

## PACLITAXEL CISPLATIN

### INDICATION (ICD10) C56

1. First line treatment of ovarian cancer for carboplatin allergic patients.
2. Recurrent ovarian cancer for carboplatin allergic patients.  
PS 0, 1 or 2

### REGIMEN

#### Drugs can be given in any order

Day 1	<b>Premedication</b> 30 minutes prior to paclitaxel: Chlorphenamine 10mg IV bolus Dexamethasone 20mg IV bolus			
	<b>PACLITAXEL</b>	175mg/m <sup>2</sup>	IV infusion	#ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 3 hours
	Prehydration			
	<b>CISPLATIN</b>	60mg/m <sup>2</sup>	IV infusion	#ml sodium chloride 0.9% over 2 hours
	Post hydration			

# diluent volume for dose prescribed as per national standardised product specification

### CYCLE FREQUENCY AND NUMBER OF CYCLES

Every 21 days for 6 cycles

### ANTI-EMETICS

High emetic risk day 1

### CONCURRENT MEDICATION REQUIRED

Cisplatin	Ensure adequate pre and post hydration. If urine output is <100 ml/hour or if patient gains >2kg in weight during IV administration post cisplatin give 20-40mg furosemide PO/IV.
Paclitaxel	Ensure premedication given before paclitaxel

### EXTRAVASATION AND TYPE OF LINE / FILTERS

Cisplatin - exfoliant

Paclitaxel – vesicant

Administer paclitaxel via polyethylene lined or DEHP free administration set with ≤0.22micron filter  
Central or peripheral line

### INVESTIGATIONS

Blood results required before SACT administration

FBC, U&E including Mg <sup>++</sup> (>0.4) and LFTs Neutrophils x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L ≥1.0 provided patient is well Platelets ≥100x10 <sup>9</sup> /L	baseline and every cycle
GFR assessed using EDTA result (BMI <19 or >30 or calculated creatinine clearance at the Consultant's discretion)	baseline and every cycle
Serum creatinine	baseline and every cycle
CA125	baseline and day 1 every cycle
Virology	before cycle 1 if not previously checked
Weight	baseline and every cycle

## MAIN TOXICITIES AND ADVERSE REACTIONS

Cisplatin	Nephrotoxicity – ensure adequate pre and post hydration is prescribed. Ototoxicity – assess patient for tinnitus or hearing abnormalities.
Paclitaxel	(2% risk of severe hypersensitivity) Reactions range from mild hypotension (light-headedness) to full cardiac collapse (anaphylactic shock). Discontinue infusion and resuscitate appropriate to reaction. If reaction is mild and settles promptly (i.e. within 5-10 minutes), cautiously restart at a slower rate under close supervision. If further reactions occur stop treatment.

## INTERACTIONS WHICH MAY REQUIRE DOSE MODIFICATIONS

(not exhaustive list check SPC/BNF/Stockleys)

Cisplatin	Aminoglycosides increased risk of nephrotoxicity and ototoxicity. Renal function should be well monitored and audiometric tests as required. Carboplatin can cause a decrease in phenytoin serum levels. This may lead to reappearance of seizures and may require an increase of phenytoin dosages.
Paclitaxel	DOACs to be used with caution, need dose modifications or to be avoided eg apixaban. Clopidogrel interacts with paclitaxel, potentially increasing the concentration of paclitaxel. Paclitaxel is catalysed, by cytochrome P450 isoenzymes CYP2C8 and CYP3A4. inhibitors (e.g. erythromycin, fluoxetine, gemfibrozil) use with caution. inducers (e.g. rifampicin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, efavirenz, nevirapine) use with caution.

## DOSE MODIFICATIONS

### Non-haematological

If patient complains of tinnitus, tingling of fingers and/or toes or motor weakness discuss with Consultant or Registrar before administration

### Hepatic impairment

Cisplatin

No need for dose adjustment is expected

Paclitaxel

In the absence of Gilbert's syndrome:

Transaminase <10xULN and bilirubin ≤1.25xULN	no dose reduction
Transaminase <10xULN and bilirubin 1.26-2xULN	give 77% of original dose
Transaminase <10xULN and bilirubin 2.01-5xULN	give 51% of original dose
Transaminase ≥10xULN or bilirubin >5xULN	contraindicated

## Renal impairment

### Cisplatin

CrCl >60ml/min	give 100% dose
CrCl 50-59ml/min	give 75% dose
CrCl 40-49ml/min	give 50% dose (curative intent) not recommended (palliative intent)
CrCl <40ml/min	not recommended

### Paclitaxel

No need for dose adjustment is expected

## REFERENCES

### Assessments

	Pre	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Cycle 4	Ongoing
Clinical assessment	X		Pre cycle		Pre cycle	Every cycle
SACT assessment (PS and toxicities)	X	X	X	X	X	Every cycle
FBC	X	X	X	X	X	Every cycle
U&E, calcium, magnesium & LFT	X	X	X	X	X	Every cycle
CrCl	X	X	X	X	X	Every cycle
CT scan	X					At cycle 6, Inform consultant team if not booked
Informed consent	X					Verbal each cycle
Height	X					
Weight recorded	X	X	X	X	X	Every cycle