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## Managing a Treatment Plan for Your Patients with VELCADE® (bortezomib)

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**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS:** VELCADE is for subcutaneous or IV administration only. Because each route of administration has a different reconstituted concentration, caution should be used when calculating the volume to be administered.

- ▼ **Peripheral neuropathy**, including severe cases, may occur. Patients should be monitored for symptoms and managed with dose modification or discontinuation. Patients with preexisting symptoms may experience worsening peripheral neuropathy (including  $\geq$ Grade 3). Starting with VELCADE subcutaneously may be considered for patients who either have preexisting or are at high risk for peripheral neuropathy.
- ▼ **Hypotension:** Caution should be used when treating patients receiving antihypertensives, those with a history of syncope, and those who are dehydrated.
- ▼ **Cardiac toxicity**, including acute development or exacerbation of congestive heart failure and new onset of decreased left ventricular ejection fraction, has occurred. Isolated cases of QT-interval prolongation have been reported. Patients with risk factors for, or existing, heart disease should be closely monitored.
- ▼ **Pulmonary toxicity:** Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) and acute diffuse infiltrative pulmonary disease of unknown etiology have occurred (sometimes fatal). Pulmonary hypertension, in the absence of left heart failure or significant pulmonary disease, has been reported. In the event of new or worsening cardiopulmonary symptoms, consider interrupting VELCADE until a prompt and comprehensive diagnostic evaluation is conducted.
- ▼ **Posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome** has occurred. Consider MRI imaging for onset of visual or neurological symptoms; discontinue VELCADE if suspected.
- ▼ **Gastrointestinal toxicity**, including nausea, diarrhea, constipation, and vomiting, has occurred and may require use of antiemetic and antidiarrheal medications or fluid replacement. Interrupt VELCADE for severe symptoms.
- ▼ **Thrombocytopenia/Neutropenia:** Manage with dose and/or schedule modifications. Complete blood counts should be monitored frequently during treatment. There have been reports of gastrointestinal and intracerebral hemorrhage. Support with transfusions and supportive care, according to published guidelines.
- ▼ **Tumor lysis syndrome:** Closely monitor patients with high tumor burden and take appropriate precautions.
- ▼ **Hepatic toxicity:** Monitor hepatic enzymes during treatment. Upon occurrence, interrupt therapy with VELCADE to assess reversibility.
- ▼ **Embryo-fetal risk:** Women should avoid breast-feeding or becoming pregnant while on VELCADE.
- ▼ **Patients with diabetes** may require close monitoring and adjustment of the antidiabetic medications.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS:** Closely monitor patients receiving VELCADE in combination with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors. Avoid concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inducers.

## ADVERSE REACTIONS

- ▼ **Previously untreated multiple myeloma (MM):** In the phase 3 study of VELCADE administered intravenously with melphalan and prednisone (MP) vs MP alone, the most commonly reported adverse reactions (ARs) were thrombocytopenia (48% vs 42%), neutropenia (47% vs 42%), peripheral neuropathy (46% vs 1%), nausea (39% vs 21%), diarrhea (35% vs 6%), neuralgia (34% vs <1%), anemia (32% vs 46%), and leukopenia (32% vs 28%).
- ▼ **Relapsed MM subcutaneous vs IV:** In the phase 3 study of VELCADE administered subcutaneously vs intravenously in relapsed MM, safety data were similar between the two treatment groups. The most commonly reported ARs in the subcutaneous vs IV treatment groups were peripheral neuropathy (37% vs 50%) and thrombocytopenia (30% vs 34%). The incidence of serious ARs was similar in the subcutaneous treatment group (20%) and the IV treatment group (19%). The most commonly reported serious ARs were pneumonia and pyrexia (each 2%) in the subcutaneous treatment group and pneumonia, diarrhea, and peripheral sensory neuropathy (each 3%) in the IV treatment group.
- ▼ **Previously untreated mantle cell lymphoma (MCL):** In a phase 3 study of VELCADE administered intravenously with rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and prednisone (VR-CAP) vs vincristine, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and prednisone (R-CHOP), the most commonly reported ARs were neutropenia (87% vs 71%), thrombocytopenia (72% vs 17%), leukopenia (48% vs 36%), anemia (44% vs 29%), lymphopenia (28% vs 12%), peripheral neuropathy (30% vs 27%), diarrhea (25% vs 5%), nausea (23% vs 12%), and pyrexia (20% vs 10%).
- ▼ **Relapsed MM and MCL:** In the integrated analysis of 1163 patients in phase 2 and 3 studies of VELCADE administered intravenously, the most commonly reported ARs were nausea (49%), diarrhea NOS (46%), fatigue (41%), peripheral neuropathy NEC (38%), and thrombocytopenia (32%). A total of 26% of patients experienced serious ARs. The most commonly reported serious ARs included diarrhea, vomiting, and pyrexia (each 3%); nausea, dehydration, and thrombocytopenia (each 2%); and pneumonia, dyspnea, peripheral neuropathies NEC, and herpes zoster (each 1%).

Please see accompanying full Prescribing Information, also available at [VELCADE-hcp.com](http://VELCADE-hcp.com).



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