



# WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE

15 minutes of treatment  
can affect a lifetime<sup>1,2</sup>

The earlier you treat  
**methotrexate toxicity**,  
the better<sup>3,4</sup>

Beyond 48 to 60 hours, life-threatening toxicities and even death may not be preventable. Consensus Guidelines recommend using Voraxaze® within 48 to 60 hours for optimal nonrenal elimination of MTX.<sup>5</sup>

#### Indication and Limitations of Use

- Voraxaze® is a carboxypeptidase indicated to reduce toxic plasma methotrexate concentration (greater than 1 micromole per liter) in adult and pediatric patients with delayed methotrexate clearance (plasma methotrexate concentrations greater than 2 standard deviations of the mean methotrexate excretion curve specific for the dose of methotrexate administered) due to impaired renal function
- Limitations of Use: Voraxaze® is not recommended for use in patients who exhibit the expected clearance and expected plasma methotrexate concentration. Reducing plasma methotrexate concentration in these patients may result in subtherapeutic exposure to methotrexate

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**VORAXAZE**  
(glucarpidase)  
1000 units/vial for intravenous injection

# AN ONCOLOGIC EMERGENCY

An estimated 2-12% of patients who receive high-dose methotrexate (HDMTX) chemotherapy will experience delayed clearance due to acute kidney injury (AKI), creating an oncologic emergency.<sup>2,3</sup>

Patients who survive an AKI episode have<sup>6</sup>:

- Double the risk of death
- Triple the risk of end-stage renal disease
- Ten times the risk of developing incident or progressive chronic kidney disease

The rate of cardiovascular events in AKI patients is as high as 22%, and mortality related to cardiovascular events is 33% in patients with AKI.<sup>6</sup>



**PATIENTS FACING DELAYED MTX CLEARANCE DUE TO AKI  
MAY REQUIRE A NONRENAL PATHWAY OF ELIMINATION.**

## **Expert Consensus Stocking Guidelines**

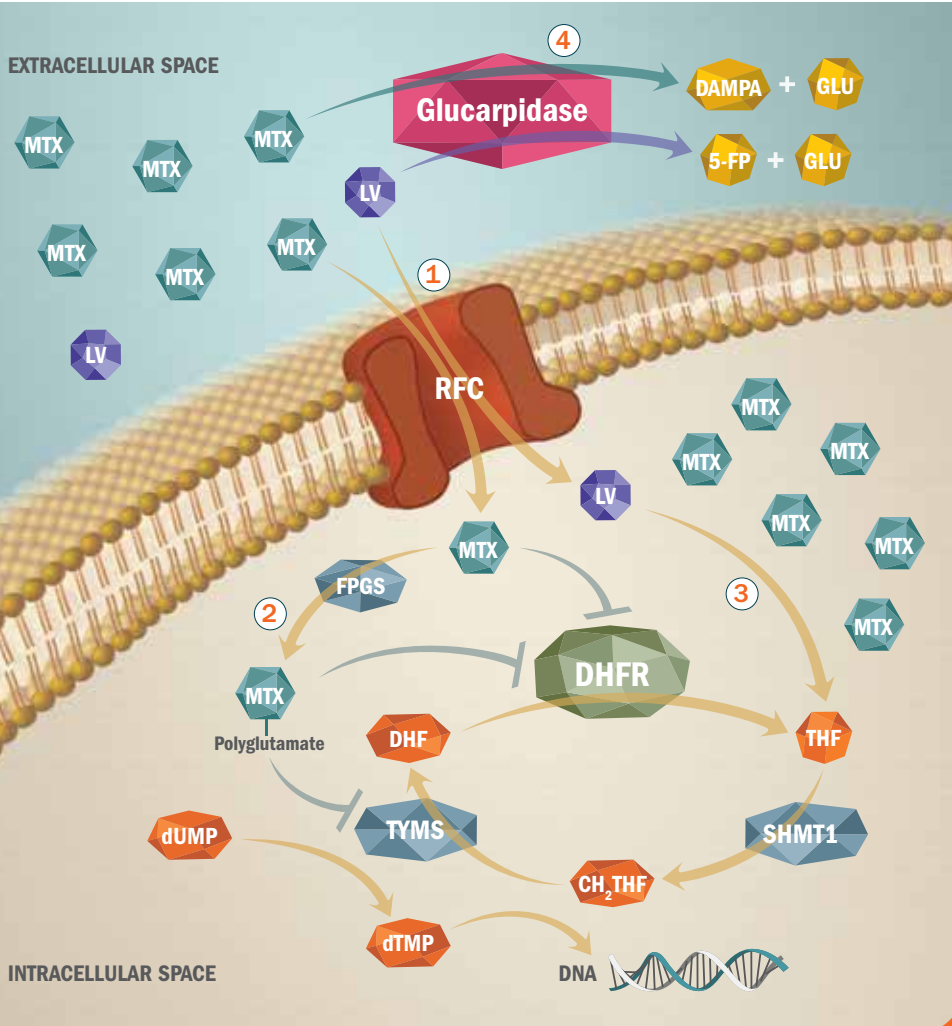
All hospitals that provide emergency care should stock 5 vials of Voraxaze®.<sup>7</sup>

