

# Renal Immune-Related Adverse Event Management Algorithm

Grading of Creatinine Elevation	Action	Follow up
<p><b>Grade 1</b></p> <p>Creatinine mildly elevated but &lt;1.5 x baseline</p> <p>(Note: Baseline = lowest value in last 3 months)</p>	<p><b>Investigations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review hydration status and medications</li> <li>Urine dip – for PCR if proteinuria</li> <li>Urine cultures if UTI symptoms</li> <li>If obstruction suspected, then renal US to exclude obstruction</li> </ul> <p><b>Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue ICI therapy</li> </ul>	<p><b>If remains stable / resolves:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue ICI therapy but monitor creatinine weekly</li> </ul> <p><b>If worsens:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treat as G2 or 3/4</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grade 2</b></p> <p>Creatinine 1.5 – 3 x ULN</p>	<p><b>Investigations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urinalysis</li> <li>Renal USS</li> <li>Consider glomerulonephritis (GN) screen*</li> <li>Refer to renal team for consideration of biopsy</li> </ul> <p><b>Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold I-O therapy</li> <li>Repeat Creatinine in 48-72h – if not improving then for discussion with renal for biopsy</li> <li>Start prednisolone 1mg/kg with gastric protection</li> </ul>	<p><b>If improves to G1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taper oral steroids over 6-8 weeks (see separate document)</li> <li>Consider resuming I-O therapy if creatinine returns to baseline and steroid treatment complete.</li> </ul> <p><b>If elevation persists more than 5 days or worsens after initial improvement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treat as G3/4</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grade 3 – 4</b></p> <p>Creatinine more than 3 x ULN or more than 3 x baseline</p>	<p><b>Investigations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per G2</li> <li>Refer to renal team for consideration of biopsy</li> </ul> <p><b>Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discontinue I-O therapy</li> <li>Admit patient</li> <li>1-2mg/kg IV Methylprednisolone OD or pulse dose with 250-500mg IV Methylprednisolone for 3 days (+ gastric protection)</li> <li>Daily weight and fluid balance</li> <li>Daily U+Es</li> </ul>	<p><b>If improves to G1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Switch to oral prednisolone 1mg/kg OD (max 60mg OD)</li> <li>Taper oral steroids over at least 2 months (see separate document)</li> <li>Ensure early follow-up with home team</li> <li>Weekly renal function as OP after discharge</li> <li>PCP prophylaxis and bone protection for all patients on high-dose steroids (&gt;20mg PO prednisolone for &gt;4 weeks)</li> </ul> <p><b>If worsens:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider MMF 250-500mg BD +/- 10mg prednisolone directed by renal team.</li> </ul>

\*GN Screen: ANA, complement C3 & C4, ANCA, anti-GBM, hepatitis B and C, HIV, immunoglobulins and protein electrophoresis.

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