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**Belimumab (BENLYSTA) INFUSION (v. 01/09/2024)**

Diagnosis/Indication (ICD-10): \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications:**

- Belimumab 10 mg/kg IV in 250 0.9% normal saline over 60 minutes every 2 weeks for the first 3 doses, then every 4 weeks
- Acetaminophen (TYLENOL) 650 mg PO once 30 minutes prior to infusion
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) 25 mg PO once 30 minutes prior to infusion

**Nursing communications:**

- Vital signs: Initial and prn
- For temperature greater than 101.5 F, rigors, dyspnea, mucosal edema, congestion, or decline in SBP great than 30 mmHg, stop infusion and notify the physician. May resume infusion at 50% of the previous rate if patient is stable post treatment of reactions.

**Access:**

- Insert peripheral IV
  - Every visit, remove after IV administration complete
- Access & Use Central Line/ CVAD
  - Initiate Central Line (Non-PICC) Maintenance Protocol
  - Heparin, porcine (PF) 100 unit/mL flush 5 mL as needed for Port-a-Cath line care
  - Alteplase (Cathflo) 2 mg as needed for occluded catheter. For clearing central line catheter- retain in catheter for 30 minutes to 2 hours, instill a 2nd dose if occluded
- Access & Use PICC
  - Initiate PICC Maintenance Protocol
  - Normal saline flush 3 mL as needed for PICC/ Hickman line care
  - Alteplase (Cathflo) 2 mg as needed for occluded catheter. For clearing central line catheter- retain in catheter for 30 minutes to 2 hours, instill a 2nd dose if occluded

**Emergency Medications:**

- DiphenhydrAMINE (BENADRYL) 25 to 50 mg IV as needed for mild to moderate drug reactions (flushing, dizziness, headaches, diaphoresis, fever, palpitations, chest discomfort, blood pressure changes ( $\geq$  20 points in SBP), nausea, urticaria, chills, pruritic).  
-- Administer 25 mg IV once, if reaction does not resolve in 3 minutes may repeat 25 mg IV dose for a total of 50 mg and contact provider.
- MethylPREDNISolone sodium succinate (Solu-MEDROL) 125 mg IV once as needed for shortness of breath, continued symptoms of mild to moderate drug reaction (flushing, dizziness, headaches, diaphoresis, fever, palpitations, chest discomfort, blood pressure changes ( $\geq$  20 points in SBP), nausea, urticaria, chills, pruritic) that worsen or persist 5 minutes after administration of diphenhydramine (Benadryl). Contact provider if given.
- Epinephrine 0.3 mg IM once for anaphylaxis. If reaction does not resolve in 3 minutes may repeat 0.3 mg IM dose for a total of 0.6 mg. Avoid use of hand, foot, leg veins in elderly patient and those with occlusive vascular disease. Contact provider if given.
- Famotidine (PEPCID) 20 mg IV once as needed for infusion/ allergic reaction.

Patient name and DOB \_\_\_\_\_

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