

RS2125 - Tocilizumab

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Tocilizumab

INITIATION – cytokine release syndrome

Re-assessment required after 3 doses

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

The patient has developed grade 3 or 4 cytokine release syndrome associated with the administration of blinatumomab for the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

and

Tocilizumab is to be administered at doses no greater than 8 mg/kg IV for a maximum of 3 doses (if less than 30kg, maximum of 12 mg/kg)

or

The patient is enrolled in the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research ENABLE trial programme

and

The patient has developed CRS or Immune Effector Cell-Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome (ICANS) following CAR T-Cell therapy for the treatment of relapsed or refractory B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma

and

Tocilizumab is to be administered according to the consensus guidelines for CRS or ICANS for CAR T-cell therapy at doses no greater than 8 mg/kg IV for a maximum of 3 doses

INITIATION – previous use

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by any relevant practitioner, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.

and

Patient was being treated with tocilizumab prior to 1 February 2019

and

Rheumatoid arthritis

or

Systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis

or

Adult-onset Still's disease

or

Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

or

Idiopathic multicentric Castleman's disease

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Tocilizumab - continued

INITIATION – Rheumatoid Arthritis (patients previously treated with adalimumab or etanercept)

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.

and

The patient has had an initial Special Authority approval for adalimumab and/or etanercept for rheumatoid arthritis

and

The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab and/or etanercept
or
 The patient has received insufficient benefit from at least a three-month trial of adalimumab and/or etanercept such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for rheumatoid arthritis

and

The patient is seronegative for both anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (CCP) antibodies and rheumatoid factor

or

The patient has been started on rituximab for rheumatoid arthritis in a Health NZ Hospital
and
 The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from rituximab
or
 At four months following the initial course of rituximab the patient has received insufficient benefit such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for rheumatoid arthritis

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INITIATION – Rheumatoid Arthritis

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and

Patient has had severe and active erosive rheumatoid arthritis (either confirmed by radiology imaging, or the patient is cyclic citrullinated peptide (CCP) antibody positive) for six months duration or longer
and

Tocilizumab is to be used as monotherapy
and

Treatment with methotrexate is contraindicated
or
 Patient has tried and did not tolerate oral and/or parenteral methotrexate
and

Patient has tried and not responded to at least three months therapy at the maximum tolerated dose of ciclosporin alone or in combination with another agent
or
 Patient has tried and not responded to at least three months therapy at the maximum tolerated dose of leflunomide alone or in combination with another agent
and

Patient has persistent symptoms of poorly controlled and active disease in at least 20 active, swollen, tender joints
or
 Patient has persistent symptoms of poorly controlled and active disease in at least four active joints from the following: wrist, elbow, knee, ankle, and either shoulder or hip
and

Patient has a C-reactive protein level greater than 15 mg/L measured no more than one month prior to the date of this application
or
 C-reactive protein levels not measured as patient is currently receiving prednisone therapy at a dose of greater than 5 mg per day and has done so for more than three months

INITIATION – systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and

Patient diagnosed with systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis
and

Patient has tried and not responded to a reasonable trial of all of the following, either alone or in combination: oral or parenteral methotrexate; non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); and systemic corticosteroids

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INITIATION – adult-onset Still's disease

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.

and

The patient has had an initial Special Authority approval for adalimumab and/or etanercept for adult-onset Still's disease (AOSD)
or
 The patient has been started on tocilizumab for AOSD in a Health NZ Hospital

and

The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab and/or etanercept
or
 The patient has received insufficient benefit from at least a three-month trial of adalimumab and/or etanercept such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for AOSD

or

and

Patient diagnosed with AOSD according to the Yamaguchi criteria (J Rheumatol 1992;19:424-430)
and
 Patient has tried and not responded to at least 6 months of glucocorticosteroids at a dose of at least 0.5 mg/kg, non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and methotrexate
and
 Patient has persistent symptoms of disabling poorly controlled and active disease

INITIATION – polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Re-assessment required after 4 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.