## **ISMP Best Practices<sup>8</sup>**

- The Institute for Safe Medicine Practice (ISMP) recommends all appropriate antidotes should be readily available
- Standardized protocols and/or coupled order should be set in place that permit the emergency administration of all appropriate antidotes used in the facility

## Voraxaze® works extracellularly<sup>2</sup>

Voraxaze® and leucovorin work synergistically to reduce methotrexate toxicity: Voraxaze® lowers toxic methotrexate levels in the extracellular compartment while leucovorin counteracts methotrexate intracellularly.



- 1 Exogenous tetrahydrofolates (LV) must compete with MTX for cellular uptake via the RFC. At higher MTX concentrations, LV may be less effective.<sup>5</sup>
- 2 MTX is polyglutamated after entering cells and reversibly inhibits DHFR, leading to a significant reduction in DNA and RNA biosynthesis.<sup>5</sup>
- 3 LV provides **intracellular** rescue following MTX by providing a source of tetrahydrofolate to restore DNA and RNA synthesis despite ongoing inhibition of DHFR via MTX.<sup>5</sup>
- 4 Voraxaze® eliminates **extracellular** MTX via rapid enzymatic breakdown to nontoxic DAMPA and glutamate. Voraxaze® should be given in conjunction with LV to provide both intracellular and extracellular rescue from unwanted HDMTX toxicity.<sup>5</sup>

5-FU=5-formylpterolate  
 CH<sub>2</sub>THF=5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate  
 DAMPA=4-deoxy-4-amino-N10-methylpterico acid  
 DHF=dihydrofolate  
 DHFR=dihydrofolate reductase

dUMP=deoxyuridine monophosphate  
 dTMP=deoxythymidine monophosphate  
 FPGS=folylpolyglutamate synthase  
 GLU=glutamate  
 LV=leucovorin

MTX=methotrexate  
 RFC=reduced folate carrier  
 SHMT1=serine hydroxymethyltransferase-1  
 THF=tetrahydrofolate  
 TYMS=thymidylate synthase

