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Regimen Reference Order

CNS - temozolomide with concurrent radiation

ARIA: CNS – [temozolomide with RT (3 wks)] CNS – [temozolomide with RT (6 wks)]

Planned Course: Once daily with concurrent radiation for 3 weeks

OR

Once daily with concurrent radiation for 6 weeks

Indication for Use: Glioblastoma Multiforme or Astrocytoma or Oligodendroglioma

Proceed with treatment if:

ANC equal to or greater than 1.5 x $10^9/L$ AND Platelets equal to or greater than 100 x $10^9/L$

Contact Physician if parameters not met

SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Orally once daily 30 minutes prior to temozolomide (Self-administered at home) Orally once daily throughout duration of radiation therapy
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Take in the morning on an empty stomach Swallow whole (Self-administered at home) *Alert: temozolomide is taken every day, including weekends and holidays, until completion of radiation therapy
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REQUIRED MONITORING

Baseline

• CBC, serum creatinine, electrolytes, liver enzymes, total bilirubin and albumin as per Physician Orders

Weekly throughout radiation

• CBC as per Physician Orders

As clinically indicated

• serum creatinine, electrolytes, liver enzymes, total bilirubin and albumin as per Physician Orders



Recommended Support Medications			
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline	
metoclopramide	20 mg	Orally every 4 hours as needed for nausea and vomiting	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENT

- Patient should be instructed to take temozolomide every day until the last day of radiation, including on weekends and holidays when radiation is not administered
- Reinforce applicable safe handling precautions of medications, blood and body fluids while on temozolomide

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Please note there are two different protocols for temozolomide with concurrent radiation:
 - CNS temozolomide with concurrent radiation (3 weeks) is intended for use with courses of radiation therapy usually totaling 15 fractions
 - CNS temozolomide with concurrent radiation (6 weeks) is intended for use with courses of radiation therapy usually totaling 30 fractions
- temozolomide should be taken every day starting the first day of radiation and continuing until the last day of radiation. If radiation treatment will continue beyond the prescribed duration of temozolomide, consult with prescriber to confirm plan for temozolomide
- Quantity of temozolomide prescribed will be dependent on radiation therapy schedule
- All oral agents as part of this regimen (temozolomide, ondansetron and metoclopramide) will be dispensed by CCMB Pharmacy

