APPENDIX
INFLIXIMAB TREATMENT

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TREATMENT OF INFLIXIMAB INFUSION REACTIONS

MILD REACTION

SYMPTOMS
- Hyperemia
- Hypo/hypertension
- Headache
- Dizziness

TREATMENT
- Run normal saline (NS) at 100 cc/hour throughout infusion and subsequent doses as well
- Slow rate to 10 mL/hour (4 drops/min). If symptoms do not resolve, stop infliximab
- Administer diphenhydramine 25 to 50 mg IV
- Administer acetaminophen 650 mg
- Wait 20 min then increase restart at 10 cc/hour x 15 min
- Then increase to 20 mL/hour (7 drops/min) x 15 min
- Then increase to 40 mL/hour (14 drops/min) x 15 min
- Then increase to 80 mL/hour (27 drops/min) x 15 min
- Monitor vital signs every 10 min until normal

MODERATE REACTION

SYMPTOMS
- Hypo/hypertension
- Hyperemia
- Chest discomfort (tightening)/pressure
- Shortness of breath (SOB)
- Facial flushing
- Palpitations

TREATMENT
- Stop to administer diphenhydramine 25 to 50 mg IV
- Run NS at 100 cc/hour throughout infusion and subsequent doses as well
- Administer acetaminophen 650 mg
- Wait 20 min then restart at 10 mL/hour (4 drops/min) x 15 min
- Then increase to 20 mL/hour (7 drops/min) x 15 min
- Then increase to 40 mL/hour (14 drops/min) x 15 min
- Then increase to 80 mL/hour (27 drops/min) x 15 min
- Monitor vital signs every 5 min until normal