

Systemic Anti Cancer Treatment Protocol

PAM AM

Cisplatin Doxorubicin Methotrexate

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Doxorubicin Methotrexate

PROTOCOL REF: MPHACIDOME
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Approved for use in:

Osteosarcoma, resectable – methotrexate to be used with caution in patients over 40 years High grade bone sarcomas
Leiomyosarcoma of bone

Dosage and Schedule: Neo-adjuvant / postoperative schedule

| | Cycle – PAM | | | | | Cycle 2 – PAM | | | | | Surgery | Cycle 3 – PAM | | | | |
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| | PA | | | M | M | PA | | | M | M | | PA | | | M | M |
| Day | D1 | | | D22 | D29 | D1 | | | D22 | D29 | | D1 | | | D22 | D29 |
| Wk | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | 5 Weeks | | | | | 5 Weeks | | | | | | 5 Weeks | | | | |

| | Cycle 4 – PAM | | | | | Cycle 5 - AM | | | | Cycle 6 - AM | | | |
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| | PA | | | M | M | A | | M | M | A | | M | M |
| Day | D1 | | | D22 | D29 | D1 | | D15 | D22 | D1 | | D15 | D22 |
| Wk | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | 5 Weeks | | | | | 4 Weeks | | | | 4 Weeks | | | |

P – Cisplatin
A – Doxorubicin
M - Methotrexate

PAM – Cisplatin Doxorubicin Methotrexate C1- C4

| Drug | Dosage | Route | Frequency |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Cisplatin | 60mg/m ² days 1 and 2 | IV | Every 35 days |
| Doxorubicin | 37.5mg/m ² days 1 and 2 | IV | Every 35 days |
| Methotrexate | 12gram/m ² days 22, 29 | IV | Every 35 days |

AM – Doxorubicin Methotrexate C5 + C6

| Drug | Dosage | Route | Frequency |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Doxorubicin | 37.5mg/m ² days 1 and 2 | IV | Every 28 days |
| Methotrexate | 12gram/m ² days 15, 22 | IV | Every 28 days |

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Supportive treatments:

Anti-emetic risk

High with Cisplatin and

High with Methotrexate

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| Cisplatin Days |
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Pre-Meds

Aprepitant PO – 125mg STAT then 80mg on D2 + D3

Ondansetron PO – 24mg STAT then 24mg on D2

Dexamethasone PO – 12mg STAT

Take Home

Dexamethasone – 4mg BD on D3-D5

Filgrastim – commence on day 3 for 7 days, then review FBC -
continue if neuts low

Domperidone - 10mg oral tablets, up to 3 times a day or as required

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| Methotrexate Days |
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Pre-Meds

Ondansetron PO – 16mg STAT

Dexamethasone PO – 12mg STAT

Take Home

Dexamethasone – 4mg BD on D3-D5

Filgrastim – commence on day 3 for 7 days, then review FBC -
continue if neuts low

Domperidone - 10mg oral tablets, up to 3 times a day or as required

Extravasation risk:

Cisplatin – Irritant

Doxorubicin – vesicant; see trust / network protocol specific treatment may apply

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Administration: (PA) Cisplatin Doxorubicin – D1 + D2 of C1-C4

| Day | Drug | Dosage | Route | Diluent and Rate |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------|-------|---|
| 1 | Aprepitant 30 mins before chemotherapy | 125mg | PO | |
| 1 | Ondansetron 30 mins before chemotherapy | 24mg | PO | |
| 1 | Dexamethasone 30 mins before chemotherapy | 12mg | PO | |
| 1 | Doxorubicin | 37.5mg/m² | IV | 100mL sodium chloride 0.9% over 24 hours |
| 1 | Furosemide | 20mg | PO | |
| 1 | Sodium chloride 0.9% 1000mL with 20mmol potassium chloride | 1000mL | IV | Infuse over 90 minutes |
| 1 | Measure urine output volume and record If urine output averages 100mL/hour over previous 3 hours then proceed with cisplatin infusion If urine output is less than 100mL/hour the patient should be assessed and further 500mL sodium chloride 0.9% given IV over 30 minutes | | | |
| 1 | Cisplatin | 60mg/m² | IV | 1000mL sodium chloride 0.9% over 90 minutes |
| 1 | Sodium chloride 0.9% 1000mL with 20mmol potassium chloride | 1000mL | IV | Infuse over 90 minutes |
| 2 | Aprepitant | 80mg | PO | To be given 24 hours after the day 1 dose |
| 2 | Ondansetron | 24mg | PO | To be given 24 hours after the day 1 dose |
| 2 | Dexamethasone | 12mg | PO | To be given 24 hours after the day 1 dose |
| 2 | Doxorubicin | 37.5mg/m² | IV | 100ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 24 hours |
| 2 | Furosemide | 20mg | PO | |
| 2 | Sodium chloride 0.9% 1000mL with 20mmol potassium chloride | 1000mL | IV | Infusion over 90 minutes |
| 2 | Monitor urine output – see day 1 | | | |
| 2 | Cisplatin | 60mg/m² | IV | 1000mL sodium chloride 0.9% over 90 minutes |
| 2 | Sodium Chloride 0.9% 1000mL with 20mmol potassium chloride | 1000ml | IV | Infusion over 90 minutes |
| 3 | Aprepitant | 80mg | PO | To be given 24 hours after day 2 dose |
| 3 to 5 | Dexamethasone | 4mg | PO | Twice daily for 3 days |
| 3 to 9 | Filgrastim | 30 or 48MU | SC | To be injected daily for 7 days, then repeat FBC |

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Administration: (A) Doxorubicin on D1 of cycles 5 + 6

| Day | Drug | Dosage | Route | Diluent and Rate |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------|-------|---|
| 1 | Ondansetron 30 mins before chemotherapy | 24mg | PO | |
| 1 | Dexamethasone 30 mins before chemotherapy | 12mg | PO | |
| 1 | Doxorubicin | 37.5mg/m² | IV | 100mL sodium chloride 0.9% over 24 hours |
| 2 | Ondansetron | 24mg | PO | To be given 24 hours after the day 1 dose |
| 2 | Dexamethasone | 12mg | PO | To be given 24 hours after the day 1 dose |
| 2 | Doxorubicin | 37.5mg/m² | IV | 100ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 24 hours |
| 3 to 9 | Filgrastim | 30 or 48MU | SC | To be injected daily for 7 days, then repeat FBC |

**Administration: (M) High Dose Methotrexate on D22 + D29 of PAM
D15+ D22 of AM**

Calculate creatinine clearance – must be above 70mL/min prior to methotrexate. Measure urine pH and commence intravenous fluids, starting 12 hours prior to methotrexate administration

| Time | Drug | Dosage | Route | Diluent and Rate |
|----------|--|--------|----------|------------------------------------|
| T -24hrs | Sodium bicarbonate tablets 3000mg | | PO | 6 x 500mg tablets |
| T -20hrs | Sodium bicarbonate tablets 3000mg | | PO | 6 x 500mg tablets |
| T -16hrs | Sodium bicarbonate tablets 3000mg | | PO | 6 x 500mg tablets |
| | Patient admitted Measure urine pH Take UECs Calculate creatinine clearance – must be above 70mL/min | | | |
| T-12hrs | 70mL of sodium bicarbonate 8.4% added to 1000mL sodium chloride 0.9% | | IV | Infuse over 4 hours |
| T-8hrs | 70mL of sodium bicarbonate 8.4% added to 1000mL sodium chloride 0.9% | | IV | Infuse over 4 hours |
| T-4hrs | 70mL of sodium bicarbonate 8.4% added to 1000mL sodium chloride 0.9% | | IV | Infuse over 4 hours |
| T-½hr | Ondansetron tablets 16mg Dexamethasone 12mg | | PO PO | 2 x 8mg tablets 6 x 2mg tablets |

