

## Guideline Highlights

### Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

**Target Population:** Children 0 to 22 years of age diagnosed with IBD (either Crohn's Disease (CD) or Ulcerative Colitis (UC)).

#### Guideline Recommendations

##### Prior to Treatment

1. Use a **physician global assessment** (PGA) to determine disease severity (quiescent, mild, and moderate/severe).
2. Consider use of: Pediatric Crohn's Disease Activity Index (PCDAI) or Pediatric Ulcerative Colitis Activity Index (PUCAI)
3. Immunizations be given in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Family Physicians recommendations Obtain
 

**6-MP / Azathioprine(AZA) with or without prednisone** (also see the algorithm in Appendix #6 & Guideline)
4. **Indications:**
  - a. *induction of remission* in children with moderate to severe (per physician global assessment) **CD AND**
    - TPMT genotype consistent with TPMT activity present
    - CBC, ALT, amylase, lipase baseline levels within appropriate limits
  - b. *induction of remission* in children with moderate to severe **CD or UC AND**
    - not initially given 6-MP or AZA to induce remission, AND
  - that are steroid-dependent/refractory, defined as:
    - received more than one course of steroids in one year, or
    - not achieved remission after one month of prednisone alone, or
    - not tapered off prednisone after three months OR
  - who have failed or cannot tolerate 5-aminosalicylates
  - c. *maintenance therapy* in children with moderate/severe **CD/UC**
5. **Contraindications:** TPMT genotype that is consistent with absent TPMT activity; abnormal WBC, ALT, amylase, or lipase levels
6. **Safety Monitoring:** Obtain baseline levels of: WBC, ALT, amylase, lipase; WBC & ALT at 2, 4, 8 and 12 weeks after initiation of 6-MP or AZA (& q 3 months thereafter) that may influence dosing changes; Do Not give live virus vaccines
7. **Dosing:** Use TPMT level or (genotype) to determine dosing as recommended in guideline. Ranges include 6-MP 0.75 to 1.5 mg / kg / day P.O. or azathioprine (AZA) 1 to 2.5 mg / kg / day P.O. Prednisone should be discontinued within 3 months of being initiated.
8. **Efficacy Monitoring:** Assess if have achieved adequate clinical response to 6-MP or AZA (defined as a decreased physician global assessment to the quiescent or mild level); if not, use 6-TG levels to further adjust dosing / continued use
9. **Adjunct Therapy / Other Treatment-Related Interventions / Education:** educate patients and families regarding signs and symptoms of pancreatitis and to report any signs or symptoms of possible infections
 

**Methotrexate (MTX)** (also see the algorithm in Appendix #7 & Guideline)
10. **Indications:**
  - a. *induction of remission* as an alternative to Infliximab in children with moderate / severe **CD AND**
    - did not respond or were intolerant 6-MP/AZA to induce remission AND
    - that are steroid-dependent/refractory, defined as:
      - received more than one course of steroids in one year, or
      - not achieved remission after one month of prednisone alone, or
      - not tapered off prednisone after three months
  - b. *maintenance therapy* in children with **CD**
11. **Contraindications:** pregnant females; children with CD with already abnormal liver-associated chemistries
12. **Safety Monitoring:** Prior to MTX initiation: females of child bearing age be tested for pregnancy and be proactive in pregnancy prevention strategies; WBC & ALT at 2, 4, 8, 12 (up to 16) weeks after initiation that may influence dosing changes; Do Not give live virus vaccines
13. **Dosing:** 15mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week up to a maximum total dose of 25 mg subcutaneously, Continue for 12 - 16 weeks if labs normal
14. **Efficacy Monitoring:** Assess if have achieved adequate clinical response to MTX after 12-16 weeks of use to further adjust dosing / continued use
15. **Adjunct Therapy / Other Treatment-Related Interventions / Education:** supplemental **folic acid** 1 mg/day PO for GI side effects
 

