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**Actemra (TOCILIZUMAB) Standing Order**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please include current history and physical and any recent labs/tests, if applicable.\*\*\***

**\*PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF INSURANCE CARD WITH THIS ORDER\***

**Pre-Authorization # or Call**

Reference #: \_\_\_\_\_

(Ordering Physician Office is Responsible to Obtain Authorization/Referral)

**Contact Name and Phone**

Number of Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions regarding pre-authorizations, please contact (630) 527-3788 and ask for the billing department.

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnosis (ICD 10 Required):** \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs: \_\_\_\_\_ Kg: \_\_\_\_\_

**Actemra is indicated for treatment of adult patients with moderately to severely active RA who had an inadequate response to 1 or more TNF antagonist therapies. Recommended starting dose is 4mg/kg every 4 weeks, increasing to 8mg/kg every 4 weeks based on clinical response.**

**Pre-administration:**

- Current TB skin test or chest x-ray
- ANC, Platelet count, Liver enzymes (ALT, AST) (Not recommended to start Actemra if ANC < 2000/mm<sup>3</sup>, platelets < 100,000/mm<sup>3</sup> and liver enzymes > 1.5 times upper limit of normal)
- Pre-Infusion assessment to include BP, temp, pulse per unit protocol
- Post-infusion assessment to include BP, temp, pulse per unit protocol

**Labs:**

1. Please draw the following labs (please check):

- CBC w/platelets and Auto Differential
- Liver Enzymes
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Desired Frequency (please check):**

- Every 4 weeks done One week prior to infusion
- Every 8 weeks done One week prior to infusion
- Each Infusion
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please draw the following labs (please check):

- Lipid Panel

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Desired Frequency (please check):**

One week prior to first infusion, then 4 weeks after treatment initiation, then every 6 months

One week prior to first infusion, then 8 weeks after treatment initiation, then every 6 months

4 weeks after treatment initiation, then every 6 months

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Administration:**

1. Dose: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/kg for \_\_\_\_\_ mg of Actemra every 4 weeks.

**Maximum dose is 800mg**

2. Infuse 100ml Actemra solution over 60 minutes. Do not administer as bolus or push.

3. Do not administer Actemra during an active infection, including localized infections.

4. Interrupt Actemra:

If a serious infection develops, including localized infections

ANC 500-1000

Platelet count 50,000-100,000

Liver enzymes > 1 to 3X ULN after modification of DMARD dose (4mg/kg dose)

Liver Enzymes > 3 to 5X ULN

5. Discontinue Actemra:

ANC < 500

Platelets < 50,000

Liver enzymes > 5X ULN

6. Reduce Actemra dose from 8mg/kg to 4mg/kg:

Liver enzymes > 1 to 3X ULN after modification of DMARD dose

7. Do not administer Actemra concomitantly in the same line with other drugs. Avoid use of Actemra in combination with other biologic DMARDS.

8. Infusion reactions may include:

\*Headache

\*Hives/pruritis

\*Hypertension

\*Shortness of breath

\*Backache

\*Dizziness

\*Nausea/vomiting

\*Chest tightness

\*Anaphylaxis

9. **In the event of a hypersensitivity reaction during the infusion of this medication, we will implement the reaction protocol. A designated nurse practitioner will evaluate your patient and your office will receive notification of the event.**

10. **In the event that your patient has a central line, it will be used per the Cancer Center protocol, unless otherwise directed.**

11. Premedicate with:

• Benadryl \_\_\_\_\_ mg PO or IV Yes  No   
**(circle one)**

• Acetaminophen \_\_\_\_\_ mg PO Yes  No

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- Methylprednisolone  
100mg IV Push IV Push Yes  No

12. Patient may be discharged post-infusion if stable. No monitoring time required.

Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordering Physician NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Edward Hospital NPI: 1427069632  
Elmhurst Hospital NPI: 1548306343

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Physician Name (Please Print) Office Phone Fax Number

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