and

The patient has had an initial Special Authority approval for both etanercept and adalimumab for polyarticular course juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)
and
 The patient has experienced intolerable side effects, or has received insufficient benefit from, both etanercept and adalimumab

or

and

Treatment with a tumour necrosis factor alpha inhibitor is contraindicated
and
 Patient has had polyarticular course JIA for 6 months duration or longer
and
 To be used as an adjunct to methotrexate therapy or monotherapy where use of methotrexate is limited by toxicity or intolerance

and

At least 5 active joints and at least 3 joints with limited range of motion, pain or tenderness after a 3-month trial of methotrexate (at the maximum tolerated dose)
or
 Moderate or high disease activity (cJADAS10 score of at least 2.5) after a 3-month trial of methotrexate (at the maximum tolerated dose)
or
 Low disease activity (cJADAS10 score between 1.1 and 2.5) after a 6-month trial of methotrexate

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INITIATION – idiopathic multicentric Castleman's disease

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a haematologist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a haematologist or rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and
 Patient has severe HHV-8 negative idiopathic multicentric Castleman's disease
and
 Treatment with an adequate trial of corticosteroids has proven ineffective
and
 Tocilizumab to be administered at doses no greater than 8 mg/kg IV every 3-4 weeks

INITIATION – moderate to severe COVID-19

Re-assessment required after 1 dose

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Patient has confirmed (or probable) COVID-19
and
 Oxygen saturation of < 92% on room air, or requiring supplemental oxygen
and
 Patient is receiving adjunct systemic corticosteroids, or systemic corticosteroids are contraindicated
and
 Tocilizumab is to be administered at doses no greater than 8mg/kg IV for a maximum of one dose
and
 Tocilizumab is not to be administered in combination with baricitinib

CONTINUATION – Rheumatoid Arthritis

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and
 Following 6 months' initial treatment, the patient has at least a 50% decrease in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to treatment in the opinion of the physician
or
 On subsequent reapplications, the patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to treatment in the opinion of the physician

CONTINUATION – systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and
 Following up to 6 months' initial treatment, the patient has achieved at least an American College of Rheumatology paediatric 30% improvement criteria (ACR Pedi 30) response from baseline
or
 On subsequent reapplications, the patient demonstrates at least a continuing ACR Pedi 30 response from baseline

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CONTINUATION – adult-onset Still's disease

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick box where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and
 The patient has a sustained improvement in inflammatory markers and functional status

CONTINUATION – polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Re-assessment required after 6 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and
 Treatment is to be used as an adjunct to methotrexate therapy or monotherapy where use of methotrexate is limited by toxicity or intolerance
and
 Following 3 to 4 months' initial treatment, the patient has at least a 50% decrease in active joint count and an improvement in physician's global assessment from baseline
or
 On subsequent reapplications, the patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count and continued improvement in physician's global assessment from baseline

CONTINUATION – idiopathic multicentric Castleman's disease

Re-assessment required after 12 months

Prerequisites (tick box where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by a haematologist, rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a haematologist or rheumatologist, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and
 The treatment remains appropriate and the patient has a sustained improvement in inflammatory markers and functional status

INITIATION – immune checkpoint inhibitor toxicity in malignancy*

Re-assessment required after 4 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by any relevant practitioner, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.
and
 The individual requires treatment for moderate to severe autoimmune toxicity following immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment for malignancy
and
 The individual has received insufficient benefit from use of corticosteroids
and
 Tocilizumab is to be administered at a maximum dose of 8 mg/kg fortnightly

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CONTINUATION – immune checkpoint inhibitor toxicity in malignancy*

Re-assessment required after 4 months

Prerequisites (tick boxes where appropriate)

Prescribed by, or recommended by any relevant practitioner, or in accordance with a protocol or guideline that has been endorsed by the Health NZ Hospital.

and

The individual has shown clinical improvement and ongoing treatment is required
 Tocilizumab is to be administered at a maximum dose of 8 mg/kg fortnightly

Note: Indications marked with * are unapproved indications.

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