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Checklist for Truxima (rituximab-abbs) Referral

Required documentation for all initial referrals

Patient _____DOB_____ Date_____ □ New Start □ Maintenance

Please return **completed** checklist and checklist items for an infusion referral:

- ☐ Patient demographics (e.g. address, phone number, SSN, etc.)
- ☐ Insurance information and copy of insurance card(s). Please indicate the insurance that is primary, and the insurance that is secondary, if applicable, and the subscriber's date of birth.
  - If insurance requires prior authorization, please provide the phone number and allow up to 15-30 days for this to be completed by one of our Infusion Coordinators.
- ☐ Signed and completed Truxima Standard Order (our order form) with ICD diagnosis code
  - *Standard Order forms are available at lowcountryrheumatology.com/infusions/*
- ☐ Supporting clinical MD notes to include any past tried and/or failed therapies, intolerance, outcomes or contraindications to conventional therapy, and how long patient has been on Truxima.
- ☐ Lab results and/or tests to support diagnosis.
  - Pre-Screening:
    - **Required TB screening results**: PPD *(within 1 year)* or QuantiFERON Gold Test *(within 3 years)*
    - **Required Hepatitis screening *(within 1 year)***: Hepatitis B Surface Antigen, Hepatitis B Surface Antibody, or Hepatitis B Core Antibody results
    - **Lab results within last 60 days:** ESR
    - **Most recent Rapid 3 (if available)**
- ☐ Please indicate name and direct phone number of a contact within your office that we can speak with to obtain any additional information:
  - Name: _____
  - Phone Number: _____

Paperwork can be faxed to (843)-793-6181

Infusion Coordinators can assist you with any questions at
(843)-572-8932

Low Country Rheumatology Infusion Locations

Please mark preferred location and we will do our best to accommodate, however we cannot make any guarantees.

Summerville
2001 2nd Ave, Suite 201, Summerville, SC 29486

Mount Pleasant
1100 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

West Ashley
2291 Henry Tecklenburg Drive, Charleston, SC 29414

Low Country Rheumatology Infusion Services will complete insurance verification and submit all required clinical documentation to the patient's insurance company for eligibility. Our Infusion Coordinators will notify you if any further information is required. The patient will have an annual 30-minute consult with our NP to obtain H&P for chart. We will review financial responsibility with the patient and refer them to any available co-pay assistance as required. Thank you for the referral!

Low Country Rheumatology Use Only Existing Patient Yes____ No____ Physician _____

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Standard Orders for Truxima (rituximab) Administration

Patient _____DOB_____ Date_____

***NOTE**: Patient is ineligible to receive Truxima if they have suspected infectious process or is receiving antibiotic for active infectious process due to the possibility of developing a super infection related to its effect on the immune system.

Indication:

□ M05.79 RA with rheumatoid factor of multiple sites w/o organ involvement	□ M06.09 RA w/o rheumatoid factor, multiple sites	□ Other _____
□ M31.30 Wegener's granulomatosis		

History:

□ Inadequate response or intolerance to DMARDS (list)_____

□ Rapid 3_____

□ ESR _____

□ Recent or upcoming surgery

□ HBsAg, HBsAb, HB core Ab, and HCAb

□ Swollen/tender joints

□ Progressive erosive disease

□ Other_____

Orders:

□ Standard Order Protocol:

- Confirm current PPD, Tspot, or CXR;
- Confirm HBsAg, HBsAb, HB core Ab, and HCAb negative
- Obtain patient weight each visit
- Evaluate patient for active infections, prior or upcoming surgical procedures, medication allergies, COPD, or any current health concerns as noted on Infusion Record
    - Baseline vitals will be obtained:
        - Prior to administration, every half hour during rate increases, hourly after final infusion rate is reached
        - prior to discharge home. Vital signs will be obtained more frequently if patient's condition warrants it.
- Titrate infusion as recommended in Genentech Infusion Guide
- **If infusion reaction occurs, slow or stop infusion, and initiate infusion reaction protocol per Articularis Healthcare Policy and Procedure Manual.**
- Discharge instructions to include possible infusion side effects and follow-up appointment schedule

Dose:

□ Truxima 1000mg IV to be administered at day 0 and 15 (approximately)

□ Truxima 375mg/m^2 IV to be administered q week x 4 weeks

Rate

- First Infusion: Initiate infusion at a rate of 50 mg/hr. In the absence of infusion toxicity, increase infusion rate by 50 mg/hr. increments every 30 minutes, to a maximum of 400 mg/hr.
- Second Infusion: Initiate infusion at a rate of 100 mg/hr. In the absence of infusion toxicity, increase rate by 100 mg/hr. increments at 30-minute intervals, to a maximum of 400 mg/hr.
- Interrupt the infusion per reaction protocol for infusion reactions. Attempt to continue the infusion at one-half the previous rate upon improvement of symptoms, or 30 minutes after medication administration per protocol.

Premedicate:

Pre-medicate x 1 dose 30 minutes prior to each infusion with:

□ 1000 mg Acetaminophen PO □ 25mg Benadryl PO/IV □ 100mg Solu-Medrol IV □ Other _____

Additional orders/comments:

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Practice Name: _____

Physician Name: _____

Physician Signature: _____

Date: _____

NPI: _____

State License: _____

DEA #: _____

UPIN: _____