



St. Charles Health System

Adult Ambulatory Infusion Order
Tocilizumab (ACTEMRA)
Or biosimilars

Patient Name:

Date of Birth:

Patient Identification

ALL ORDERS MUST BE MARKED IN INK WITH A CHECKMARK (✓) TO BE ACTIVE

Treatment Start Date: _____ Allergies: _____

Weight: _____ kg Height: _____ cm

REQUIRED ITEMS for all orders – necessary for insurance approval, scheduling, and patient safety

1. FACE SHEET with complete INSURANCE information and patient CONTACT information

2. Recent VISIT NOTE to support treatment (if not available in Epic)

3. LAB RESULTS for any required prescreening (if not available in Epic)

4. DIAGNOSIS CODE _____

5. Patient NAME and DATE OF BIRTH on EVERY page faxed

GUIDELINES FOR ORDERING

1. Send FACE SHEET and H&P or most recent chart note.
2. Hepatitis B (Hep B surface antigen and core antibody total) screening must be completed prior to initiation of treatment and the patient should not be infected. Please send results with order.
3. A Tuberculin test must have been placed and read as negative prior to initiation of treatment (PPD or QuantiFERON Gold blood test). Please send results with order. If result is indeterminate, a follow up chest X-ray must be performed to rule out TB. Please send results with order.
4. It is recommended that tocilizumab not be initiated in patients with an ANC less than 2000/mm³, platelet count below 100,000/mm³, or who have ALT or AST greater than 1.5x the upper limit of normal.
5. Do not administer in patients with an active infection, including localized infections. Hold treatment if a patient develops a serious infection, an opportunistic infection, or sepsis.
6. Patients should have regular monitoring for TB, infection, malignancy, neutropenia (ANC), thrombocytopenia, elevated lipids, and liver abnormalities throughout therapy.
7. Max dose: 800 mg.

PRE-SCREENING: (Results must be available prior to initiation of therapy):

- Hepatitis B surface antigen and core antibody total test results scanned with orders.
- Tuberculin skin test or QuantiFERON Gold blood test results scanned with orders.
- Chest X-Ray result scanned with orders if TB test result is indeterminate.

LABS:

- CBC with auto differential, Routine, ONCE, every (visit)(days)(weeks)(months) – **Circle One**
- CMP, Routine, ONCE, every (visit)(days)(weeks)(months) – **Circle One**
- Lipid panel, Routine, ONCE, every (visit)(days)(weeks)(months) – **Circle One**
- Labs already drawn. Date: _____



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NURSING ORDERS:

1. TREATMENT PARAMETER – Hold treatment and contact provider if Hepatitis B surface antigen or core antibody total test result is positive, TB test result is positive, or if screening has not been performed.
2. VITAL SIGNS – Monitor and record vital signs, tolerance, and presence of infusion-related reactions prior to infusion and at the end of infusion.
3. Follow facility policies and/or protocols for vascular access maintenance with appropriate flush solution, declotting (alteplase), and/or dressing changes

MEDICATIONS:

Biosimilar selection (must check one) – applies to all orders below

- TYENNE (tocilizumab-aazg) (St. Charles preferred brand)
- TOFIDENCE (tocilizumab-bavi)
- ACTEMRA (tocilizumab) Restricted to existing ACTEMRA patients for continuing therapy
- _____

At St. Charles, if insurance requires a different biosimilar agent, pharmacy will update the order per CDTM.

- Only check this box if it is NOT okay to substitute for insurance. Dispense as written (DAW).

- tocilizumab _____ mg/kg = _____ mg in sodium chloride 0.9% 100 mL IV, ONCE over 60 minutes. Max dose: 800 mg

Interval: (must check one)

- Once
- Every _____ weeks x _____ doses

AS NEEDED MEDICATIONS:

- acetaminophen (TYLENOL) tablet, 650 mg, oral, EVERY 4 HOURS AS NEEDED for headache, fever, body aches or chills
- diphenhydramINE (BENADRYL) capsule, 25 mg, oral, EVERY 4 HOURS AS NEEDED for itching

INFUSION MONITORING/REACTION:

Infusion Reaction. Acute Infusion and Hypersensitivity Medication Protocol will be used unless the provider selects the option below. If opting out, alternative orders must be included.

1. diphenhydramine 25 mg IV, AS NEEDED x1 for hypersensitivity reaction
2. famotidine 20 mg IV, AS NEEDED x1 dose for hypersensitivity reaction
3. methylprednisolone 125 mg IV, AS NEEDED x1 dose for hypersensitivity reaction



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- 4. epinephrine 0.3 mg IM, AS NEEDED x1 dose for hypersensitivity reaction
- 5. sodium chloride 0.9% 1000 mL IV, 200 mL/hr, AS NEEDED x 1 dose for alteration in hemodynamic status
- 6. albuterol 2.5 mg/3 mL nebule, AS NEEDED x1 dose for hypersensitivity reaction

Opting out of standard protocol. Alternative orders are attached, or deviations are documented:

Patient will be treated at the following infusion location:

- St. Charles Outpatient Infusion Center
2500 NE Neff Road, Bend, OR 97701
Phone: (541) 706-5820 Fax: (541) 706-5825

By signing below, I represent the following:

- I am responsible for the care of the patient identified on this form
- I hold an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine
- I am acting within my scope of practice and authorized by law to order the medication described above for the patient identified on this form

ALL ITEMS BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE A VALID PRESCRIPTION

Signature: _____ License #: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Plan will expire 1 year after signature date at which time a new order will need to be placed