

National Cancer Institution (NCI) Toxicity Criteria

Toxicity Grade	0	1	2	3	4
Blood/Bone Marrow					
WBC	4.0	3.0 - 3.9	2.0 - 2.9	1.0 - 1.9	<1.0
PLT	WNL	75.0 - normal	50.0 - 74.9	25.0 - 49.9	<25.0
Hgb	WNL	10.0 - normal	8.0 - 10.0	6.5 - 7.9	<6.5
Granulocytes/ Bands	2.0	1.5 - 1.9	1.0 - 1.4	0.5 - 0.9	<0.5
Lymphocytes	2.0	1.5 - 1.9	1.0 - 1.4	0.5 - 0.9	<0.5
Haemorrhage (clinical)	None	mild, no transfusion	gross, 1-2 units transfusion per episode	gross, 3-4 units transfusion per episode	massive, >4 units transfusion per episode
Infection	None	mild	moderate	severe	life-threatening
Gastrointestinal					
Nausea	none	able to eat reasonable intake	intake significantly decreased but can eat	no significant intake	---
Vomiting	none	1 episode in 24 hrs	2-5 episodes in 24 hrs	6-10 episodes in 24 hrs	>10 episodes in 24 hrs, or requiring parenteral support
Diarrhoea	none	increase of 2-3 stools/day over pre-Rx	increase of 4-6 stools/day, or nocturnal stools, or moderate cramping	increase of 7-9 stools/day, or incontinence, or severe cramping	increase of 10 stools/day or grossly bloody diarrhoea, or need for parenteral support
Stomatitis	none	painless ulcers, erythema, or mild soreness	painful erythema, oedema, or ulcers, but can eat	painful erythema, oedema, or ulcers, and cannot eat	requires parenteral or enteral support

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Liver					
Bilirubin	WNL	---	ULN-1.5 x ULN	>1.5 - 3.0 x ULN	>3.0 x ULN
Transaminase (SGOT, SGPT)	WNL	>ULN-2.5 X ULN	>2.5-5.0 X ULN	>5.0-20.0 X ULN	>20.0 x ULN
Alkaline Phosphatase or 5'nucleotidase	WNL	>ULN-2.5 X ULN	>2.5-5.0 X ULN	>5.0-20.0 x ULN	>20.0 x ULN
Liver -- (clinical)	no change from baseline	---	---	precoma	hepatic coma
Kidney, Bladder					
Creatinine	WNL	>ULN-1.5 x ULN	>1.5 - 3.0 x ULN	>3.0 - 6.0 x ULN	>6.0 x ULN
Proteinuria	no change	1 + or < 0.3 g% or < 3 g/L	2 - 3 + or 0.3 - 1.0 g% or 3 - 10 g/L	4 + or > 1.0 g% or > 10 g/L	nephrotic syndrome
Haematuria	negative	micro only	gross, no clots	gross + clots	requires transfusion
Alopecia	no loss	mild hair loss	pronounced or total loss	---	---
Pulmonary	none or no change	asymptomatic, with abnormality in PFTs	dyspnoea on significant exertion	dysp noea at normal level of activity	dyspnoea at rest

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Heart					
Cardiac dysrhythmias	none	asymptomatic, transient, requiring no therapy	recurrent or persistent, no therapy required	requires treatment	requires monitoring or hypotension, or ventricular tachycardia, or fibrillation
Cardiac function	normal	asymptomatic, decline of resting ejection fraction by less than 20% of baseline value	asymptomatic, decline of resting ejection fraction by more than 20% of baseline value	mild CHF, responsive to therapy	Severe or refractory CHF
Cardiac -- ischaemia	none	non-specific T-wave flattening	asymptomatic, ST and T - wave changes suggesting ischaemia	angina without evidence of infarction	acute myocardial infarction
Cardiac -- pericardial	none	asymptomatic effusion, no intervention required	pericarditis (rub, chest pain, ECG changes)	symptomatic effusion; drainage required	tamponade; drainage urgently required
Blood Pressure					
Hypertension	none or no change	asymptomatic, transient increase by greater than 20 mm Hg (D) or to >150/100 if previously WNL. No treatment required	recurrent or persistent increase by greater than 20 mm Hg (D) or to >150/100 if previously WNL. No treatment required	requires therapy	hypertensive crisis
Hypotension	none or no change	changes requiring no therapy (including transient orthostatic hypotension)	requires fluid replacement or other therapy but not hospitalisation	requires therapy and hospitalisation; resolves within 48 hrs of stopping the agent	requires therapy and hospitalisation for >48 hrs after stopping the agent

