

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

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

__ 1st Line

__ 2nd Line

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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