



# Apple Health Policies

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# Antihyperuricemic Agents

(Uloric, Zurampic, Krystexxa)

1. Diagnosis of symptomatic hyperuricemia associated with gout confirmed by **ONE** of the following:
  - a) Measurement of blood uric acid levels
  - b) Measurement of erythrocyte sedimentation rate
  - c) Polarized light microscopy for identification of crystal in synovial fluids obtained from joints or bursas (as well as material aspirated from tophaceous deposits, if any)
  - d) Magnetic resonance imaging for gouty tophus
2. Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 3 gout flares in the previous 18 months that were inadequately controlled by colchicine, corticosteroids or NSAIDs, or at least 1 gout tophus or gouty arthritis
3. Medications known to precipitate gout attacks have been discontinued/changed when possible
4. History of failure (normalize serum uric acid to less than 6 mg/dL), contraindicated or intolerant to  $\geq$  3 months of allopurinol at maximum tolerated dose

# Antihyperuricemic Agents

- For Uloric only
  - NO history of cardiovascular disease (e.g. non-fatal myocardial infarctions (MI), and non-fatal strokes)
- For Zurampic only
  - Used in combination with a allopurinol or uloric
- For Duzallo Only
  - No history of severe renal impairment, CrCl has to be greater than 30ml/min
- For Krystexxa only
  - History of failure, contraindication or intolerance to one of the following: (Allopurinol or Uloric) and Zurampic, or Duzallo
  - NO history of G6PD deficiency (contraindication).



# Prostatic Hypertrophy Agents

- Preferred first-line agents do not require prior authorization (e.g. Alpha-1 Adrenergic Blocker, 5-Alpha Reductase Inhibitor)
- Non-preferred agents require a history of failure, contraindication or intolerance to at least **TWO** preferred products
- Brand products with generic available require clinical justification why any generic cannot be used

# Prostatic Hypertrophy Agents

- Tadalafil (Cialis)
  - Diagnosis of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)
  - History of failure, contraindication or intolerance to at least one medication from **BOTH** of the following:
    - Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 4 week trial of an Alpha-1 Adrenergic Blocker (*e.g. alfuzosin, doxazosin, silodosin, terazosin, tamsulosin*)
    - Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 6 month trial of 5-Alpha Reductase Inhibitor (*e.g. dutasteride, finasteride*)
    - *Dose limit 5mg per day*

# Agents for Gaucher Disease

- Documented diagnosis of **type 1 Gaucher disease**
- Members  $\geq 18$  years of age has **ANY** of the following symptoms:
  - Moderate to severe anemia (hemoglobin  $\leq 11.5$  g/dL [adult women] or  $\leq 12.5$  g/dL [adult men] or  $\leq 1.0$  g/dL or more below the lower limit of normal for age and sex)
  - Significant hepatomegaly (liver size 1.25 or more times normal [1,750 cc in adults]) or splenomegaly (spleen size 5 or more times normal [875 cc in adults])
  - Skeletal disease beyond mild osteopenia and Erlenmeyer flask deformity
  - Symptomatic disease, including abdominal or bone pain, fatigue, exertional limitation, weakness, or cachexia
  - Thrombocytopenia (platelet count less than or equal to 120,000/mm<sup>3</sup>).
- Zavesca and Cerdelga only: Treatment with enzyme-replacement therapy (i.e. Cerezyme, Elelyso, VPRIV) was ineffective, not tolerated, or is contraindicated
- Cerdelga only: The member has been tested to determine CYP2D6 genotype is one of the following: extensive metabolizer (EM), intermediate metabolize (IM), or poor metabolizer (PM)

# Agents for Gaucher Disease

- The member has a documented diagnosis of **type 3 Gaucher disease**
- The member has neurologic findings consistent with type 3 Gaucher disease, including encephalopathy, ophthalmoplegia, progressive myoclonic epilepsy, cerebellar ataxia, spasticity, or dementia
- The member has **ANY** of the following symptoms:
  - Moderate to severe anemia (hemoglobin  $\leq 11.5$  g/dL [adult women] or  $\leq 12.5$  g/dL [adult men] or  $\leq 1.0$  g/dL or more below the lower limit of normal for age and sex)
  - Significant hepatomegaly (liver size 1.25 or more times normal [1,750 cc in adults]) or splenomegaly (spleen size 5 or more times normal [875 cc in adults])
  - Skeletal disease beyond mild osteopenia and Erlenmeyer flask deformity
  - Symptomatic disease, including abdominal or bone pain, fatigue, exertional limitation, weakness, or cachexia; **or** Thrombocytopenia (platelet count less than or equal to 120,000/mm<sup>3</sup>).

