

Regimen Reference Order – GAST – CRT then capecitabine (Rectal)

ARIA: GAST - [CRT then capecitabine]

Planned Course: Concurrent Chemoradiation (CRT) Phase: capecitabine with radiation (25 fractions of radiation over 5 to 6 weeks), followed by:
Post-Concurrent Chemoradiation (Post-CRT) Phase: capecitabine every 21 days for 6 cycles

Indication for Use: Rectal Cancer; Concurrent Chemoradiation followed by Chemotherapy

CVAD: Not required

Proceed with treatment if:

ANC equal to or greater than $1.5 \times 10^9/L$ AND Platelets equal to or greater than $75 \times 10^9/L$

❖ Contact Physician if parameters are not met

SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Pre-treatment Requirements

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
Not Applicable		

Treatment Regimen – GAST – CRT then capecitabine (Rectal)

Concurrent Chemoradiation (CRT) Phase – capecitabine with radiation

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
capecitabine	825 mg/m ²	Orally twice daily on days of radiation only Take with food. Swallow whole (Self-administered at home)

Post-CRT Phase – capecitabine every 21 days for 6 cycles

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
capecitabine	1000 mg/m ²	Orally twice daily on Days 1 to 14 , followed by 7 days off Take with food. Swallow whole (Self-administered at home)

capecitabine (XELODA®) available dosage strengths: 150 mg and 500 mg tablets

Classification: Cytotoxic, Hazardous

All doses will be automatically rounded that fall within CCMB Approved Dose Bands. See Dose Banding document for more information

REQUIRED MONITORING

capecitabine with radiation (Concurrent Chemoradiation (CRT) Phase)

Prior to start of radiation

- CBC, serum creatinine, urea, electrolytes, liver enzymes and total bilirubin as per Physician Orders

During radiation

- CBC once weekly as per Physician Orders

capecitabine (Post-CRT Phase)

All Cycles

- CBC, serum creatinine, urea, electrolytes, liver enzymes and total bilirubin as per Physician Orders

Recommended Support Medications – GAST – CRT then capecitabine (Rectal)

Concurrent Chemoradiation (CRT) Phase – capecitabine with radiation

Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline
prochlorperazine	10 mg	Orally every 6 hours as needed for nausea and vomiting

Post-CRT Phase – capecitabine

prochlorperazine	10 mg	Orally every 6 hours as needed for nausea and vomiting
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DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

capecitabine with radiation (Concurrent Chemoradiation (CRT) Phase)

- Inform patient to start capecitabine on the first day of radiation and to take capecitabine every day that they receive radiation. If patient will run out of capecitabine supply before the end of radiation, patient should contact medical oncologist's clinic to discuss whether an additional prescription is required

All Treatment Phases

- Instruct patient to continue taking anti-emetic(s) at home
- Reinforce applicable safe handling precautions of medications, blood and body fluids for 48 hours after completion of chemotherapy

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

capecitabine with radiation (Concurrent Chemoradiation (CRT) Phase)

- capecitabine can cause diarrhea, hand-foot syndrome and neuropathy
- capecitabine should start on the first day of radiation and continue on days of radiation only until the last day of radiation (radiation is given on Mondays through Fridays for 25 fractions of radiation). capecitabine is not taken on Saturdays and Sundays or any other day without radiation treatment (e.g. statutory holidays, radiation machine maintenance days)
- In the ARIA regimen **GAST - [CRT then cape]**, capecitabine for administration with radiation (CRT Phase) is built as **"Cycle #1"**
- Since treatment is given concurrently with radiation, site restrictions are in place

capecitabine (Post-CRT Phase)

- capecitabine usually begins within 8 weeks after surgery
- capecitabine can cause diarrhea, hand-foot syndrome and neuropathy
- In the ARIA regimen **GAST - [CRT then cape]**, the first cycle of capecitabine monotherapy (Post-CRT) is built as “**Cycle #2**”. As this regimen is built as a 21-day cycle, the start date of “**Cycle 2**” will require manual adjustment