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**Recommendations**

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**Cytotoxic medicines**

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**Indications**

- Malignant neoplasms of colon
- Osteosarcoma of bone and articular cartilage of unspecified sites
- Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia
- Malignant neoplasm metastasis in large intestine
- Malignant neoplasms of rectum
- Malignant trophoblastic neoplasms of placenta
- Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites