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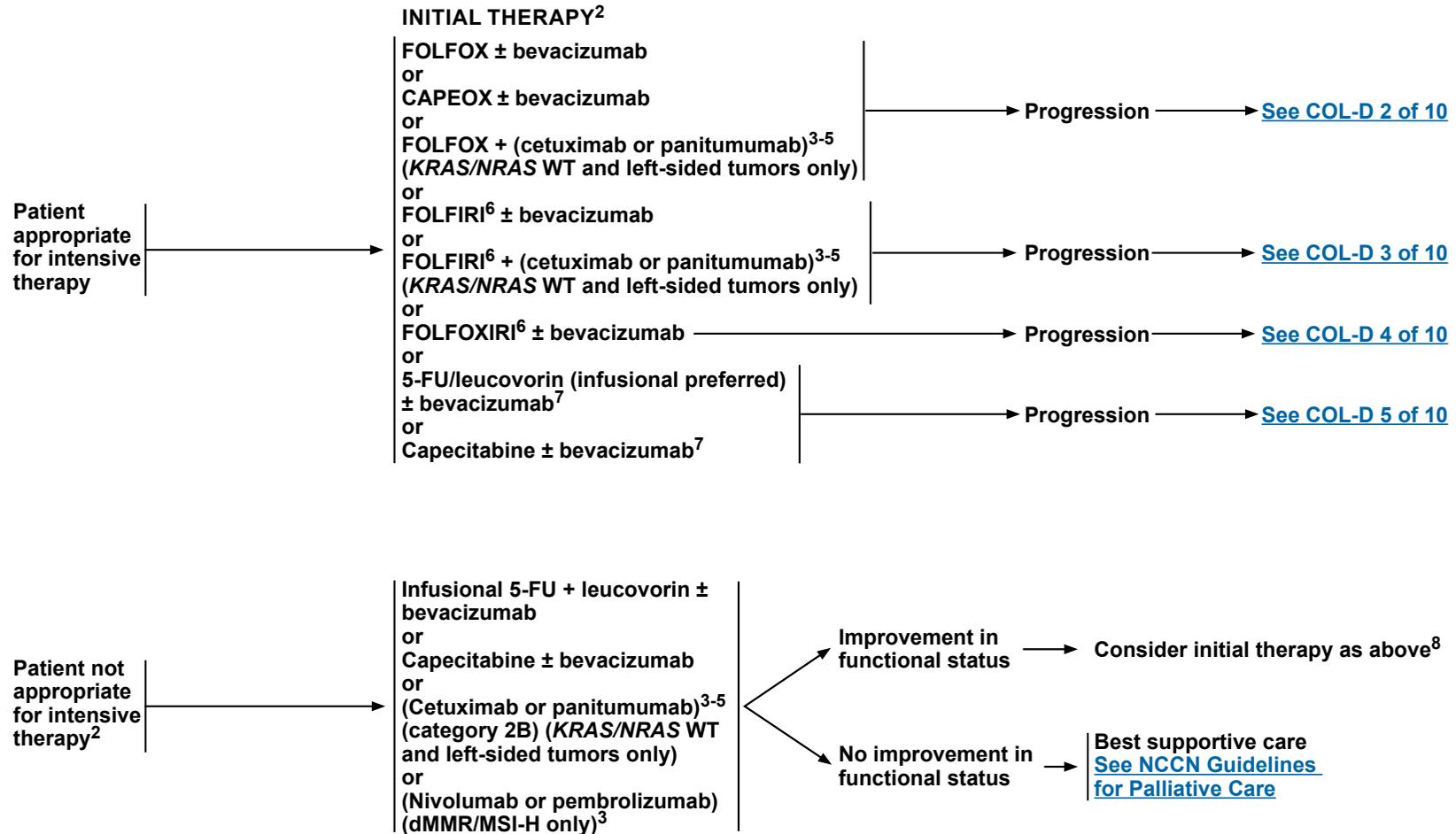
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