

# BC Cancer Protocol Summary for Treatment of Relapsed/Progressing Epithelial Ovarian, Primary Peritoneal, or Fallopian Tube Carcinoma using Etoposide

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## PREFACE:

- In platinum sensitive disease: patients should be considered for doublet therapy consisting of CARBOplatin plus either a taxane or gemcitabine or DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal (e.g., GOOVCA<sup>TR</sup>, GOOVCA<sup>D</sup>, GOOVCA<sup>G</sup>, GOOVPLDC)
- In platinum resistant disease (i.e., cancer progresses within six months of completing a platinum-containing treatment protocol): patients will ideally receive single agent CARBOplatin, as it is the least toxic and most convenient choice of the equally efficacious agents available (i.e., GOOVCA<sup>RB</sup>)
- In platinum refractory disease (i.e., cancer progresses while being treated with a platinum) choose between available agents based upon toxicity profile and convenience of dosing regimen. Options include: GOOVTO<sup>P</sup>, GOOLDO<sup>X</sup>, GOOVGE<sup>M</sup>, GOOVETO, GOOVVI<sup>N</sup>, GOOVTA<sup>X3</sup>, GOOVDO<sup>C</sup>. If gemcitabine (GOOVGE<sup>M</sup>), topotecan (GOOVTO<sup>P</sup>) or DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal (GOOVLD<sup>OX</sup>) is used, only one of these options will be reimbursed in any one patient. Subsequently, if a patient is thought likely to benefit from one of the other two, a request should be submitted to the BC Cancer Compassionate Access Program (CAP).
- Patients who will not benefit from further therapy after second or subsequent rounds of chemotherapy can be identified by the following formula: “day 1 of treatment N to day of progression on treatment N+1 is less than or equal to 6 months.” They should be offered symptomatic management or investigational protocols.

## ELIGIBILITY:

- Platinum refractory ovarian, primary peritoneal or Fallopian tube carcinoma
- Platinum resistant ovarian, primary peritoneal or Fallopian tube carcinoma in cases where patient-specific concerns dissuade the clinician from selecting single-agent CARBOplatin
- Platinum sensitive ovarian, primary peritoneal or Fallopian tube carcinoma in cases where actual or potential toxicity precludes the use of CARBOplatin or CISplatin alone or in combination with a taxane or gemcitabine.
- Adequate hematologic, liver and cardiac function
- PS ECOG 3 or better

## EXCLUSIONS:

- Any condition precluding use of oral medication (Regimens A and B; Regimen C (IV route) may be used)

## TESTS:

- Baseline: CBC & diff (including platelets), tumour markers (at physician's discretion), imaging for tumour assessment (at physician's discretion)
- Day 8 and 15: after first cycle (and in subsequent cycle if dose modification made): CBC & diff (including platelets)
- Before each cycle: CBC & diff (including platelets), tumour markers (at physician's discretion)

**PREMEDICATIONS:**

- Antiemetic protocol for chemotherapy with low emetogenicity (see [SCNAUSEA](#))
- hydrocortisone and diphenhydramine for history of hypersensitivity to etoposide IV

**TREATMENT:**

**Regimen A.** if no previous neutropenia:

Drug	Starting Dose	BC Cancer Administration Guidelines
etoposide	50 mg PO BID	for 10 days

**Regimen B.** if previous neutropenia, or age greater than or equal to 70, or heavily pre-treated:

Drug	Starting Dose	BC Cancer Administration Guidelines
etoposide	50 mg PO BID <b>alternating with</b> 50 mg PO once daily	for 10 days

Note: Dose-escalate to Regimen A if no hematologic toxicity; see DOSE MODIFICATIONS, below.

**Regimen C.** if unable to tolerate oral route:

Drug	Starting Dose	BC Cancer Administration Guidelines
etoposide	100 mg IV daily	IV in 250 mL NS (non-DEHP bag) over 45 min (use non-DEHP tubing with in-line filter), daily x 5 days

Repeat every 21 days until disease progression (usual treatment 9 cycles).

## DOSE MODIFICATIONS:

### 1. Hematology:

a) on treatment day:

ANC (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)		Platelets (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	Dose
less than 1.0	or	less than 100	delay until recovery

b) at nadir:

ANC (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)		Platelets (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	Dose
greater than or equal to 1.0	or	greater than or equal to 100	Regimen A or C: no change Regimen B: switch to Regimen A
less than 1.0 or neutropenic fever	or	less than 100	Regimen A or B: reduce duration of therapy to 7 days. Regimen C: reduce dose to 80 mg IV in NS 250 mL (non-DEHP bag) daily

### 2. Grade 3 or 4 toxicity (except nausea or alopecia):

Regimen A or B: reduce duration of therapy to 7 days  
Regimen C: reduce dose to 80 mg IV in NS 250 mL (non-DEHP bag) daily

## PRECAUTIONS:

- Hypersensitivity:** Reactions to IV Etoposide are possible. See BC Cancer Hypersensitivity Guidelines
- Neutropenia:** Fever or other evidence of infection must be assessed promptly and treated aggressively.
- Hypotension:** Rapid administration of IV Etoposide may cause transient hypotension (faintness, shortness of breath, lightheadedness, or restlessness).

**Call Dr. Paul Hoskins or tumour group delegate at (604) 877-6000 or 1-800-663-3333 with any problems or questions regarding this treatment program.**