

| Patient Agreement to Systemic Therapy: Consent Form | |
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| Accelerated EC x 4, Accelerated Paclitaxel x 4 | |
| Patient's details / addressograph: | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| | Special requirements (e.g. other language/other communication method) |
| | Consultant: |

Name of proposed course of treatment: Accelerated EC x 4, Accelerated Paclitaxel x 4

Epirubicin & Cyclophosphamide given as IV boluses on Day 1 every 14 days for 4 cycles followed by

Paclitaxel IV infusion on Day 1 every 14 days for 4 cycles

Macmillan leaflet(s) given

Statement of health professional (to be filled in by health professional with appropriate knowledge of proposed procedure, as specified in consent policy)

I have discussed what the treatment is likely to involve (including inpatient / outpatient treatment, timing of the treatment, follow-up appointments) and location.

The intended benefits

- Curative – to give you the best possible chance of being cured
- Palliative – the aim is not to cure but to control or shrink the disease. The aim is to improve both quality of life and survival
- Adjuvant – therapy given after surgery to reduce the risk of recurrence of cancer
- Neo-adjuvant – therapy given to shrink the cancer before surgery or radiotherapy

Significant, unavoidable or frequently occurring risks:

Potentially life threatening side-effects: reduced resistance to infection which can lead to a potentially fatal blood infection, allergic reaction to paclitaxel

EC (Epirubicin & Cyclophosphamide) common side-effects: bruising or bleeding, anaemia (low number of red blood cells), hair loss, feeling sick (nausea) and being sick (vomiting), sore mouth and ulcers, taste changes, tiredness and feeling weak, discoloured urine, irritation of the bladder lining.

Other less common side-effects include: changes in the way your heart works; rarely, epirubicin may cause long-term damage to the heart, rarely, effects on the lungs (report any new breathlessness, wheezing or cough); late effects include a rare chance of a second cancer.

Paclitaxel common side-effects: anaemia (low number of red blood cells), bruising or bleeding, hair loss, diarrhoea, feeling sick (nausea) and being sick (vomiting), sore mouth and ulcers, tiredness and feeling weak, numbness or tingling in the hands and feet, aching or pain in joints or muscles

Other less common side-effects include: temporary slowing of the heart, low blood pressure, your liver may be temporarily affected, changes to nails, rash.