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Neurological					
Neuro -- sensory	none or no change	mild paresthesias, loss of deep tendon reflexes	mild or moderate objective sensory loss; moderate paresthesias	severe objective sensory loss or paresthesias that interfere with function	---
Neuro -- motor	none or no change	subjective weakness; no objective findings	mild objective weakness without significant impairment of function	objective weakness with impairment of function	paralysis
Neuro -- cortical	none	mild somnolence or agitation	moderate somnolence or agitation	severe somnolence, agitation, confusion, disorientation, or hallucinations	coma, seizures, toxic psychosis
Neuro -- cerebellar	none	slight incoordination, dysdiadochokinesia	intention tremor, dysmetria, slurred speech, nystagmus	locomotor ataxia	cerebellar necrosis
Neuro -- mood	no change	mild anxiety or depression	moderate anxiety or depression	severe anxiety or depression	suicidal ideation
Neuro -- headache	none	mild	moderate or severe but transient	unrelenting and severe	---
Neuro -- constipation	none or no change	mild	moderate	severe	ileus >96 hrs
Neuro -- hearing	none or no change	asymptomatic, hearing loss on audiometry only	tinnitus	hearing loss interfering with function but correctable with hearing aid	deafness not correctable
Neuro -- vision	none or no change	---	---	symptomatic subtotal loss of vision	blindness

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Skin	none or no change	scattered macular or papular eruption or erythema that is asymptomatic	scattered macular or papular eruption or erythema with pruritus or other associated symptoms	generalized symptomatic macular, papular, or vesicular eruption	exfoliative dermatitis or ulcerating dermatitis
Allergy	none	transient rash, drug fever <38°C, 100.4° F	urticaria, drug fever =38°C, 100.4° F mild bronchospasm	serum sickness, bronchospasm, req parenteral meds	anaphylaxis
Fever in absence of infection	none	37.1 - 38.0°C	38.1 - 40.0°C	>40.0°C for less than 24 hrs	>40.0°C (104.0°F) for more than 24 hrs or fever accompanied by hypotension
Local	none	pain	pain and swelling, with inflammation or phlebitis	ulceration	plastic surgery indicated
Weight gain/loss	<5.0%	5.0 - 9.9%	10.0 - 19.9%	20.0%	---

Metabolic

Hyperglycaemia	<116	116 - 160	161 - 250	251 - 500	>500 or ketoacidosis
Hypoglycaemia	>64	55 - 64	40 - 54	30 - 39	<30
Amylase	WNL	<1.5 x N	1.5 - 2.0 x N	2.1 - 5.0 x N	>5.1 x N
Hypercalcaemia	<10.6	10.6 - 11.5	11.6 - 12.5	12.6 - 13.5	≥13.5
Hypocalcaemia	>8.4	8.4 - 7.8	7.7 - 7.0	6.9 - 6.1	≤6.0
Hypomagnesaemia	>1.4	1.4 - 1.2	1.1 - 0.9	0.8 - 0.6	≤0.5

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Coagulation					
Fibrinogen	WNL	0.99 - 0.75 x N	0.74 - 0.50 x N	0.49 - 0.25 x N	0.24 x N
Prothrombin time	WNL	1.01 - 1.25 x N	1.26 - 1.50 x N	1.51 - 2.00 x N	>2.00 x N
Partial thromboplastin time	WNL	1.01 - 1.66 x N	1.67 - 2.33 x N	2.34 - 3.00 x N	>3.00 x N