopramide 10mg oral or intravenous
14. Vinorelbine 30mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenous infusion in 50ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 10 minutes

## DOCUMENT CONTROL

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All actions have been taken to ensure these protocols are correct. However, no responsibility can be taken for errors which occur as a result of following these guidelines.