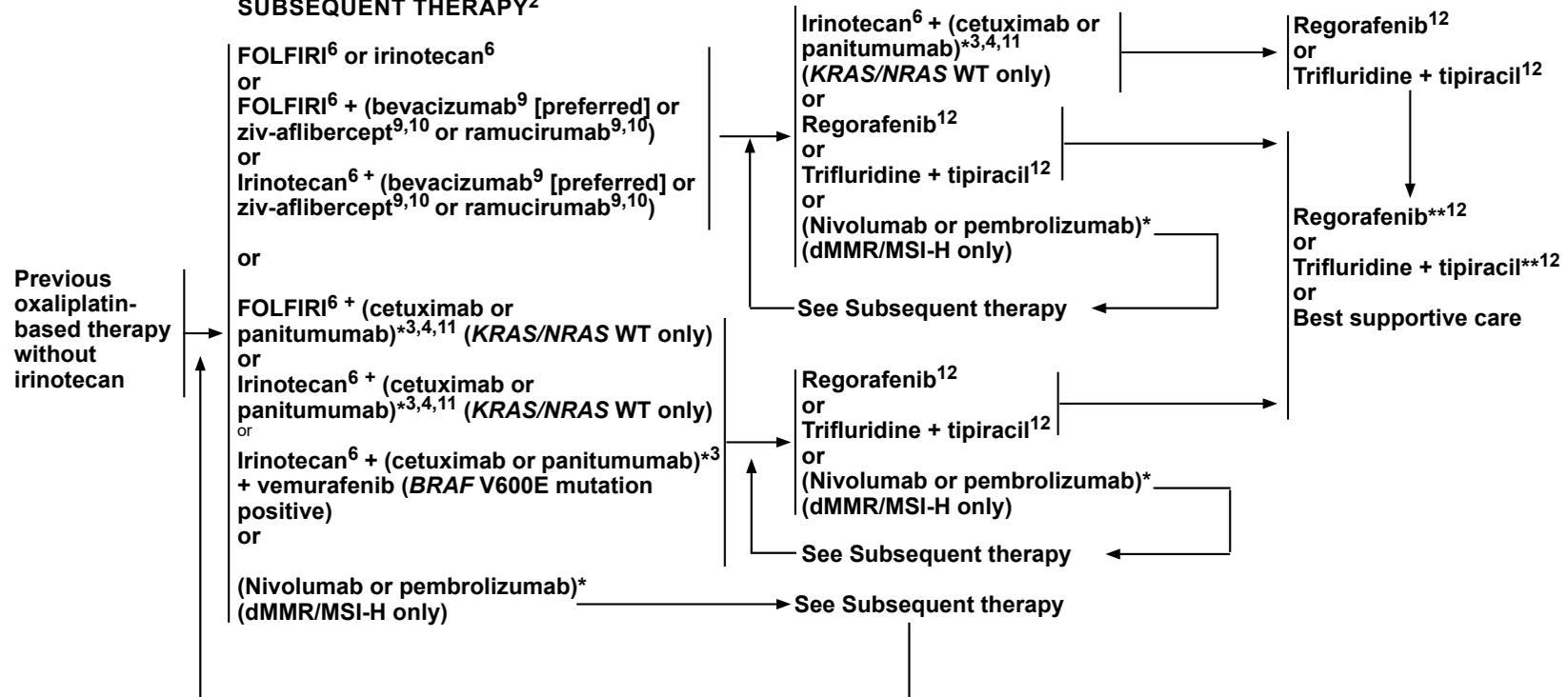
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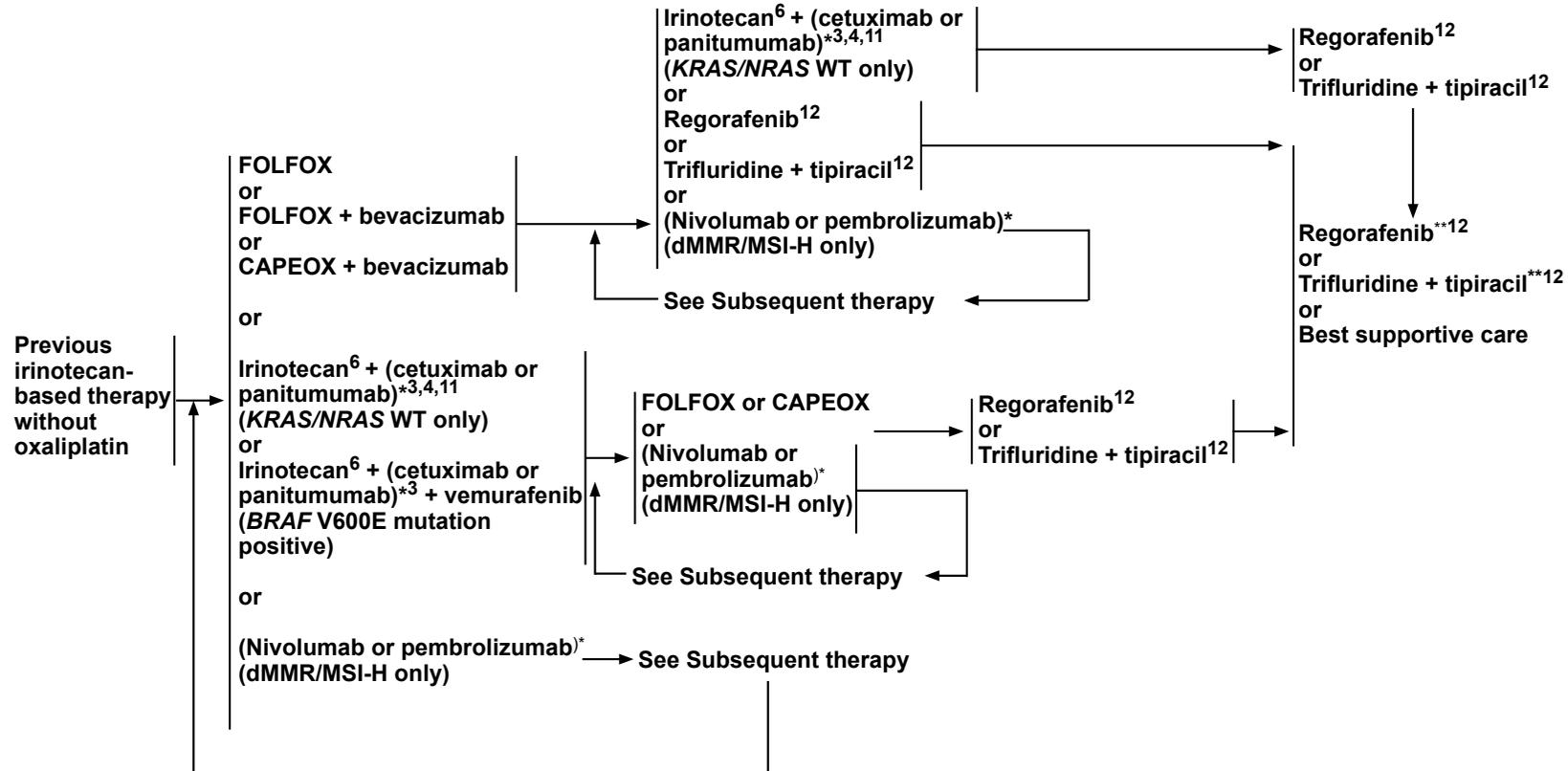