### Warnings and Precautions

#### Continuation and Timing of Leucovorin Rescue

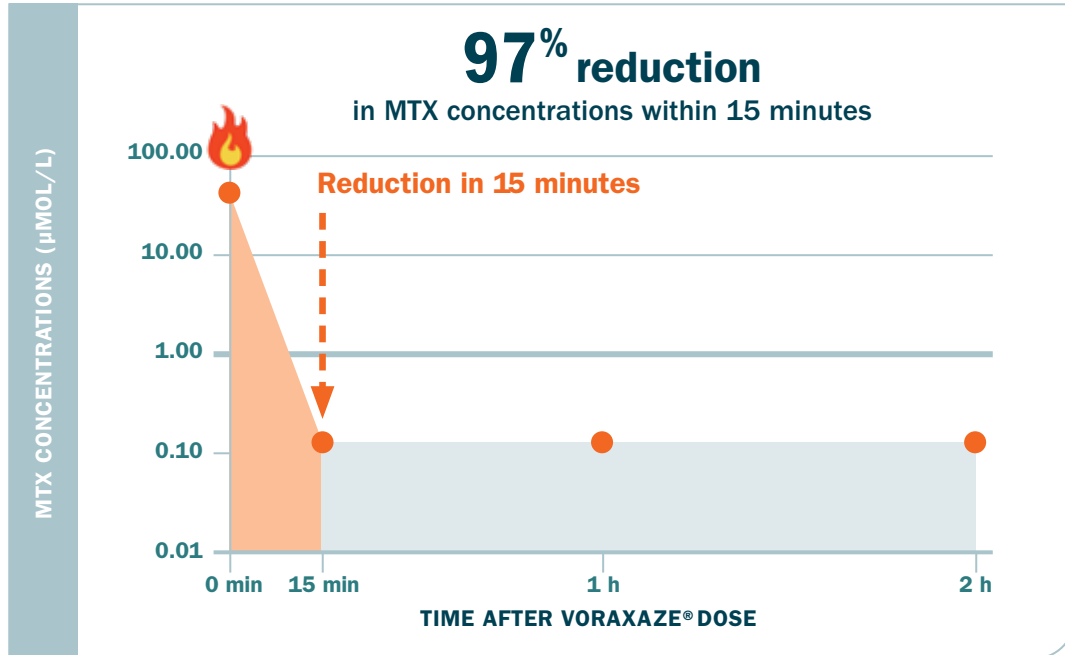
- Leucovorin should not be administered within 2 hours before or after Voraxaze® dose because leucovorin is a substrate for Voraxaze®
- For the first 48 hours after Voraxaze®, administer the same leucovorin dose as given prior to Voraxaze®. Beyond 48 hours after Voraxaze®, administer leucovorin based on the measured methotrexate concentration
- Do not discontinue therapy with leucovorin based on the determination of a single methotrexate concentration below the leucovorin treatment threshold
- Therapy with leucovorin should be continued until the methotrexate concentration has been maintained below the leucovorin treatment threshold for a minimum of 3 days
- Continue hydration and alkalinization of the urine as indicated

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### Within 15 minutes

Patients experienced rapid reductions in plasma MTX concentrations<sup>1</sup>



Voraxaze® reduced plasma MTX concentrations by ≥97% within 15 minutes in all 22 treatment-evaluable patients.<sup>1</sup>

At each post-Voraxaze® assessment time point, the median MTX concentration was <0.54 µmol/L, corresponding to a median reduction of ≥97% from pre-Voraxaze® measurements.<sup>9</sup>

### Patients sustained reductions in plasma MTX concentrations for up to 8 days<sup>1</sup>

**91%** of patients taking Voraxaze® (20 of 22) achieved sustained reductions for up to 8 days

**45%** of patients (10 of 22) achieved rapid and sustained clinically important reduction (RSCIR)

- These results are from a single-arm, open-label study in 22 treatment-evaluable patients with markedly delayed MTX clearance secondary to AKI
- The primary endpoint of the study was the proportion of patients achieving RSCIR in plasma MTX concentrations following initial injection
- Of the 12 patients who failed to achieve RSCIR, 5 patients (23%) attained a transient plasma methotrexate concentration of ≤1 µmol/L

