

5-Fluorouracil 5,250 mg (at 4,000 mg/m²) Intravenous once continuous over 4 days

Cis_5FU_Part2-HN-CC - Cycle - 1, Day - 1

Substitutions Allowed

Administration Instructions:

Continuous infusion via ambulatory infusion pump

(Baseline regimen dose = 1000 mg/m²/day = 4000 mg/m²/4 days)

Figure 1 The paper chit accompanying the drug bag. The figure accurately reproduces the text, line breaks and font. Human factors experts and typographers may like to note the poor spacing, the use of / (which can be confused for 1), inconsistent use of commas in thousands, and other legibility problems (the m2/4 is particularly problematic); see also figure 2.

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FLOUROURACIL 50 mg/mL INJ 5924.48 mg (118.49 m

In D5W IV Total Volume: 130 mL

Final Concentration: 45.57 mg/mL

Dose: 5250 mg/4days (1312.5mg/24h)

Rate: 28.8mL/24h (1.2mL/h) Bag will last 4 days

at full usage with 14.8 mL reserve.

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Figure 2 The drug bag label. The black regions are obscured in the root cause analysis to preserve anonymity. The figure accurately reproduces the text, including character spacing, line breaks and font (the text "ABS19073" – that S might be a badly written 5 – and the "905" were written by hand, and JUL 31 2006 was rubber-stamped). The first line ends "m" as the original label was not long enough to print more; possibly "L" has been omitted. Note that the label refers both to days and to units of 24h. Since the patient can read this label, it might have been helpful to say, "Bag will last 4 days at full usage with 12 hours reserve", rather than "14.8 mL reserve", which in itself is not very useful information.