**Infliximab** (also see the algorithm in Appendix #8 & Guideline)
16. **Indications:**
  - a. *induction of remission* in children with moderate/severe **CD** who:
    - do not respond to or were intolerant of induction therapy with prednisone and 6MP/AZA, or
    - relapsed during their initial course of steroids and 6-MP / AZA, or
    - have failed immunomodulator therapies 6-MP / AZA and/or MTX, or
    - are steroid dependent/refractory defined as:
      - received more than one course of steroids in one year, or
      - not achieved remission after one month of prednisone alone, or
  - not tapered off prednisone after three months OR
  - Have any of the following: severe colitis requiring transfusion or severe small bowel disease or draining enterocutaneous or perianal fistulas
  - b. *induction of remission* in children with moderate/severe **UC** who:
    - are steroid dependent/refractory and/or
    - have failed immunomodulator therapies 6-MP / AZA
  - c. *maintenance therapy* in children with moderate / severe **CD / UC**
17. **Contraindications:** Abscess, Signs & symptoms of infection, Hx of Tuberculosis, Histoplasmosis
18. **Safety Monitoring:** Monitor Before Infliximab initiation: evaluate for tuberculosis and histoplasmosis WBC every 3 months while on Infliximab; If suspected intra-abdominal abscess and/or fistulae- abdominal contrast (CT); If suspected perianal abscess and/or fistulae pelvic(MRI); if infection present, DELAY the infusion; Before & during each Infliximab infusion: monitor for acute infusion reactions & allergic and anaphylaxis precautions be taken; During Infliximab therapy and for a period of time following: maintain ongoing cancer surveillance & monitor delayed hypersensitivity reactions; Do Not give live virus vaccines
19. **Dosing:** 5mg/kg at initiation, 2, and 6 weeks Intravenously; Give all 3 doses, if labs normal
20. **Efficacy Monitoring:** Assess if have achieved adequate clinical response to Infliximab after 3 doses (6 weeks of use) to further adjust dosing / continued use
21. **Adjunct Therapy / Other Treatment-Related Interventions / Education:** Consider Prophylactic Pre-Infusion Meds: Benadryl Acetaminophen (standard dosing); educate patients and families regarding delayed reactions and contraindications for receiving an infusion

See complete Evidence-Based Care Guideline for details and supporting evidence. **Adherence to recommendations is voluntary. Ultimate judgment regarding priority of any specific procedure must be made by the physician in light of the individual circumstances presented by the patient.**

Supplemental Figure 1B



# (6-MP or AZA) with or without Prednisone Treatment Algorithm

Excerpted from [Evidence-based care guideline for Management of Pediatric Moderate/Severe Inflammatory Bowel Disease \(IBD\)](#), Appendix #3; Publication date: 4/5/07

## Contraindications

- TPMT genotype that is consistent with absent TPMT activity
- abnormal WBC, ALT, amylase, or lipase levels

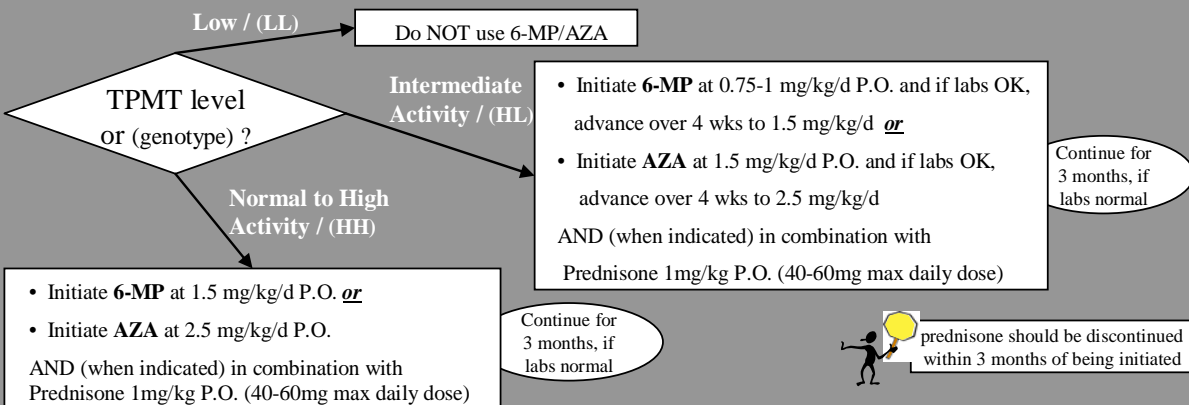
## Indications

1. *induction* of remission in children with moderate to severe (per physician global assessment) CD AND
  - TPMT genotype consistent with TPMT activity present
  - CBC, ALT, amylase, lipase baseline levels within appropriate limits
2. *induction* of remission in children with moderate to severe CD or UC AND
  - not initially given 6-MP or AZA to induce remission, AND
  - that are steroid-dependent/refractory, defined as:
    - o received more than one course of steroids in one year, or
    - o not achieved remission after one month of prednisone alone, or
    - o not tapered off prednisone after three months OR
  - who have failed or cannot tolerate 5-aminosalicylates (i.e. mesalamine).

