

Phone: 800-809-1265

**STANDARD RITUXIMAB PLAN OF TREATMENT**

(Re)Certification Period From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Patient is *ineligible* to receive Rituximab if receiving antibiotic for active infectious process due to the possibility of developing a superinfection related to its effect on the immune status, or has a suspected infectious process.

Patients Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ht \_\_\_\_\_ Wt \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIAGNOSIS:** .  714.0 or  714.2 Rheumatoid Arthritis

**Physician Office to Complete:**

1. Has your patient had failure, intolerance, or contraindication to conventional therapy?  
 Yes                       No
2. If yes, please specify, treatment/medication tried and outcomes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PREMEDICATE:**

Thirty minutes prior to infusion with Acetaminophen 650mg PO, Diphenhydramine 25mg IVP & Methylprednisolone 125mg IVP.

Or  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Obtain weight each visit.

Vital signs: baseline, every 15 minutes for one hour beginning at start of infusion, then every 30 minutes until infusion is complete, and 30 minutes after completion for the first 2 treatments. After first round of Rituxan VS: baseline, every 30 mins until complete then 30 after completion. Instruct patient/caregiver on medications, signs/symptoms of adverse reaction.

Assess patient for response to therapy. Pump, tubings, and supplies needed to complete prescribed therapy.

**If adverse drug reaction, implement the Standard Adverse Reaction Protocol.**

Utilize existing central line for administration, or initiate a peripheral IV with each infusion, prn.

Normal Saline Flush 3-10 ml before infusion, after primary drug has infused, Infuse Normal Saline 0.9% or D5W 20-50 ml to flush tubing/line followed by Heparin Lock 1 – 5 ml 100 unit/ml as needed per line type.

**DOSE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Rituximab 1000mg IV per 500ml normal saline to infuse per protocol **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**FREQUENCY:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Orders to be completed at \_\_\_0, \_\_\_2 weeks and \_\_\_\_\_ every 4 months or \_\_\_\_\_ every 6 months

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Orders: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:**

Pharmacist to perform clinical drug monitoring.

( No Stamped Signatures, Please)

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Dispense as written)

(Substitution permitted)

Print Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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