Rituximab in neurological disease: first infusion checklist

Indication: ____________________________________

Usage (circle): emergency / elective

Duration (circle): single course / maintenance therapy

Dose to be given: ______________________________

Mandatory pre-admission checklist – emergency and elective use:

- No contra-indications (active infection, hypersensitivity to rituximab, severe immunocompromise, severe heart disease)
- Patient information sheet provided and contraception discussed (in men and women)
- Hepatitis B serology is negative. Or, if positive, gastroenterology opinion has been sought and anti-viral prophylaxis commenced.
- Baseline full blood count, liver function tests and immunoglobulin levels available.

Desirable pre-admission checklist – elective use, not to delay treatment in emergency use:

- Review of immunisation history. All necessary vaccines given, including pneumococcal vaccine.
- Hepatitis C and HIV serology tested. Involvement of specialist if needed.
- In high risk groups only: TB screening and VZV serology negative.
- Patient advised to withhold antihypertensive medication if appropriate.

Day of infusion checklist – all patients:

- Consent form signed.
- No evidence of active infection on history and examination (consider urine dipstick or additional investigations if needed).
- Pregnancy test negative (if appropriate).
- Rituximab and pre-medications prescribed (methylprednisolone 100mg IV, paracetamol and anti-histamine if needed).

Completed by: ________________________________ Date: ________________

First infusion checklist to accompany Practical Neurology Article, Whittam et al., 2018