### Warnings and Precautions (continued)

#### Serious Hypersensitivity Reactions

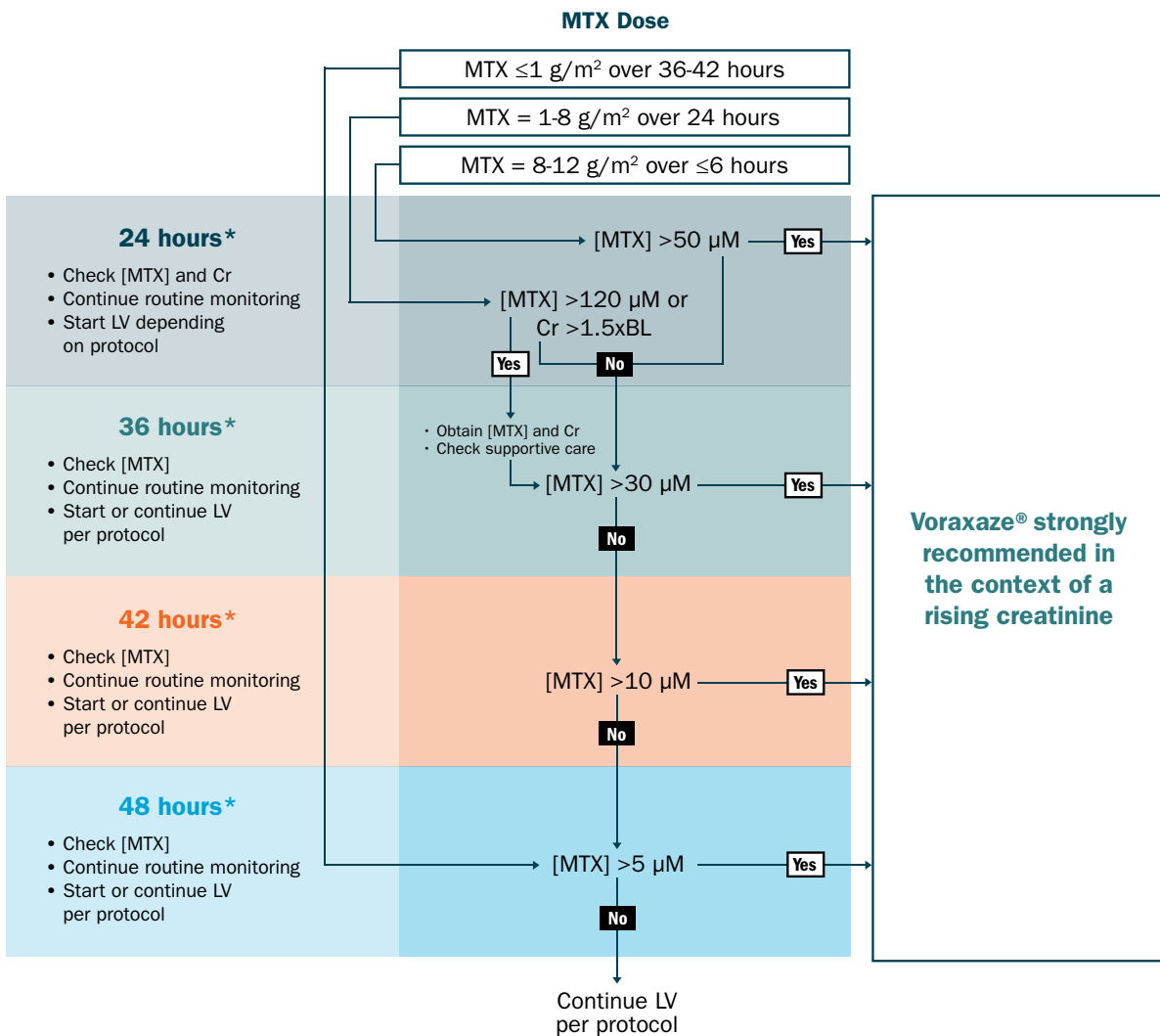
- Serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylactic reactions, may occur. Serious hypersensitivity reactions occurred in less than 1% of patients

## Consensus Guidelines recommend early use of Voraxaze®<sup>5</sup>

Consensus Guidelines recommend administration of Voraxaze® at 48 hours following initiation of HDMTX therapy when MTX concentrations are above 5 µM (2.27 µg/mL) and the serum creatinine is elevated relative to the baseline measurement.

Beyond 48 to 60 hours, life-threatening toxicities and even death may not be preventable.

### HDMTX Monitoring Guideline and Voraxaze® Treatment Algorithm



\*Hours are indicated after infusion start. Provide adequate supportive care (urine pH >7, urine output >2.5 L/m<sup>2</sup> per day, emesis control).

Abbreviations: BL, baseline; Cr, serum creatinine; HDMTX, high-dose methotrexate; LV, leucovorin (folinic acid, citrovorum factor, 5-methyltetrahydrofolate); MTX, methotrexate; [MTX], plasma methotrexate concentration.

### Adverse Reactions

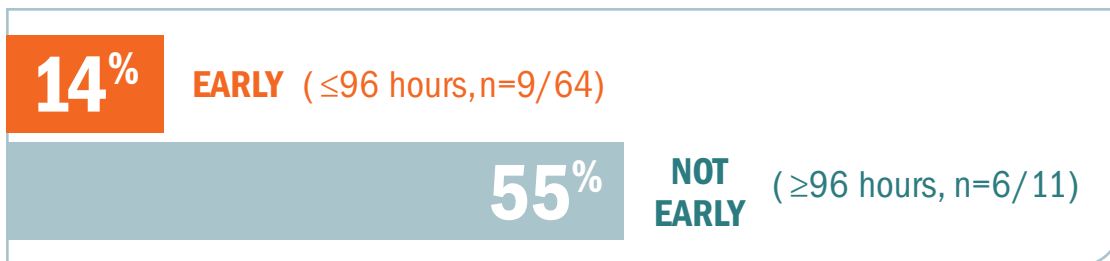
- In clinical trials, the most common related adverse events (occurring in >1% of patients) were paresthesia, flushing, nausea and/or vomiting

