

## Chemotherapy Protocol

### HAEMATOLOGY – HSCT AUTOGRAFT

#### InP - MELPHALAN and BORTEZOMIB (IV)

Please confirm correct protocol with transplant schedule

#### Regimen

- HSCT – InP - Melphalan-Bortezomib (IV)

#### Indication

- Conditioning for haematopoietic stem cell transplant in patients with multiple myeloma

#### Toxicity

| Drug       | Adverse Effect  |
|------------|---|
| Melphalan  | Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomatitis, alopecia and myelosuppression  |
| Bortezomib | GI disturbances, peripheral neuropathy, hypotension, dizziness, blurred vision, headache, musculoskeletal pain, pyrexia |

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

#### Monitoring

##### *Drugs*

- FBC, LFTs and U&Es prior to initiating treatment
- GFR measurement done by Nuclear Medicine or creatinine clearance calculation prior to first day of treatment.

#### Dose Modifications

The dose modifications listed are for liver and renal function. Dose adjustments may be necessary for other co-morbidities as well which will involve discussions with the Transplant Director, Senior Transplant Clinician or patient's consultant.

#### *Haematological*

Confirm with transplant consultant before proceeding if there are signs of disease relapse.

### Hepatic Impairment

| Drug       | Bilirubin $\mu\text{mol/L}$ | AST/ALT units/L | Dose (% of original dose)                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Bortezomib | 1.5xULN or below            | N/A             | 100%  |
|            | greater than 1.5xULN        | N/A             | Consider initiating treatment at 0.7mg/m <sup>2</sup> |

No information is available on melphalan in hepatic impairment. No dose changes recommended.

### Renal Impairment

| Drug       | Creatinine Clearance (ml/min) | Dose (% of original dose)                                 |
|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Melphalan  | greater than 50ml/min         | 200mg/m <sup>2</sup>                                      |
|            | 30 – 50ml/min                 | 140 mg/m <sup>2</sup>                                     |
|            | less than 30 ml/min           | Clinical decision, high dose melphalan is not recommended |
| Bortezomib | greater than 20               | 100%  |
|            | 20 and below                  | Clinical decision   |

### Other

#### Bortezomib

Neuropathic pain and/or peripheral neuropathy

For patients experiencing NCI-CTC grade 1 neuropathy continue with full dose

For NCI-CTC grade 1 with pain or grade 2 neuropathy reduce the dose of bortezomib to 1mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Regimen

| Drug       | Dose                 | Days      | Administration  |
|------------|----------------------|-----------|---|
| Melphalan  | 200mg/m <sup>2</sup> | -1        | Intravenous infusion in 500ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 30 minutes                                |
| Bortezomib | 1.3mg/m <sup>2</sup> | -1 and +4 | Intravenous bolus over 5 seconds<br>Day -1 to be given at least 12 hours after melphalan infusion |

#### Dose Information

- The melphalan dose is rounded **down** to the nearest 10mg. The National Dose Banding Team have advised not to use dose banding tables for this product in view of the 90 minute expiry (must be made locally for individual patient), the 50mg vial size and frequent stock shortages.
- Bortezomib will be dose banded in accordance with the national dose bands

### Administration Information

- Bortezomib IV on day -1 to be given at least 12 hours after melphalan infusion

### Extravasation

- Melphalan – non-vesicant

### Additional Therapy

- Antiemetics

- aprepitant 125mg once a day prior to melphalan followed by 80mg once a day for the subsequent two days oral
- dexamethasone 4mg each morning for three days oral
- metoclopramide 10mg three times a day oral or intravenous until nausea subsides
- ondansetron 8mg twice a day oral or intravenous for ten days then review

- Antimicrobials

Antimicrobials should be prescribed according to the institution guideline and may include:

- ciprofloxacin 250mg twice daily from day +5 to continue whilst neutropenic
- antifungal for example fluconazole 100mg once daily from admission until recovery from neutropenia
- antivirals for example aciclovir 400mg twice or three times a day from admission to continue after discharge

- Growth factors according to local formulary choice.

For example:

- filgrastim or bioequivalent 30million units subcutaneous once a day starting from day +7 to continue until neutrophils are more than 0.5.
- lenograstim or bioequivalent 33.6million units subcutaneous once a day starting from day +5 to continue until neutrophils are more than 0.5.

