

Granulomatosis with polyangiitis treatment

Untreated, [Granulomatosis with polyangiitis](#) is rapidly fatal, with a median survival of 5 months, and more than 90% of patients are dead within 2 years of diagnosis.

Therapy usually involves

1. [steroids](#)
2. immune modulators: includes [cyclophosphamide](#) (Cytoxan®), [methotrexate](#), mofetil (CellCept®)
3. antibodies: [rituximab](#) (Rituxan®) especially for disease relapse. [Belimumab](#) (Benlysta®) is under investigation
4. under investigation: plasma exchange, anti B- & T-cell biologics, and interleukin-5

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