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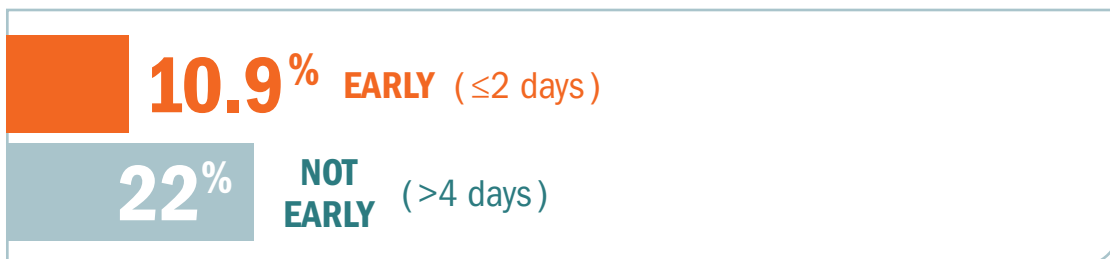
## Early administration of Voraxaze® may diminish the risk for serious life-threatening toxicity and even death<sup>3,4</sup>

**Incidence of Grade 4 toxicity was significantly lower with early administration of Voraxaze®<sup>3</sup>**



- Administration of Voraxaze® ≤96 hours after HDMTX exposure appeared to protect from the development of toxicity
- Grade 4 toxicity developed in only 9/64 (14%) compared to 6/11 (55%) who received Voraxaze® more than 96 hours after starting HDMTX

**Incidence of mortality was significantly lower with early administration of Voraxaze®<sup>4</sup>**



- Of 476 patients receiving Voraxaze®, death occurred in 22% of patients treated after >4 days of HDMTX compared to 10.9% treated within 2 days of HDMTX
- There are no controlled trials comparing Voraxaze® plus supportive care to supportive care measures alone in patients with toxic plasma MTX concentrations due to impaired renal function; therefore, there are no data regarding the effect of Voraxaze® on survival or toxic death due to MTX. Voraxaze® did not prevent fatal MTX toxicity in 3% of patients in the safety population

### Warnings and Precautions (continued)

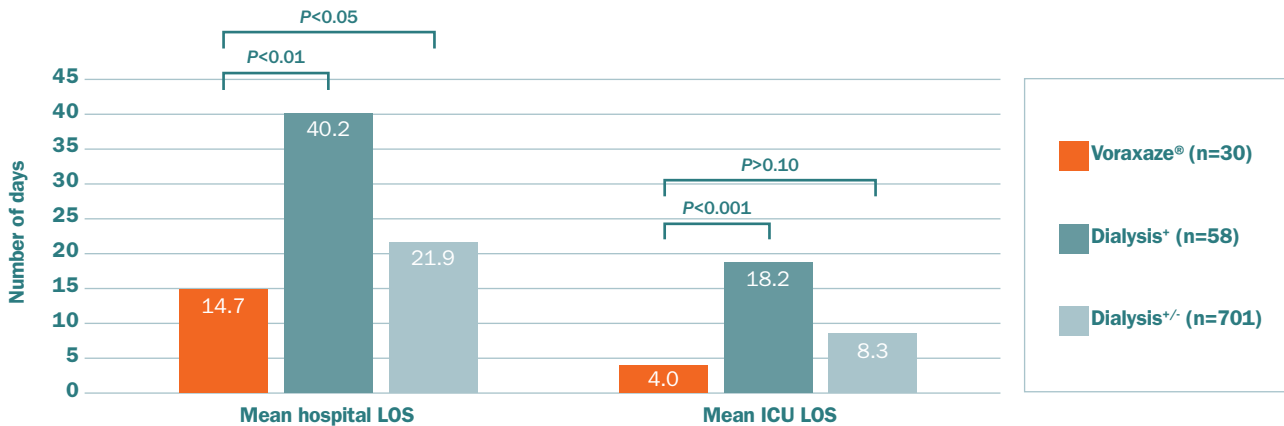
#### Monitoring Methotrexate Concentration/Interference With Assay

