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# Regimen Reference Order - LYMP - pembrolizumab

ARIA: LYMP - [pembrolizumab q 21 days]
LYMP - [pembrolizumab q 42 days]

Planned Course: Every 21 days until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity up to a

maximum of 2 years of therapy (35 cycles)

OR

Every 42 days until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity up to a

maximum of 2 years of therapy (18 cycles)

Indication for Use: Hodgkin Lymphoma Relapsed/Refractory

**Drug Alert: Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor** 

CVAD: At Provider's Discretion

### Proceed with treatment if:

ANC equal to or greater than 1 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L
 AND Platelets equal to or greater than 50 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L

- AST/ALT equal to or less than 3 times the upper limit of normal
- Total bilirubin equal to or less than 1.5 times the upper limit of normal
- Creatinine clearance is equal to or greater than 30 mL/minute
  - Contact Physician if parameters not met

**Note:** Hepatitis B serology results must be reviewed in accordance with CCMB Policy Hepatitis B Monitoring for Oncology and Hematology Patients

# **SEQUENCE OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION**

Pre-treatment Requirements					
	Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline		
Not Applicable					

Establish primary solution 500 mL of: normal saline				
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pembrolizumab	2 mg/kg (every 21 days) <b>OR</b>	IV in normal saline 50 mL over 30 minutes  Use 0.2 or 0.22 micron filter		
	4 mg/kg (every 42 days)	IV in normal saline 100 mL over 30 minutes  Use 0.2 or 0.22 micron filter		

In the event of an infusion-related hypersensitivity reaction, refer to the 'Hypersensitivity Reaction Standing Order'



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# REQUIRED MONITORING

#### Hepatitis B serology

• Hepatitis B surface antigen and Hepatitis B core antibody (drawn within preceding 5 years)

#### All Cycles

- CBC, serum creatinine, urea, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, AST, ALT, total bilirubin, albumin and glucose as per Physician Orders
- TSH prior to cycle 1 then every 3 months thereafter as per Physician Orders
- Medical oncologist or designate (i.e. family practitioner in oncology) must assess patient for immune-mediated adverse reactions prior to each cycle
- Full vital signs (temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure and O<sub>2</sub> saturation) at baseline and as clinically indicated
- No observation period is required. Patient can be discharged from treatment room if stable whether they had a reaction or not

Recommended Support Medications					
Drug	Dose	CCMB Administration Guideline			
None required					

#### DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Patients should be instructed to contact their cancer team immediately if symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions occur after discharge
- Confirm that patient has received the CCMB Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Medical Alert wallet card
- Reinforce to patient the immune-mediated adverse reactions and importance of reporting immediately
  - For severe symptoms, the patient should be instructed to go to the nearest emergency room. Oncologist on call should be contacted

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Due to the risk of reactivation of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) while on this treatment regimen, prescriber must adhere to CCMB Policy Hepatitis B Monitoring for Oncology and Hematology Patients for ordering and interpreting HBV serology and prescribing antiviral prophylaxis
- pembrolizumab is an Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor. Consult with oncologist for immune-mediated adverse reactions; corticosteroids are often indicated

