

# 'Can you spell that?': CRC Chemo Cheat Sheet for most Standard of Care (SOC) Chemo

For COLONTOWN members to make sense of the long drug names, long alternative names, and combination abbreviations

## Common 1st Line/2nd Line Drugs

### FOLinic Acid

AKA: Leucovorin

Purpose: enhances 5FU



### FLuorouracil

AKA: 5FU

'The 46 hr pump'

OR

### XEloda

AKA: Capecitabine

'pills' or 'oral 5FU'

Noted side effect: hand foot syndrome (HFS)



### IRinotecan

AKA: Camptosar

Noted side effect: diarrhea

AND/OR

### OXaliplatin

AKA: Eloxatin

Noted side effect: neuropathy

These two can be combined for regimen called **OXIRI**

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## 'Boosts' to chemo

Biologics added to increase chemo efficacy typically for Stage IV active disease; Also used on their own for maintenance

### Avastin

AKA: bevacizumab

Biosimilar called Mvasi

Type of agent: Anti-VEGF

Noted side effect: bleeding/ clotting

### Erbitux

AKA: cetuximab

OR

### Vectibix

AKA: panitumumab

Type of agent: Anti-EGFR

Noted side effect: Rash

## Common 3rd Line Drugs

These oral (pill) options are typically used after the 1L/2L drugs; can be used in combos too

### Lonsurf

AKA: TAS-102, FTD/TPI

Combo of trifluridine & tipiracin

### Stivarga

AKA: regorafenib

## Chemo Regimens

Combinations of abbreviations of the drugs

**FOLFIRI**

**FOLFOX**

**FOLFOXIRI/**

**FOLFIRINOX**

**XELOX/CAPOX**

**XELIRI**

## Chemo Related Terms as related to CRC:

**Standard of Care (SOC)** - Consensus of best approved treatments based on scientific evidence

**Line of Treatment** - a specific regimen used, 1st line (1L) would be the first line of therapy, 2nd (2L) the next and so forth

**Neoadjuvant** - Treatment before curative intent surgery

**Adjuvant** - Treatment after curative intent surgery

**Infusion** - drugs given intravenously usually via port

**Oral** - drugs taken in pill form

**'Pump'** - in this context the 'pump' usually means a pump which administers 5FU for 46 hours; it is attached via ones port and when it is removed it is referred to as 'disconnect'

**'Bolos'** - also called a 'push' is a dose of a drug given quickly (usually via a syringe into one's IV line). Sometimes 5FU is given via bolus or the 'pump' and some premeds or Leucovorin may be given by bolus too

**Port or PICC** - these are semi-permanent access to your vein so that chemo can be given this way or blood drawn versus new needle access every time; a port is placed under the skin on the chest and PICC is in the arm with access point outside the skin