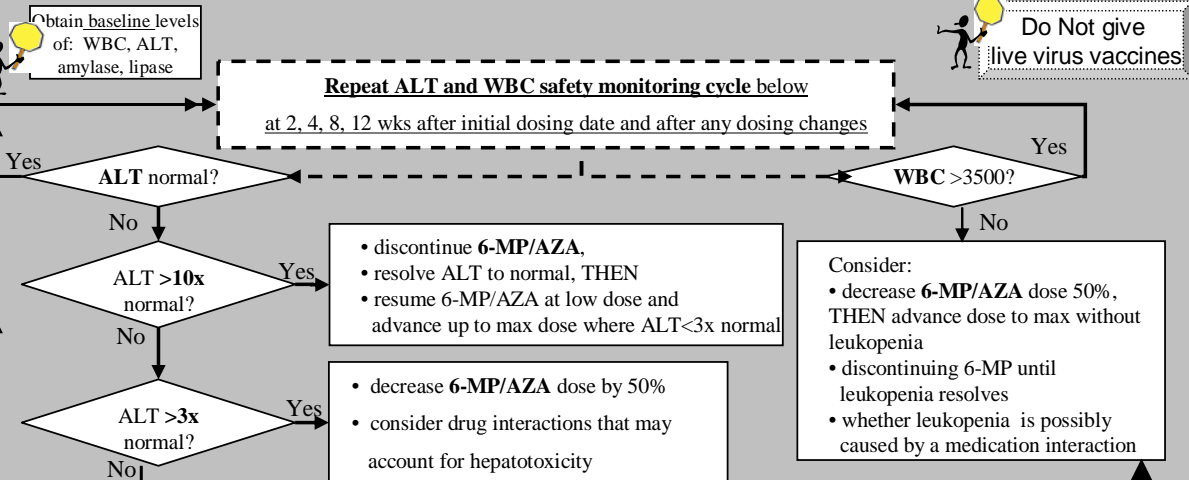
3. *maintenance therapy* in children with moderate/severe CD/UC