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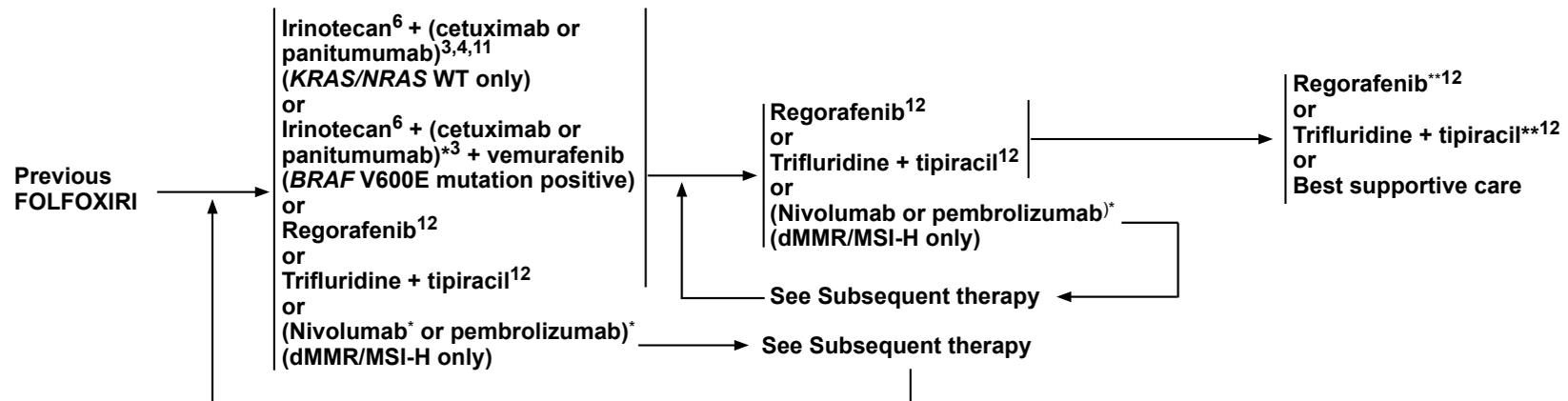
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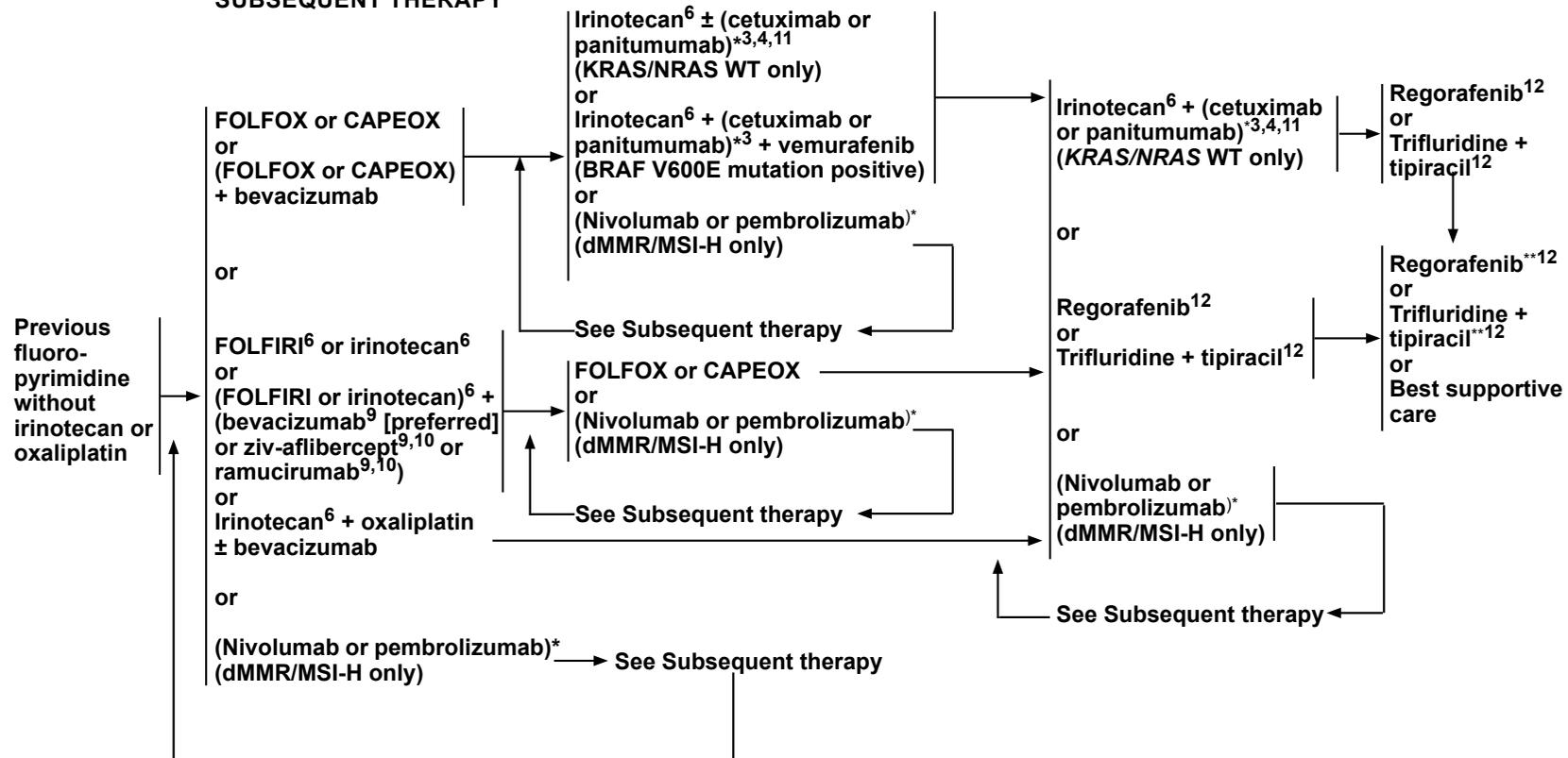
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¹For chemotherapy references, [see Chemotherapy Regimens and References \(COL-D 7-10\)](#).

