

# **Etoposide/Carboplatin**

#### INDICATION:

Small Cell Lung Cancer Limited Stage in patients unsuitable for Cisplatin

Small Cell Lung Cancer Extensive stage

Small Cell carcinoma of other primary site unsuitable for Cisplatin

### Prior to a course of chemotherapy

- Baseline bloods: FBC, U&E, LFT inc LDH, Ca
- Creatinine clearance (Cockcroft-Gault formula)
- CT thorax/upper abdo (or imaging other anatomic site as appropriate)
- If appropriate discuss need for contraception and risk of infertility (offer sperm banking for males)
- Written informed consent for course

### Prior to each cycle

- FBC, U&E, LFT, Ca
- CXR
- Creatinine clearance
- Medical review

### Cockcroft-Gault formula

Female (140 – age[yrs]) x wt[kg] x 1.04 Serum creatinine [micromol/l]

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Serum creatinine [micromol/I]

Etoposide 100mg/m<sup>2</sup>\* 1litre 0.9% sodium chloride over 1 hour IV day 1 –3\*

Carboplatin AUC5\*\* 500ml Dextrose 5% 1hour Day 1

Repeat every 21 days for 4-6 cycles

\*Oral Etoposide can be used on day 2+3 at dose of 200mg/m<sup>2</sup> (rounded to nearest 50mg)

\*\*AUC 5 calculated according to Calvert formula (Creatinine Clearance + 25) x 5

## Dose modification for haematological toxicity

Neutrophils > 1.5 AND Platelets > 100
Proceed with full dose

Neutrophils 1.0-1.5
Discuss with consultant

Neutrophils < 1.0 OR platelets < 100 Defer 1 week or until recovery, then consider dose reduction of Etoposide and Carboplatin by 20%



Dose modification for any other toxicity (except alopecia)

• Grade 3+ Wait until recovery, then consider dose reduction for

Etoposide and Carboplatin by 20%

**Expected toxicities** 

Neutropenic sepsis & thrombocytopenia Nausea & vomiting (severe)

Alopecia Mucositis

This protocol has been reviewed by the Lancashire & South Cumbria Lung Oncology Consultants' Group and responsibility for the protocol lies with the Head of Service.

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