

## HIGH DOSE METHLYPREDNISOLONE

**INDICATION:** Relapsed, refractory CLL

**Prior to a course of treatment**

- Check FBC
- Written consent for course

**Prior to each cycle**

- Medical review of fitness for chemotherapy – exclude active infection, major changes in organ function
- Check FBC

Methylprednisolone 1g/m<sup>2</sup> IV daily for 5 days

**Repeat every 28 days**

**Continue for up to 8 cycles or maximum response**

**Prophylaxis for acute & delayed emesis**

Not usually necessary

**Other medications**

Consider allopurinol 300mg od for 5 days with cycle 1

Ranitidine 150mg bd

Acyclovir 200mg qds

Cotrimoxazole 480mg od

Corsodyl & Nystatin mouthwash

**Dose modifications for haematological toxicity, renal and liver dysfunction**

- No dose adjustment necessary

**Toxicities**

Hyperglycaemia

Fluid retention and oedema

Gastric ulceration

Confusion, mood or personality change

Opportunist infection

Pancreatitis

Myopathy

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