- Methotrexate concentrations within 48 hours following Voraxaze® administration can only be reliably measured by a chromatographic method due to interference from metabolites. Measurement of methotrexate concentrations within 48 hours of Voraxaze® administration using immunoassays results in an overestimation of the methotrexate concentration

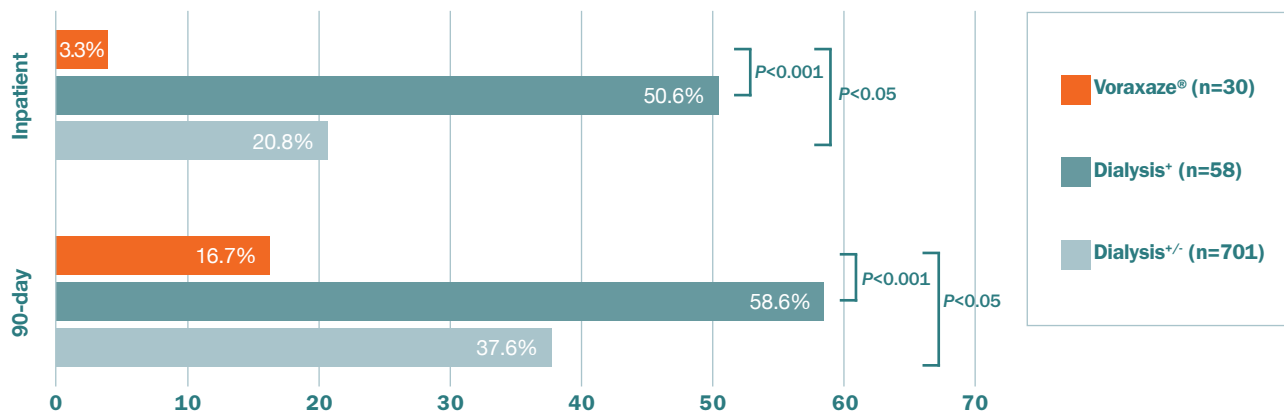
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## Use of Voraxaze® leads to reduced length of stay and reduced mortality rates<sup>6\*</sup>

### Mean length of stay (LOS) among patients treated with Voraxaze® and the non-Voraxaze® groups



### Rates of mortality among patients treated with Voraxaze® and the non-Voraxaze® groups



### Early vs late treatment with Voraxaze®<sup>6</sup>

Voraxaze® patients treated within 3 days of admission (n=18) had shorter ICU and hospital LOS compared to Voraxaze® patients treated after 3 days (n=12):

- Length of stay after Voraxaze®: 8.5 days for early cohort vs 14.6 days for late cohort (P=0.057)
- Length of ICU stay: 0.8 days for early cohort vs 8.9 days for late cohort (P=0.020)

\*Utilizing Medicare inpatient claims data between 2010 and 2017, investigators compared outcomes and healthcare resource utilization between patients treated with Voraxaze® (n=30) and patients not treated with Voraxaze® (n=701), all of whom had experienced AKI secondary to inpatient chemotherapy.

#### Drug Interactions

- In addition to leucovorin (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS), other potential exogenous substrates of Voraxaze® may include reduced folates and folate antimetabolites

# PUT OUT THE FIRE OF HDMTX TOXICITY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE



**Consensus Guidelines recommend using Voraxaze® at 48 hours from the start of MTX infusion when MTX concentrations are above 5 µM<sup>5</sup>**



**In the face of delayed MTX clearance and acute kidney injury, act early and consider Voraxaze®**

- 97% reduction in plasma MTX concentrations within 15 minutes<sup>1</sup>
- Clinically important sustained reductions of plasma MTX concentrations for up to 8 days<sup>1</sup>
- Significantly lower rates of Grade 4 toxicity and mortality<sup>4</sup>

**Use of Voraxaze® leads to reduced length of stay and reduced mortality rates**

- Shorter mean hospital and ICU length of stay<sup>6</sup>
- Lower inpatient and 90-day mortality rates<sup>6</sup>



**Included in NCCN Guidelines for<sup>10</sup>:**

- Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
- Burkitt lymphoma
- Adult acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL)
- Pediatric ALL
- Primary CNS lymphoma
- Osteosarcoma



**The patient you treat today may not clear HDMTX like the patient you saw yesterday. When facing delayed MTX clearance, trust Voraxaze® for rapid and sustained reductions.**

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