

Head and Neck Cancer Pathways

Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Member Number: _____

Treatment Start Date: _____

Pathology: _____

Stage: _____

Line of Therapy: Neoadjuvant/Pre-Op Adjuvant/Post-Op
 1st Line 2nd Line

ECOG Performance Status: _____ **ICD-10 Code:** _____

Non-Nasopharyngeal (Squamous Cell Carcinoma) | Candidate for Local Therapy (M0) | Primary Systemic Therapy or Post-Operative Systemic Therapy

High dose cisplatin* with concurrent RT

Non-Nasopharyngeal (Squamous Cell Carcinoma) | Metastatic and Recurrent Disease | First Line of Therapy (1st line)

Carboplatin, fluorouracil (5FU), and cetuximab (Erbix)

Cisplatin, fluorouracil (5FU), and cetuximab (Erbix)

Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)[†] (Patients with CPS \geq 20%)

Pembrolizumab (Keytruda), cisplatin[‡], and fluorouracil (5FU) (Patients with CPS \geq 1%)

Non-Nasopharyngeal (Squamous Cell Carcinoma) | Metastatic and Recurrent Disease | Second and Subsequent Lines of Therapy (2nd line+)

Nivolumab (Opdivo) (Patients with CPS \geq 1%)

Paclitaxel

Nasopharynx | Candidate for Local Therapy (M0) | Primary Systemic Therapy

High dose cisplatin* with concurrent RT

Cisplatin and gemcitabine (Gemzar) followed by concurrent cisplatin/RT

Nasopharynx | Metastatic and Recurrent Disease | First and Subsequent Lines of Therapy (1st Line+)

Carboplatin

Cisplatin

Cisplatin[‡] and gemcitabine (Gemzar)

Cisplatin[‡] and paclitaxel

Fluorouracil (5FU)

Gemcitabine (Gemzar)

Methotrexate

Paclitaxel

*Cisplatin dosed at 100 mg/m² every three weeks OR dosed at 40 mg/m² weekly over the course of radiotherapy. There are several different appropriate cisplatin schedules that may be used.

[†] Administered at a dose of 200 mg every 3 weeks OR 400 mg every 6 weeks per the FDA label

[‡] Substitution of carboplatin for cisplatin, and vice-versa, is acceptable for metastatic disease

Note: Pathways are independent of specific health plan medical policy coverage criteria. Health plan medical policy/clinical guidelines should be consulted to determine whether proposed services will be covered. Biosimilars of reference products listed are considered "on pathway." However, reimbursement for biosimilar products may be impacted by health plan specific formularies, medical policy and preferred product rules.



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