

**RITUXIMAB (RITUXAN) ORDERS**

PATIENT IDENTIFICATION

UNLESS THE WORD SPECIFIC IS WRITTEN AFTER A DRUG ORDER BY TRADE NAME, A GENERIC EQUIVALENT DRUG APPROVED BY THE PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE MAY BE DISPENSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS.

Please check (✓) the appropriate box(es) (□) and fill in the blank(s) as needed.

ORDERS

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS ORDER EXPIRES IN ONE YEAR.**

Admit to:  Outpatient: Minor Procedures Center  Inpatient

Indicated for:  Autoimmune myopathy Dx: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Autoimmune neuropathy Dx: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Neuromuscular Junction Disorder Dx: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rheumatoid Arthritis: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Monitoring: Vitals signs on initial evaluation and then Q15 minutes x4, Q30 minutes x4, and then Q1 hour.

Diet:  Regular Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: Up ad lib.

Nursing / Treatments: Obtain Height and Weight for Rituximab (Rituxan) dosing.  
 Ht: \_\_\_\_\_ Wt: \_\_\_\_\_ BSA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Confirm Rituximab (Rituxan) dose as 375mg/meter<sup>2</sup> (Max BSA 2 meters<sup>2</sup>) with physician prior to each infusion.  
 Initiate IV access  
 Discontinue IV access at discharge  
**If Outpatient:** Discharge patient after infusion.

**Labs:**  
 Immunocompetency Panel-label "Examine for CD19 & CD3"  
 Serum Quantitative Immunoglobulin  
 Serum Immunofixation  
 CBC express, BMP (Electrolytes, Glucose and Creatinine)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. Pestronk's Labs - send to IWJ-404:**  
 Anti Chimeric Antibodies  
 2 RED TOP Tubes

**IV Fluids:**  
 1000mL NS at 100mL/hour via peripheral IV line  
 NS at KVO during infusion.  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications:**  
**Pre-Medications:** Give 30 minutes prior to Rituximab infusion for infusion reaction prophylaxis.  
**Choose One:**  DiphenhydrAMINE (Benadryl) \_\_\_\_\_ mg IVP x1 dose.  
 DiphenhydrAMINE (Benadryl) \_\_\_\_\_ PO x1 dose.  
 Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 650mg PO x 1 dose.  
 MethylPREDNISolone \_\_\_\_\_ mg IVP x1 dose  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE TIME

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #/Pager # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Neuromuscular Infusion/Procedure:**

Rituximab dose: 375mg/m<sup>2</sup> (maximum BSA of 2 meter<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ mg total dose to be given.

**Rheumatoid Arthritis:**

Rituximab dose: 1000mg in 500mL of normal saline

**BJH Infusion/Procedure:**

Initial infusion: Infuse at 50mg/hour.

Increase rate every 30 minutes by 50mg/hour as tolerated to a maximum of 400mg/hour.

Subsequent infusions: Infuse at 100mg/hour.

Increase rate every 30 minutes by 100mg/hour to a maximum of 400mg/hour

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For Reactions: T greater than 38C  
Cardiac or Respiratory symptoms  
Rash

Stop infusion.

Contact Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ at Pager # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Neurology resident at Pager # \_\_\_\_\_

For any other issues, contact the Neurology Resident immediately.  
(A neurology fellow is available 24 hours a day if needed at pager # 338-6138.)

Repeat orders every \_\_\_\_\_ weeks x \_\_\_\_\_ doses.

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