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| Time | Drug | Dosage | Route | Diluent and Rate |
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| T0 | Measure urine pH pH ≥ 8 = Commence methotrexate infusion if urine pH <8 = administer additional oral dose of 3g sodium bicarbonate and continue with further intravenous infusions until pH ≥ 8 | | | |
| T0 | Sodium Bicarbonate | 3000mg | PO | To be taken as the methotrexate infusion commences |
| T0 | Methotrexate + concurrent hydration | 12 gram/m² | IV | Infuse over 4 hours <i>Record the time administration commenced</i> |
| T+4hrs | 70mL of sodium bicarbonate 8.4% added to 1000mL sodium chloride 0.9% | | IV | Infuse over 4 hours |
| T+8hrs | 70mL of sodium bicarbonate 8.4% added to 1000mL sodium chloride 0.9% | | IV | Infuse over 4 hours |
| T+12hrs | 70mL of sodium bicarbonate 8.4% added to 1000mL sodium chloride 0.9% | | IV | Infuse over 4 hours |
| T+16hrs Then continuous | Continue with intravenous fluids at rate of 3000mL every 24 hours Back to back REPEATED infusions until methotrexate level < 0.1 micromol/L Maintain pH ≥ 8 with intravenous and oral sodium bicarbonate | | IV | Give 1000ml sodium chloride 0.9% every 8 hours |
| T+24hrs | Take Methotrexate level | | | |
| T+24hrs | Folinic acid rescue*Commence initial rate folinic acid rescue exactly 24 hours after the start of the methotrexate infusion | 30mg | IV | See table for doses In 100ml NaCl 0.9% over 30 minutes |
| T+48hrs T+72hrs T+96hrs etc | Take Methotrexate level Adjust Folinic acid rate as per table Repeat levels every 24hrs and adjust as per table Once level <0.1 micromol/L – stop folinic acid – stop IV fluids – no further levels required | | | |
| T+48hrs (Day 3) | Filgrastim | 30 or 48MU | SC | To be injected daily for 7 days, then repeat FBC |

Folinic acid rescue:

Please refer to PAM FOLINIC ACID prescribing guide for guidance on prescribing on Meditech.

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| BSA | Methotrexate plasma concentration (micromol/L) | | | |
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| | <0.1 | 0.1 – 2.0 INITIAL RATE | 2.0 – 20 Escalation Level 1 | 20 – 100 Escalation Level 2* |
| ≤2.0m ² | Discontinue folinic acid | 30mg Q6H | 30mg Q3H | 100mg/m ² Q3H |
| >2.0m ² | | 45mg Q6H | 45mg Q3H | |
| in 100ml NaCl 0.9% over 30 minutes | | | | |

***For any methotrexate level >100 micromol/L inform consultant and pharmacy immediately.**

Filgrastim dose:

For patients < 70kg: 30MU subcutaneous injection daily

For patients' ≥ 70kg: 48MU subcutaneous injection daily

Notes:

Double lumen PICC line is required to administer this regimen

Cisplatin

Ensure adequate hydration pre and post cisplatin

Check and correct electrolytes, Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺, K⁺ before starting cisplatin and check them regularly throughout treatment.

Check patient's weight before and after each cisplatin infusion, maintain a strict fluid balance chart, ensure urine output is adequate.

Doxorubicin

Maximum cumulative dose of doxorubicin: 450 to 550mg/m²

Perform baseline MUGA if patient is considered at risk of significantly impaired cardiac contractility. If cardiac ejection fraction < 50% discuss

Methotrexate

Do not give methotrexate if renal function is abnormal or in the presence

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of a third space Note the time the methotrexate infusion is started

Ensure adequate fluid with electrolytes and bicarbonate is given to maintain urine output and alkalinity. Continue alkalinised fluids until Methotrexate levels are < 0.1micromol/L

Note that transient rises in liver transaminases are expected with high dose methotrexate and are not an indication for dose modification – see toxicities below

Main Toxicities:

Cisplatin:

Mucositis, nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain, alopecia, diarrhoea, fatigue, skin rash, neurotoxicity, allergic reactions, ototoxicity, ovarian failure/infertility.

Doxorubicin:

Myelosuppression, alopecia, mucositis, cardiomyopathy, ovarian failure / infertility

Methotrexate:

Myelosuppression, nephrotoxicity, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, mucositis,

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Investigations and treatment plan

| | Pre | Cycle 1 | Cycle 2 | Cycle 3 | Cycle 4 | Cycle 5 | Cycle 6 | Ongoing |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Medical Assessment | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Every cycle |
| Nursing Assessment | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Every cycle |
| ECHO | X | | | | | | | After cycle 4 or if clinically indicated |
| FBC | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Cycles 1 to 4: day 1, 10, 22 and 29 Cycles 5 and 6: day 1, 10, 15 and 22 |
| U&E & LFT* | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Cycles 1 to 4: day 1, 22 and 29 Cycles 5 and 6: day 1, 15 and 22 Repeat daily whilst receiving methotrexate |
| Mg2+ and Ca2+ | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Every cycle, day 1 |
| CrCl (Cockroft and Gault) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Cycles 1 to 4: day 1, 22 and 29 Cycles 5 and 6: day 1, 15 and 22 |
| Urine pH | | X | X | X | X | X | X | 4 to 6 hourly during methotrexate |
| CT/MRI scan | X | | | X | | | | At the end of treatment |
| Informed Consent | X | | | | | | | |
| ECG | X | | | | | | | Repeat if clinically indicated |
| Blood pressure measurement | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Repeat if clinically indicated |
| PS recorded | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Every cycle |
| Toxicities documented | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Every cycle |
| Audiometry | | | | X | | | | If indicated |
| Weight recorded | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Every cycle |