See IBD Guideline for more details

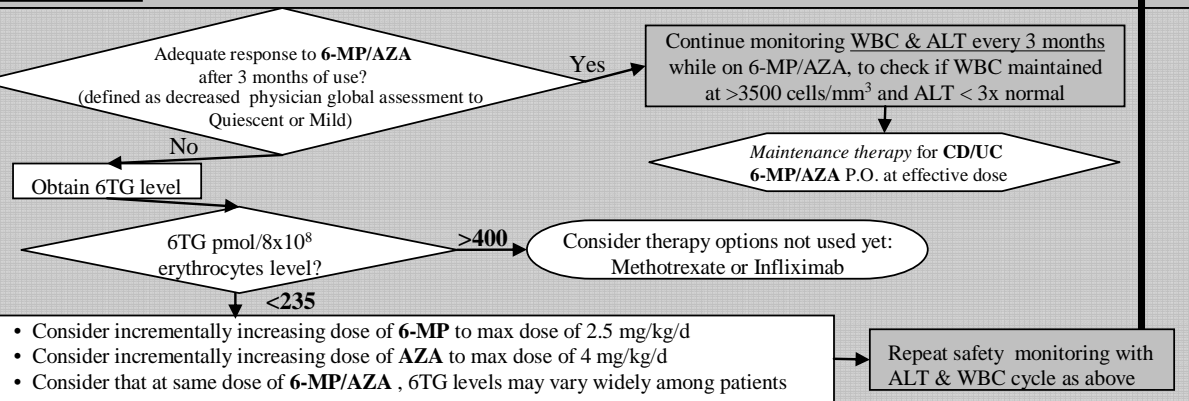
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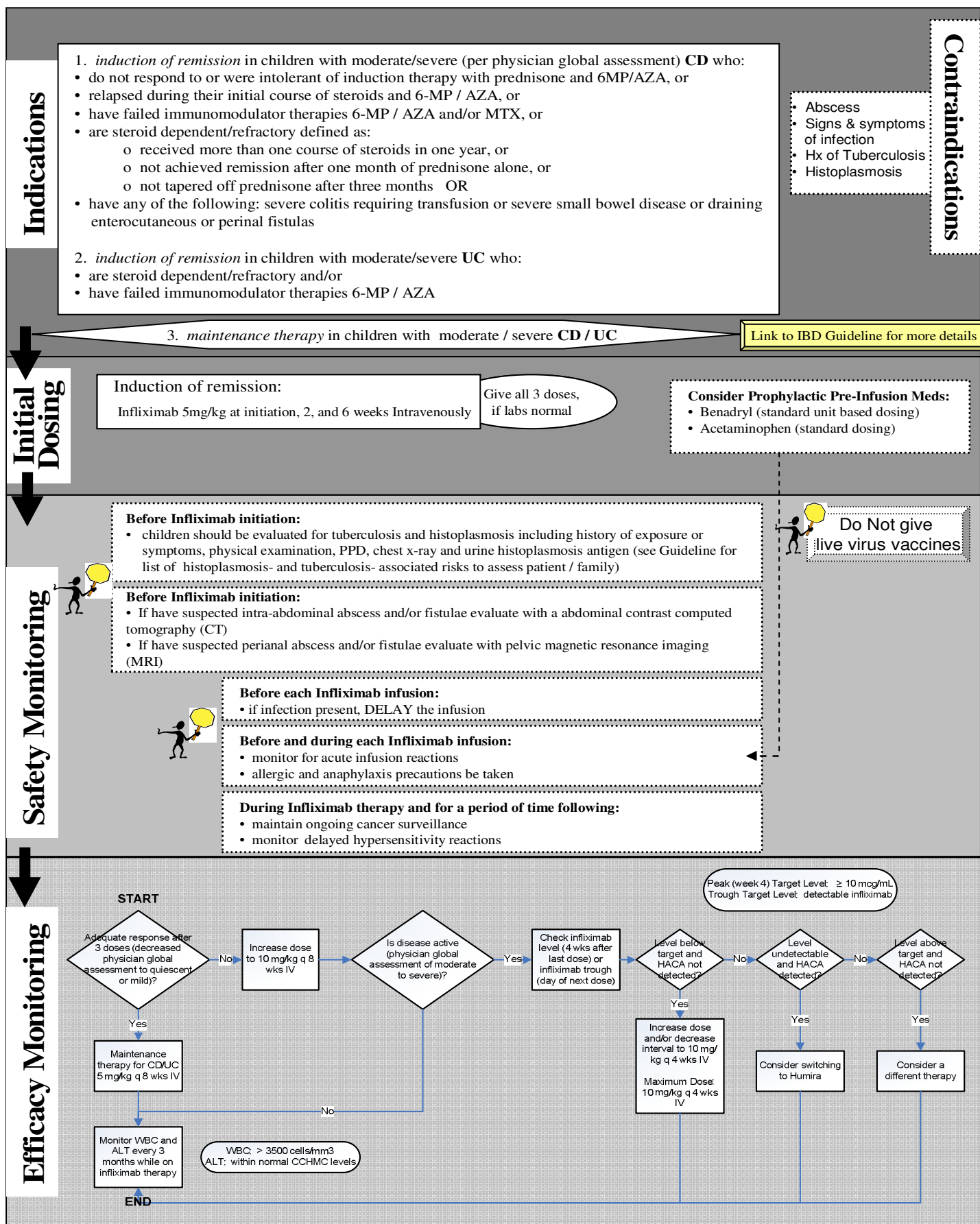


## Safety Monitoring



## Efficacy Monitoring







### Methotrexate (MTX) Treatment Algorithm

Excerpted from [Evidence-based care guideline for Management of Pediatric](#)

[Moderate/Severe Inflammatory Bowel Disease \(IBD\)](#), Appendix #4; Publication date: 4/5/07

