**Plan for Conversion to Belatacept**

**Due to the logistics associated with coordinating belatacept conversion, I understand that it will take 2 to 6 weeks to get the patient scheduled for their first dose of belatacept.**

**Diagnosis:**

**Z94.0** Kidney TX

**J0485**Injection, Belatacept, 1 mg

**Z48.22** Encounter for aftercare following KIDNEY transplant

**Z79.889** Other Long Term (Current) Drug Therapy

**96365** Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis

1. Reason for conversion to belatacept (select one):

 -**Intolerant to calcineurin inhibitor (CNI) as supported by evidence of**

 - CNI toxicity on biopsy

 - Presence of thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA)

 - Suboptimal glomerular filtration rate (GFR)

 - Presence of Donor Specific Antibody (DSA)

 - Significant side effects such as tremors, persistent headaches, new onset diabetes

* **Patient would benefit from long-term CNI avoidance**
* **Patient previously on belatacept**
1. Belatacept Conversion Plan (select one):

**IMMEDIATE CONVERSION**

* **Belatacept dosing**: Per package insert. Belatacept 10 mg/kg IVPBon day 1, day 5, day 14, month 1, month 2, and month 3. Reduce to 5mg/kg IVPB beginning month 4 and continue monthly thereafter. Schedule of monthly doses should eventually fall within the window of +/- 5 days from date of transplant.
* **CNI dosing**: Discontinue the first day belatacept is dosed

**< 1 YEAR POST-TRANSPLANT CONVERSION**

* **Belatacept dosing**: Belatacept 10 mg/kg IVPBfor first dose, then 5mg/kg monthly thereafter. Scheduling of doses should fall within the window of +/- 5 days from date of transplant.
* **CNI dosing:**1) Reduce tacrolimus trough to 5-8 ng/ml for 1month, 2) then reduce to 3-5ng/ml for a **minimum** of 3 months **and** until at least 6 months post-transplant. 3) then wean off over 3 months per belatacept conversion protocol.

**> 1 YEAR POST-TRANSPLANT CONVERSION**

* **Belatacept dosing**: Belatacept 10 mg/kg IVPBfor first dose, then 5mg/kg monthly thereafter. Scheduling of doses should fall within the window of +/- 5 days from date of transplant.
* **CNI dosing:** Wean off over 3 months per belataceptconversion protocol
* **Labs:** Every other week labs for 4 months (or until 1 month after discontinuation of tacrolimus)

**The following was discussed or assessed with patient:**

1. Risk and benefits of starting belatacept

2. Patient has adequate IV access for belatacept

3. Patient informed of monthly infusions of belatacept

4. Patient informed to contact insurance company to find out copays regarding belatacept

**I have completed the following:**

1. Belatacept screening form to ensure patient is EBV positive

2. Belatacept coordinator has been contacted to acquire NDP number to obtain belatacept

3. Discussed with patient's outpatient coordinator regarding above plan for conversion