

BREAST CANCER (INVASIVE) TREATMENT REGIMENS (Part 1 of 4)

Clinical Trials: The NCCN recommends cancer patient participation in clinical trials as the gold standard for treatment.

Cancer therapy selection, dosing, administration, and the management of related adverse events can be a complex process that should be handled by an experienced healthcare team. Clinicians must choose and verify treatment options based on the individual patient; drug dose modifications and supportive care interventions should be administered accordingly. The cancer treatment regimens below may include both U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved and unapproved indications/regimens. These regimens are only provided to supplement the latest treatment strategies.

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Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant Chemotherapy

NOTE: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

Preferred Regimens for HER2-negative Disease¹

REGIMEN	DOSING
Dose-dense AC followed by paclitaxel (Category 1)²	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 14 days for 4 cycles, followed by: Day 1: Paclitaxel 175mg/m ² via 3-hour IV infusion. Repeat cycle every 14 days for 4 cycles. (All cycles are with filgrastim support)
Dose-dense AC followed by weekly paclitaxel (Category 1)²	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 14 days for 4 cycles, followed by: Day 1: Paclitaxel 80mg/m ² via 1-hour IV infusion weekly for 12 weeks.
TC (Category 1)³	Day 1: Docetaxel 75mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles. (All cycles are with filgrastim support)

Other Regimens for HER2-negative Disease¹

Dose-dense AC⁴	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 14 days for 4 cycles.
AC (Category 2B)⁴	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles.
TAC (Category 1)⁵	Day 1: Docetaxel 75mg/m ² IV Day 1: Doxorubicin 50mg/m ² IV day Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 500mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 6 cycles. (All cycles are with filgrastim support)
FAC (Category 1)^{6,7}	Days 1 and 4 OR 1 and 8: 5-fluorouracil 500mg/m ² IV Day 1: Doxorubicin 50mg/m ² IV (or via 72-hour continuous infusion) Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 500mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 6 cycles.
CAF (Category 1)⁸	Days 1–14: Cyclophosphamide 100mg/m ² PO Days 1 and 8: Doxorubicin 30mg/m ² IV Days 1 and 8: 5-fluorouracil 500mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 28 days for 6 cycles.
CEF (Category 1)⁹	Days 1–14: Cyclophosphamide 75mg/m ² PO Days 1 and 8: Epirubicin 60mg/m ² IV Days 1 and 8: 5-fluorouracil 500mg/m ² IV. With cotrimoxazole support. Repeat cycle every 28 days for 6 cycles.
CMF (Category 1)¹⁰	Days 1–14: Cyclophosphamide 100mg/m ² PO Days 1 and 8: Methotrexate 40mg/m ² IV Days 1 and 8: 5-fluorouracil 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 28 days for 6 cycles.
AC followed by docetaxel (Category 1)¹¹	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by: Day 1: Docetaxel 100mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles.
AC followed by weekly paclitaxel (Category 1)¹¹	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by: Day 1: Paclitaxel 80mg/m ² via 1-hour IV infusion weekly for 12 weeks.

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Other Regimens for HER2-negative Disease (continued)

REGIMEN	DOSING
EC (Category 1)¹²	Day 1: Epirubicin 100mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 830mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 8 cycles.
FEC followed by docetaxel (Category 1)¹³	Day 1: 5-fluorouracil 500mg/m ² IV Day 1: Epirubicin 100mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 500mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 3 cycles, followed by: Day 1: Docetaxel 100mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 3 cycles.
FEC followed by weekly paclitaxel (Category 1)¹⁴	Day 1: 5-fluorouracil 600mg/m ² IV Day 1: Epirubicin 90mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by: 3 weeks of no treatment, followed by: Paclitaxel 100mg/m ² IV infusion weekly for 8 weeks.
FAC followed by weekly paclitaxel (Category 1)	Days 1 and 8 OR 1 and 4: 5-fluorouracil 500mg/m ² IV Day 1: Doxorubicin 50mg/m ² IV (or via 72-hour continuous infusion) Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 500mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 6 cycles, followed by: Paclitaxel 80mg/m ² via 1-hour IV infusion weekly for 12 weeks.

Preferred Regimens for HER2-positive Disease¹

AC followed by paclitaxel with trastuzumab¹⁵	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by: Day 1: Paclitaxel 80mg/m ² via 1-hour IV infusion weekly for 12 weeks, with: Trastuzumab 4mg/kg IV with first dose of paclitaxel, followed by: Trastuzumab 2mg/kg IV weekly to complete 1 year of treatment. As an alternative, trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV every 21 days may be used following the completion of paclitaxel, and given to complete 1 year of trastuzumab treatment. Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.
AC followed by paclitaxel with trastuzumab + pertuzumab	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by: Day 1: Pertuzumab 840mg IV followed by 420mg IV Day 1: Trastuzumab 8mg/kg IV followed by 6mg/kg IV Days 1, 8, and 15: Paclitaxel 80mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles. Day 1: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy. Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.
Dose-dense AC followed by paclitaxel with trastuzumab¹⁶	Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m ² IV Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m ² IV. Repeat cycle every 14 days for 4 cycles, followed by: Day 1: Paclitaxel 175mg/m ² via 3-hour IV infusion (All cycles are with filgrastim support). Repeat cycle every 14 days for 4 cycles, plus: Trastuzumab 4mg/kg IV with first dose of paclitaxel, followed by: Trastuzumab 2mg/kg IV weekly to complete 1 year of treatment. As an alternative, trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV every 21 days may be used following the completion of paclitaxel, and given to complete 1 year of trastuzumab treatment. Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.
TCH¹⁷	Day 1: Docetaxel 75mg/m ² IV Day 1: Carboplatin AUC 6mg • min/mL IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days for 6 cycles, with: Day 1: Trastuzumab 4mg/kg IV week 1, followed by 2mg/kg IV for 17 weeks, followed by: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV. Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy. Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.

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BREAST CANCER (INVASIVE) TREATMENT REGIMENS (Part 3 of 4)

Preferred Regimens for HER2-positive Disease (continued)

REGIMEN	DOSING
TCH chemotherapy + pertuzumab¹⁸	<p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 8mg/kg IV followed by 6mg/kg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Pertuzumab 840mg IV followed by 420mg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Docetaxel 75mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Carboplatin AUC 6mg • min/mL IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 6 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>
Other Regimens for HER2-positive Disease¹	
AC followed by docetaxel with trastuzumab¹⁷	<p>Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m².</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Docetaxel 100mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, with:</p> <p>Trastuzumab 4mg/kg IV week 1, followed by 2mg/kg IV weekly for 11 weeks, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>
AC followed by docetaxel with trastuzumab and pertuzumab¹⁸	<p>Day 1: Doxorubicin 60mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Pertuzumab 840mg IV followed by 420mg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 8mg/kg IV followed by 6mg/kg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Docetaxel 75-100mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>
FEC followed by pertuzumab + trastuzumab + docetaxel¹⁸	<p>Day 1: Fluorouracil 500mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Epirubicin 100mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 3 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Pertuzumab 840mg IV followed by 420mg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 8mg/kg IV followed by 6mg/kg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Docetaxel 75-100mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 3 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>
FEC followed by pertuzumab + trastuzumab + paclitaxel¹⁸	<p>Day 1: Fluorouracil 500mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Epirubicin 100mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 3 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Pertuzumab 840mg IV followed by 420mg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 8mg/kg IV followed by 6mg/kg IV</p> <p>Days 1, 8, and 15: Paclitaxel 80mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 3 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>
Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + docetaxel followed by FEC¹⁹	<p>Day 1: Pertuzumab 840mg IV followed by 420mg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 8mg/kg IV followed by 6mg/kg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Docetaxel 75-100mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by adjuvant therapy:</p> <p>Day 1: Fluorouracil 600mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Epirubicin 90mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 3 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>

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Other Regimens for HER2-positive Disease (continued)

REGIMEN	DOSING
Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + paclitaxel followed by FEC¹⁹	<p>Day 1: Pertuzumab 840mg IV followed by 420mg IV</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 8mg/kg IV followed by 6mg/kg IV</p> <p>Days 1, 8, and 15: Paclitaxel 80mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, followed by adjuvant therapy:</p> <p>Day 1: Fluorouracil 600mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Epirubicin 90mg/m² IV</p> <p>Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 3 cycles, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>
Paclitaxel + trastuzumab²⁰	<p>Day 1: Paclitaxel 80mg/m² IV weekly for 12 weeks, plus Trastuzumab 4mg/kg IV with first dose of paclitaxel, followed by:</p> <p>Day 1: Trastuzumab 2mg/kg IV weekly OR 6mg/kg IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days to complete 1 year of treatment.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>
Docetaxel + cyclophosphamide + trastuzumab²¹	<p>Day 1: Docetaxel 75m/m²</p> <p>Day 1: Cyclophosphamide 600mg/m² IV.</p> <p>Repeat cycle every 21 days for 4 cycles, with:</p> <p>Trastuzumab 4mg/kg IV week 1, followed by:</p> <p>Trastuzumab 2mg/kg IV weekly for 11 weeks, followed by:</p> <p>Trastuzumab 6mg/kg IV every 21 days to complete 1 year of trastuzumab therapy.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring at baseline, 3, 6, and 9 months.</p>

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