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Dose Modifications and Toxicity Management:

Haematological toxicity

For Doxorubicin Cisplatin (AP) and Doxorubicin (with cycles 5 and 6)

Proceed on day 1 if:-

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| ANC $\geq 0.75 \times 10^9/L$ | Platelets $\geq 75 \times 10^9/L$ |
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Delay on day 1 if:-

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| ANC $\leq 0.75 \times 10^9/L$ | Platelets $\leq 75 \times 10^9/L$ |
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Repeat every 2 to 3 days until above criteria are met.

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| No previous dose reductions | Treat at full dose |
| Repeated delays or delay < 7days | Consider adjusting filgrastim regimen |
| If delays > 7days despite GCSF | Reduce cisplatin by 25% |
| Febrile neutropenia with or without documented infection Any grade 4 toxicities and consider for grade 3 | Further episodes despite filgrastim – reduce cisplatin by 25% |

Note: it is essential patients stay on schedule before and after surgery. Discuss any delays or dose alterations with consultant first.

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Non-haematological toxicity

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| Renal | Cisplatin | |
| | Renal Function | Action |
| | SrCr > 1.5 x baseline or GFR <70mL/min/1.73m ² | Delay ONE week. If no improvement omit cisplatin and proceed with doxorubicin alone. Resume cisplatin when GFR >70mL/min/1.73m ² |
| | Methotrexate | |
| | Renal Function | Action |
| | GFR <70mL/min/1.73m ² | Delay one week, if no improvement omit methotrexate and proceed to next possible cycle. Resume Methotrexate when GFR > 70mL/min/1.73m ² |
| Hepatic | Billirubin (micromol/L) | Doxorubicin dose (%) |
| | <21 | 100 |
| | 22 to 35 | 75 |
| | 36 to 52 | 50 |
| | 53 to 86 | 25 |
| | >87 | OMIT |
| Mucositis Diarrhoea Abdominal pain | Mucositis grade 4 or typhlitis (neutropenic enterocolitis) or repeated grade 3 mucositis Diarrhoea Severe abdominal pain | Delay until resolved and reduce subsequent doxorubicin to 60mg/m ² /cycle |
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| Cardiac | LVEF <50% | Repeat ECHO or MUGA in one week. If ECHO or MUGA within normal range proceed with chemotherapy If LVEF does not recover, omit all further doxorubicin |
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| Neuropathy | Grade 2 | Reduce cisplatin by 25% for all subsequent cycles |
| | ≥Grade 3 | Omit cisplatin for all future cycles |
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Methotrexate (M)

Note: no dose reductions will apply

Proceed on day of treatment if:-

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| ANC $\geq 0.25 \times 10^9/L$ | Platelets $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$ |
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| Myelosuppression | ANC $< 0.25 \times 10^9/L$ OR WBC $< 1.0 \times 10^9/L$ OR Plts $< 50 \times 10^9/L$ | Delay until recovery then proceed with full dose |
| | Renal | |
| If GFR $< 70\text{mL}/\text{min}/1.73\text{m}^2$ delay until recovery | | |

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| Hepatic | Abnormal LFT not methotrexate induced | Delay one week – Give if ALT $< 10 \times \text{ULN}$ |
| | Elevated LFT probably methotrexate induced (up to 3 weeks after) | No dose alterations expected |
| | Bilirubin $> 1.25 \times \text{ULN}$ persistent for > 3 weeks | Discontinue Methotrexate |
| Mucositis grade 3 or 4 or diarrhoea after methotrexate | Consider calcium folinate rescue adjustment Check for any drugs that might reduce excretion – such as NSAIDs, penicillin | |
| Diarrhoea or severe abdominal pain | Persisting > 1 week and present on day 29 of PAM | Omit day 29 Methotrexate and proceed to next cycle of chemotherapy or surgery |
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