



**pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review
Patient Advocacy Group Feedback on a pCODR
Expert Review Committee Initial
Recommendation**

Ibrutinib (Imbruvica) for Mantle Cell Lymphoma

Lymphoma Foundation Canada

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1 Feedback on pERC Initial Recommendation

Name of the drug indication(s): Ibrutinib (Imbruvica) for Mantle Cell

Name of registered patient advocacy group: Lymphoma Foundation Canada

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1.1 Comments on the Initial Recommendation

a) Please indicate if the patient advocacy group agrees or disagrees with the initial recommendation:

Agrees agrees in part disagree

The pERC Initial Recommendation recommends reimbursement of ibrutinib based on its clinical benefit and alignment with patient values.

From a patient and caregiver perspective, patients seek individualized choice in treatment that will offer disease control and improve quality of life while offering ease of use relative to other treatments. As an oral therapy, ibrutinib is easier for patients to use, without the necessity to keep track of treatment cycles common to other treatments. It can be taken in the comfort of a patient's home; a true benefit to patients and caregivers, especially those who live far from treatment centres. An oral drug with mild side effects and proven efficacy will permit patients to regain a good quality of life, have fewer hospital visits and contribute to society.

In Canada there is a need for access to targeted therapies that have proven to be effective at stopping disease progression and maintaining a good quality of life, especially after other treatments have failed due to relapses in disease. Currently available treatment options for relapsed disease tend to have increased toxicity and reduced anti-tumour activity. MCL patients want to transition from an era of chemotherapy to an era of targeted therapy with proven efficacy in treating patients, including those that have the poorest prognosis and those who are of advanced age.

Lymphoma Canada supports this recommendation as it greatly impacts patients who are in need for more effective treatment options for relapsed/refractory mantle cell lymphoma.

b) Notwithstanding the feedback provided in part a) above, please indicate if the patient advocacy group would support this initial recommendation proceeding to final pERC

recommendation (“early conversion”), which would occur within 2(two) business days of the end of the consultation period.

- Support conversion to final recommendation.
 Recommendation does not require reconsideration by pERC.
- Do not support conversion to final recommendation.
 Recommendation should be reconsidered by pERC.

c) Please provide feedback on the initial recommendation. Is the initial recommendation or are the components of the recommendation (e.g., clinical and economic evidence) clearly worded? Is the intent clear? Are the reasons clear?

Page Number	Section Title	Paragraph, Line Number	Comments and Suggested Changes to Improve Clarity

About Completing This Template

pCODR invites those registered patient advocacy groups that provided input on the drug under review prior to deliberation by the pCODR Expert Review Committee (pERC), to also provide feedback and comments on the initial recommendation made by pERC. (See www.cadth.ca/pcodr for information regarding review status and feedback deadlines.)

As part of the pCODR review process, the pCODR Expert Review Committee makes an initial recommendation based on its review of the clinical, economic and patient evidence for a drug. (See www.cadth.ca/pcodr for a description of the pCODR process.) The initial recommendation is then posted for feedback and comments from various stakeholders. The pCODR Expert Review Committee welcomes comments and feedback that will help the members understand why the patient advocacy groups agree or disagree with the initial recommendation. In addition, the members of pERC would like to know if there is any lack of clarity in the document and if so, what could be done to improve the clarity of the information in the initial recommendation. Other comments are welcome as well.

All stakeholders have 10 (ten) business days within which to provide their feedback on the initial recommendation and rationale. If all invited stakeholders, including registered patient advocacy groups, agree with the recommended clinical population described in the initial recommendation, it will proceed to a final pERC recommendation by 2 (two) business days after the end of the consultation (feedback) period. This is called an “early conversion” of an initial recommendation to a final recommendation.

If any one of the invited stakeholders does not support the initial recommendation proceeding to final pERC recommendation, pERC will review all feedback and comments received at the next possible pERC meeting. Based on the feedback received, pERC will consider revising the recommendation document as appropriate. It should be noted that the initial recommendation and rationale for it may or may not change following consultation with stakeholders.

The final pERC recommendation will be made available to the participating provincial and territorial ministries of health and cancer agencies for their use in guiding their funding decisions and will also be made publicly available once it has been finalized.

Instructions for Providing Feedback

Only registered patient advocacy groups that provided input at the beginning of the review of the drug can provide feedback on the initial recommendation.

- Please note that only one submission per patient advocacy group is permitted. This applies to those groups with both national and provincial / territorial offices; only one submission for the entire patient advocacy group will be accepted. If more than one submission is made, only the first submission will be considered.
- Individual patients should contact a patient advocacy group that is representative of their condition to have their input added to that of the group. If there is no patient advocacy group for the particular tumour, patients should contact pCODR for direction at www.cadth.ca/pcodr.

Feedback or comments must be based on the evidence that was considered by pERC in making the initial recommendation. No new evidence will be considered during this part of the review process; however, it may be eligible for a Resubmission.

The template for providing *pCODR Patient Advocacy Group Feedback on a pERC Initial Recommendation* can be downloaded from the pCODR website. (See www.cadth.ca/pcodr for a description of the pCODR process and supporting materials and templates.)

At this time, the template must be completed in English. Patient advocacy groups should complete those sections of the template where they have substantive comments and should not feel obligated to complete every section, if that section does not apply to their group. Similarly, groups should not feel restricted by the space allotted on the form and can expand the tables in the template as required.

Feedback on the initial pERC recommendations **should not exceed three (3) pages in length**, using a minimum 11 point font on 8 ½" by 11" paper. If comments submitted exceed three pages, only the first three pages of feedback will be forwarded to the pERC.

Feedback should be presented clearly and succinctly in point form, whenever possible. The issue(s) should be clearly stated and specific reference must be made to the section of the recommendation document under discussion (i.e., page number, section title, and paragraph). Opinions from experts and testimonials should not be provided. Comments should be restricted to the content of the initial recommendation.

References to support comments may be provided separately; however, these cannot be new references. New evidence is not considered during this part of the review process, however, it may be eligible for a Resubmission. If you are unclear as to whether the information you are considering to provide is eligible for a Resubmission, please contact the pCODR Secretariat.

The comments must be submitted via a Microsoft Word (not PDF) document by logging into www.cadth.ca/pcodr and selecting "Submit Feedback" by the posted deadline date.

Patient advocacy group feedback must be submitted to pCODR by 5 P.M. Eastern Time on the day of the posted deadline.

If you have any questions about the feedback process, please e-mail pcodrinfo@cadth.ca. For more information regarding patient input into the pCODR drug review process, see the *pCODR Patient Engagement Guide*. Should you have any questions about completing this form, please email pcodrinfo@cadth.ca

Note: Submitted feedback is publicly posted and also may be used in other documents available to the public. The confidentiality of any submitted information at this stage of the review cannot be guaranteed.