

Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Oncology Anti-infective Prophylaxis Guidelines

These recommendations are based on available literature and should not replace clinical judgment

	Most solid tumors Anticipated neutropenia < 7 days <i>Low risk for infection</i>	Lymphoma, Multiple Myeloma, CLL Purine analog therapy (ie. Fludarabine, clofarabine, nelarabine, cladribine) Anticipated neutropenia 7-10 days <i>Intermediate risk for infection</i>	Acute Leukemia Moderate to severe GVHD Anticipated neutropenia > 10 days <i>High risk for infection</i>	
Overall Recommendations Neutropenia defined as ANC ≤ 500 cells/mm ³ or ≤ 1000 cells/mm ³ with a predicted decline to ≤ 500 cells/mm ³ over the next 48hr				
	Not recommended for most patients. HSV seropositive patients: May consider viral prophylaxis during active therapy and periods of prolonged neutropenia.	During neutropenia, consider prophylaxis: • Bacterial • Fungal (with anticipated mucositis) • PJP Viral prophylaxis is recommended during active therapy and/or during periods of prolonged neutropenia (or longer depending on risk).	During neutropenia, consider prophylaxis: • Bacterial • Fungal • PJP Viral prophylaxis is recommended during active therapy and/or during periods of prolonged neutropenia (or longer depending on risk).	
Preferred regimen recommendations per NCCN (split by disease state or regimen)				
Fungal	NOT recommended	Fluconazole 400 mg PO/IV daily	ALL	Fluconazole 400 mg PO/IV daily Alternative: micafungin
			MDS AML	Posaconazole 300 mg PO q12h x2, then 300 mg PO daily <u>OR</u> voriconazole 200 mg PO q12h Alternative: isavuconazole, micafungin, or fluconazole (if no mold activity needed)
Viral	HSV: Acyclovir 400 mg PO BID or 250 mg/m ² IV q12h VZV: Valacyclovir 500 mg PO BID (preferred) <u>OR</u> Acyclovir 800 mg PO BID			
Bacterial	NOT recommended	Levofloxacin 500 mg PO/IV q24h Alternative: cefpodoxime 200 mg PO BID or Bactrim	Throughout anti-leukemic therapy and neutropenia: Levofloxacin 500 mg PO/IV daily Alternative: cefpodoxime 200 mg PO BID or Bactrim	
PJP		Bactrim (TMP/SMX) DS 1 tablet PO MWF Alternative: atovaquone 1500 mg PO daily or dapsone 100 mg PO daily Indications: • Throughout anti-leukemic therapy (ALL) • PI3K inhibitors: through active treatment • Prolonged corticosteroids (≥20 mg daily prednisone x4+ weeks) or temozolomide + radiation therapy • Consider during purine analog therapy and other T-cell depleting agents for x6-12 months until CD4 count >200		
Hepatitis B	Entecavir 0.5 mg PO daily <u>OR</u> tenofovir (TDF 300 mg PO daily or TAF 25 mg PO daily) x6-12 months following conclusion of treatment Alternative: lamivudine 100 mg PO daily (inferior due to higher potential for HBV resistance; use only when entecavir not available) Indicated for: HBsAg+ or HBcAb+ patients receiving immunosuppressive therapy. Consult hepatology/ID for active HBV disease.			

See page 2 for renal dosing recommendations.

Dosing and Monitoring Guidance

Refer to IDMP for full dosing recommendations

Bacterial Prophylaxis	Recommended Dose		Monitoring
Levofloxacin	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (IV or PO/FT)	- Check baseline QTc, SCr - Okay to crush tabs or use oral suspension if ordering per FT
	≥ 50	500 mg daily	
	20-49	250 mg daily	
	< 20	250 mg q48h	
	Dialysis	See IDMP	
Cefpodoxime (ID restricted) *Use if FQ intolerance/allergy or prolonged QTc	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (PO/FT)	Check baseline SCr
	≥ 30	200 mg BID	
	< 30	200 mg daily	