²Chest/abdominal/pelvic CT with contrast or chest CT and abdominal/pelvic MRI with contrast to monitor progress of therapy. PET/CT should not be used. See [Principles of Imaging \(COL-A\)](#).

³[See Principles of Pathologic Review \(COL-B 4 of 5\)](#).

⁴*BRAF* V600E mutation makes response to panitumumab or cetuximab highly unlikely unless given with a *BRAF* inhibitor.

⁵The panel defines the left side of the colon as splenic flexure to rectum. Evidence suggests that patients with tumors originating on the right side of the colon (hepatic flexure through cecum) are unlikely to respond to cetuximab and panitumumab in first-line therapy for metastatic disease. Data on the response to cetuximab and panitumumab in patients with primary tumors originating in the transverse colon (hepatic flexure to splenic flexure) are lacking.

⁶Irinotecan should be used with caution in patients with Gilbert's disease or elevated serum bilirubin. There is a commercially available test for *UGT1A1*. Guidelines for use in clinical practice have not been established.

⁷A treatment option for patients not able to tolerate oxaliplatin or irinotecan.

⁸The use of single-agent capecitabine after progression on a fluoropyrimidine-containing regimen has been shown to be ineffective; therefore, this is not recommended.

⁹Bevacizumab is the preferred anti-angiogenic agent based on toxicity and/or cost.

¹⁰There are no data to suggest activity of FOLFIRI-ziv-aflibercept or FOLFIRI-ramucirumab in a patient who has progressed on FOLFIRI-bevacizumab, or vice versa. Ziv-aflibercept and ramucirumab have only shown activity when given in conjunction with FOLFIRI in FOLFIRI-naïve patients.

¹¹Cetuximab or panitumumab are recommended in combination with irinotecan-based therapy or as single-agent therapy for patients who cannot tolerate irinotecan.

¹²Regorafenib or trifluridine + tipiracil are treatment options for patients who have progressed through all available regimens.

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SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR ADVANCED OR METASTATIC DISEASE - CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMENS (PAGE 8 of 10)

FOLFIRI + cetuximab (KRAS/NRAS WT only)
 Cetuximab 400 mg/m² IV over 2 hours first infusion,
 then 250 mg/m² IV over 60 minutes weekly¹²
 or Cetuximab 500 mg/m² IV over 2 hours, day 1, every 2 weeks¹³

FOLFIRI + panitumumab¹⁴ (KRAS/NRAS WT only)
 Panitumumab 6 mg/kg IV over 60 minutes, day 1
 Repeat every 2 weeks

FOLFIRI + ziv-aflibercept¹⁵
 Ziv-aflibercept 4 mg/kg IV over 60 minutes, day 1
 Repeat every 2 weeks
FOLFIRI + ramucirumab¹⁶
 Ramucirumab 8 mg/kg over 60 minutes, day 1
 Repeat every 2 weeks

FOLFOXIRI¹⁷
 Irinotecan 165 mg/m² IV day 1, oxaliplatin 85 mg/m² IV day 1,*
 Leucovorin 400** mg/m² day 1, fluorouracil 1600 mg/m²/d x 2 days
 (total 3200 mg/m² over 48 hours) continuous infusion starting on day
 1.
 Repeat every 2 weeks
 The dose of 5-FU listed here was used in European studies. U.S.
 patients have been shown to have poorer tolerance for 5-FU. A
 starting dose of 5-FU consistent with the dose recommended in
 FOLFOX or FOLFIRI should be strongly considered for U.S. patients.

FOLFOXIRI + bevacizumab^{18†}
 Bevacizumab 5 mg/kg IV, day 1
 Repeat every 2 weeks

IROX¹⁹
 Oxaliplatin 85 mg/m² IV,*
 followed by irinotecan 200 mg/m² over 30–90 minutes every 3 weeks

**Bolus or infusional 5-FU/leucovorin
 Roswell Park regimen²⁰**
 Leucovorin 500 mg/m² IV over 2 hours, days 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and 36
 5-FU 500 mg/m² IV bolus 1 hour after start of leucovorin,
 days 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and 36
 Repeat every 8 weeks

Simplified biweekly infusional 5-FU/LV (sLV5FU2)⁹
 Leucovorin** 400 mg/m² IV over 2 hours on day 1,
 followed by 5-FU bolus 400 mg/m² and then 1200 mg/m²/d x 2 days
 (total 2400 mg/m² over 46–48 hours) continuous infusion
 Repeat every 2 weeks

Weekly
 Leucovorin 20 mg/m² IV over 2 hours on day 1, 5-FU 500 mg/m² IV
 bolus injection 1 hour after the start of leucovorin. Repeat weekly.²¹
 5-FU 2600 mg/m² by 24-hour infusion plus leucovorin 500 mg/m²
 Repeat every week²¹

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*Oxaliplatin may be given either over 2 hours, or may be infused over a shorter time at a rate of 1 mg/m²/min. Leucovorin infusion should match infusion time of oxaliplatin.

Cercek A, Park V, Yaeger R, et al. Faster FOLFOX: oxaliplatin can be safely infused at a rate of 1 mg/m²/min. J Oncol Pract 2016;12:e548-553.

**Leucovorin 400 mg/m² is the equivalent of levoleucovorin 200 mg/m².

†Bevacizumab may be safely given at a rate of 0.5 mg/kg/min (5 mg/kg over 10 minutes and 7.5 mg/kg over 15 minutes).

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