PREDNISONE TAPER IN GCA

GIACTA TRIAL

Excluded: Major ischemic events e.g. vision loss
No IV pulse steroids given

26-week taper WITH Tocilizumab

Week	26-week taper WITH Tocilizumab (qweek or 2weeks)
	Prednisone (mg/d)
1	60
2	50
3	40
4	35
5	30
6	25
7	20
8	15
9	12.5
10	12.5
11	10
12	9
13	8
14	7
15-16	6
17-18	5
19-20	4
21-22	3
23-24	2
25-26	1
27-28	0

GUIDELINES

Adapted based on the 2010 BSR & BHPR guidelines + 2018 EULAR guidelines

IV pulse steroids if acute visual loss or amaurosis fugax

Weeks	Pred min. 40 mg	Pred max. 60mg**
1-2	40	60
3-4	40	60
5-6	30	50
7-8	20	40
9-10	17.5	30
11-12	15	20
13-14	12.5	17.5
15-16	10	15
17-18	9	12.5
19-20	9	10
21-24	8	9
25-28	7	8
29-32	6	7
33-36	5	6
37-40	4	5
41-44	3	4
45-48	2	3
49-52	1	2
53-56	0	1

**The 2021 ACR guidelines conditionally recommend:
Start prednisone 1mg/kg, max 80mg/d

GC taper regimen must weigh the risk of relapse against the risk of GC-related adverse events.