Fungal Prophylaxis	Recommended Dose		Monitoring				
Fluconazole	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (IV or PO/FT)	• Check baseline QTc, SCr, LFTs, drug interactions • No trough monitoring necessary • Use oral suspension if ordering per FT				
	> 50	400 mg daily					
	10-50	200 mg daily					
	< 10	100 mg daily					
Posaconazole (ID restricted)			• Check baseline QTc, LFTs, drug interactions • Consider trough monitoring for prolonged therapy • Okay to crush DR tabs for FT, contact ID Pharmacy for dosing <table><tr><td>Trough monitoring:</td><td>≥ 0.7 mcg/mL (prophylaxis)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Check a level within 5-7 days of initiation or dose adjustment (steady-state)</td></tr></table>	Trough monitoring:	≥ 0.7 mcg/mL (prophylaxis)	Check a level within 5-7 days of initiation or dose adjustment (steady-state)	
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	PO/FT	300 mg DR tab q12h x2 doses then 300 mg DR tab q24h					
IV (central line)	300 mg q12h x2 doses then 300 mg q24h						
Voriconazole (ID restricted)			• Check baseline QTc, LFTs, drug interactions, visual disturbances/hallucinations, long-term complications such as increased risk for squamous cell carcinoma and hyperphosphatemia • Consider trough monitoring for prolonged therapy • Use oral suspension if ordering per FT <table><tr><td>Trough monitoring:</td><td>1-5.5 mcg/mL</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Check a level within 5-7 days of initiation or dose adjustment (steady-state)</td></tr></table>	Trough monitoring:	1-5.5 mcg/mL	Check a level within 5-7 days of initiation or dose adjustment (steady-state)	
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	PO/FT (≥ 40 kg)	400 mg q12h x2 doses, then 200 mg q12h *In patients with obesity (BMI ≥ 30kg/m²), consider a weight-based regimen (4 mg/kg q12h based on adjusted body weight), see IDMP					

Isavuconazonium sulfate (ID restricted) *Not NCCN recommended for prophylaxis, use only if QT prolongation issues	372 mg IV/PO/FT q8h x6 doses then 372 mg IV/PO/FT daily	Isavuconazole levels are not typically drawn given universal PK/PD parameters. Consider an isavuconazole trough if there are concerns for oral absorption. Contact ID Pharmacy for guidance.
Micafungin (ID restricted) *Alternative if patients are unable to receive PO azoles or if significant drug interactions. Contact ID Pharmacy for dosing recommendation.	50-100 mg IV daily	No trough monitoring necessary

Viral Prophylaxis	Recommended Dose		
Acyclovir	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (PO/FT)	
	> 25	400 mg BID	
	≤25 or iHD	200 mg BID	
	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (IV) – use BSA	
	> 50	250 mg/m ² q12h	
	25-50	125 mg/m ² q12h	
	10-24	125 mg/m ² q24h	
	< 10 or iHD	62.5 mg/m ² q24h	
	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (PO/FT)	
	≥ 30	500 mg BID	
Valacyclovir *Preferred for VZV	< 30	500 mg daily	

PJP Prophylaxis	Recommended Dose		Monitoring
Bactrim (TMP/SMX)	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (PO/FT)	Check SCr, electrolytes (K)
	≥ 30	1 DS tab 3x weekly (MWF)	
	< 30	1 SS tab 3x weekly (MWF)	
Dapsone *Alternative if unable to receive Bactrim due to sulfonamide antibiotic allergy or hyperkalemia	100 mg PO/FT daily		- Do not use if G6PD deficient due to risk of hemolytic anemia - Check G6PD prior to initiation
Atovaquone *Alternative if unable to receive Bactrim due to sulfonamide antibiotic allergy or hyperkalemia	1500 mg PO/FT daily		

Hepatitis B		Recommended Dose	
Entecavir	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (PO/FT)	Use oral solution if ordering per FT
	≥ 50	0.5 mg daily	
	30-50	0.5 mg q48h	
	10-29	0.5 mg q72h	
	< 10 or iHD	0.5 mg every 7 days	
Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF)	CrCl (mL/min)	Dose (PO/FT)	Avoid use if CrCl < 10 mL/min
	≥ 50	300 mg daily	
	30-49	300 mg q48h (or 150 mg daily)	
	10-30	300 mg twice weekly	
Tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)	25 mg PO/FT daily		Avoid use if CrCl <15 mL/min
Lamivudine (3TC)	100 mg PO/FT daily		No renal dose adjustment necessary given generally well tolerated (see section on alternative renal dosing recommendation on Lexicomp)
*Note: alternative agent to entecavir and tenofovir due to higher potential for HBV resistance			

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