- Gastric protection with a proton pump inhibitor should be prescribed throughout admission

- Mouthwashes including:

- nystatin 1ml four times a day to continue until count recovery
- sodium chloride 0.9% 10ml four times a day to continue until count recovery

- Thromboprophylaxis -in accordance with individual transplant schedule

- Premedication for stem cell transfusion -chlorphenamine 10mg intravenous - paracetamol 1000mg oral

- Intravenous hydration before and after melphalan infusion prescribed on inpatient prescribing system or using paper proforma (appendix 1)

The evening before melphalan infusion (to be completed by 0930 on the morning of the infusion)

sodium chloride 0.9% with potassium chloride 27mmol 1000ml

The day of melphalan infusion

0900hrs Start fluid chart and daily weights. Contact pharmacy to make melphalan infusion for delivery to ward at 1045hrs

0930hrs 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% intravenous infusion over 90 minutes

1010hrs 20mg furosemide intravenous bolus

1045hrs Measure urine output since 0900hrs •

If more than 500ml continue with melphalan infusion •

If less than 500ml give second furosemide 20mg intravenous bolus dose and check urine output since 0900hrs again at 1100hrs:

- if more than 500ml go ahead with melphalan
- if less than 500ml contact the prescriber.

1100hrs – give melphalan intravenous infusion over thirty minutes (this product has a short expiry so adhering to set timing is essential)

1130hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% intravenous infusion over 120 minutes

1330hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with potassium chloride 27mmol intravenous infusion over 240 minutes

1730hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% intravenous infusion over 360 minutes

2330hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with potassium chloride 27mmol intravenous infusion over 480 minutes

• The day after melphalan infusion:

0730hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% intravenous infusion over 480 minutes then restart routine intravenous fluids

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## REGIMEN SUMMARY

### InP-Melphalan-Bortezomib IV

#### Day -1

1. Warning – Check supportive medication prescribed  
Administration instructions

Please refer to the individual transplant schedule for full details of the required supportive medicines on inpatient prescribing system

1. Antibacterials in accordance with individual transplant schedule
2. Antifungals in accordance with the individual transplant schedule
3. Antivirals in accordance with the individual transplant schedule
4. Thromboprophylaxis in accordance with individual transplant schedule
5. Growth factors in accordance with the individual transplant schedule
6. Aprepitant 125mg once a day on the day of melphalan administration followed by 80mg once a day for two days afterwards
7. Dexamethasone 4mg in the morning with each dose of aprepitant
8. Metoclopramide 10mg three times a day oral or intravenous
9. Ondansetron 8mg twice a day oral or intravenous
10. Gastric protection in accordance with the individual transplant schedule
11. Nystatin mouthwash 1ml four times a day
12. Sodium chloride 0.9% mouthwash 10ml four times a day
13. Chlorphenamine 10mg intravenous when required as a premedication for stem cells
14. Paracetamol 1000mg oral when required as a premedication for stem cells
15. Furosemide 20mg up four times a day when required for the treatment of fluid overload intravenous
16. Melphalan hydration on paper chart (Appendix 1 of protocol)
17. Heparin line lock in accordance with local central venous access device management procedure
18. Reminders for melphalan and stem cells administration

2. Warning – Check hydration and fluid balance

#### Administration Instructions

See separate hydration prescription chart for the pre hydration (Appendix 1):

1. Overnight to be completed at 0930hrs on day of melphalan infusion, 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with potassium chloride 27mmol intravenous infusion The day of melphalan infusion:
2. 0900hrs on the day of melphalan start fluid chart and daily weights. Contact pharmacy to make melphalan infusion for delivery to ward at 1045hrs
3. 0930hrs 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% intravenous infusion over 90 minutes
4. 1010hrs 20mg furosemide intravenous bolus
5. 1045hrs Measure urine output since 0900hrs If more than 500ml continue with melphalan infusion If less than 500ml give second furosemide 20mg dose intravenous bolus and recheck urine output since 0900hrs again at 1100hrs:
  - if more than 500ml go ahead with melphalan
  - if less than 500ml contact prescriber

3. Time— Administer melphalan at 1100hrs
4. Melphalan 200mg  $\text{mg/m}^2$  intravenous infusion in 500ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 30 minutes  
Administration Instructions - see separate hydration prescription chart for the post hydration (Appendix 1 of protocol)
  1. 1100hrs – give melphalan intravenous infusion over thirty minutes
  2. 1130hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% intravenous infusion over two hours
  3. 1330hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with potassium chloride 27mmol intravenous infusion over four hours
  4. 1730hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% intravenous infusion over six hours
  5. 2330hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% with potassium chloride 27mmol intravenous infusion over eight hours
  6. The day after melphalan infusion: 0730hrs - 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% intravenous infusion over eight hours and then restart routine intravenous fluids as clinically indicated.
5. Bortezomib 1.3mg/ $\text{m}^2$  intravenous bolus over 5 seconds  
Administration instructions  
To be given at least 12 hours after melphalan infusion

#### **Day +4**

6. Bortezomib 1.3mg/ $\text{m}^2$  intravenous bolus over 5 seconds

## DOCUMENT CONTROL

| Version | Date         | Amendment | Written By                                | Approved By                                 |
|---------|--------------|-----------|---|---|
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All actions have been taken to ensure these protocols are correct. However, no responsibility can be taken for errors that occur as a result of following these guidelines.