# GI Motility, Chronic

## (Lotronex, Viberzi)

### Diagnosis of severe irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D)

- Known or suspected GI obstruction has been ruled out
- Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) **ONE** of the following:
  - Frequent and severe abdominal pain/discomfort
  - Frequent bowel urgency or fecal incontinence
  - Disability or restriction of daily activities due to IBS-D
- Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 18 years of age
- History of failure (at least 2 weeks trial), contraindication or intolerance to **TWO** of the following conventional therapies:
  - Antidiarrheal (e.g. loperamide)
  - Antispasmodics (e.g. dicyclomine, hyoscyamine)
  - Antibiotics
  - Antidepressants (e.g. amitriptyline, sertraline)
  - Bile acid sequestrants (e.g. cholestyramine, colestipol)





# GI Motility, Chronic

## (Amitiza, Linzess, Trulance)

### Diagnosis of chronic constipation

- Diagnosis of **ONE** of the following:
  - Irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C)
  - Chronic idiopathic constipation (CIC)
  - Advanced illness (or terminal illness) receiving palliative care
- Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 18 years of age
- History of failure, contraindication or intolerance to **TWO** of the following conventional therapies:
  - Bulk-forming laxative (e.g. psyllium)
  - Stool softener (e.g. docusate sodium)
  - Osmolar agents (e.g. lactulose)
  - Stimulant laxative (e.g. sennoside)
- Known or suspected GI obstruction has been ruled out



# GI Motility, Chronic

(Movantik, Relistor, Symproic)

## Diagnosis of opioid-induced constipation (OIC) with chronic non-cancer pain

- Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 18 years of age
- History of failure (at least 2 weeks trial), contraindication or intolerance to **TWO** of the following conventional therapies:
  - Bulk-forming laxative (e.g. psyllium)
  - Stool softener (e.g. docusate sodium)
  - Osmolar agents (e.g. lactulose)
  - Stimulant laxative (e.g. sennoside)
- Known or suspected GI obstruction has been ruled out
- Patient must be currently taking an opioid

# Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Agents

- Diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) confirmed by documentation of serum C4 **AND** C1-INH (antigenic or functional level) that are below the lower limits of normal
- History of moderate or severe HAE attacks (i.e. airway swelling, severe abdominal pain, facial swelling, nausea and vomiting, painful facial distortion)
- Not used in combination with other approved treatments for HAE attacks
  - For acute attacks (e.g. Berinert, Firazyr, Kalbitor or Ruconest)
  - For prophylaxis of attacks (e.g. Cinryze, Haegarda)
- No evidence of medications used that are known to cause angioedema (e.g. ACE inhibitors, ARBs, estrogen products)
- Prescribed by or in consultation with **ONE** of the following specialists:
  - Allergist
  - Immunologist
  - Hematologist

# Immunomodulators, Asthma

## (Cinqair, Fasenra, Nucala)

- Diagnosis of severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype
- Documentation of blood eosinophil count (in the absence of other potential causes of eosinophilia) of ONE of the following:
  - Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 150 cells/ $\mu$ L in prior 6 weeks
  - Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 300 cells/ $\mu$ L in prior 12 months
- Uncontrolled or inadequately controlled severe asthma is defined by at least ONE of the following:
  - FEV<sub>1</sub> less than ( $<$ ) 80% predicted
  - Two or more bursts of systemic corticosteroids for at least 3 days each in the previous 12 months
  - Poor symptom control (e.g., ACQ score consistently greater than 1.5 or ACT score consistently less than 20)
- History of failure (remains symptomatic after 2-6 weeks), contraindication or intolerance to high-dose inhaled corticosteroid in combination with additional controller(s)
  - Used in combination with additional asthma controller medications
- NOT used in combination with other monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of asthma (e.g. mepolizumab, reslizumab, benralizumab, omalizumab)
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist in allergy, pulmonology, or immunology



# Immunomodulators, Asthma

## (Nucala Only)

Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EPGA, formally known as Churg-Strauss syndrome)

- Symptoms that include **TWO** of the following
  - Documentation of blood eosinophil count (in the absence of other potential causes of eosinophilia) of **ONE** of the following:
    - Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 150 cells/ $\mu$ L in prior 6 weeks
    - Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 300 cells/ $\mu$ L in prior 12 months
  - White blood cells present outside blood vessels (extravascular eosinophilia)
  - Migratory spots or lesions on a chest X-ray (pulmonary infiltrates)
  - Sinus problems (acute or chronic sinusitis)
  - Damage to one or more nerve groups (mononeuropathy or polyneuropathy)
- History of failure, contraindication or intolerance to **ONE** of the following:
  - Corticosteroids
  - Immunosuppressants (e.g. cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, methotrexate)
- Dose less than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 300mg every 4 weeks
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist in allergy, cardiology, hematology, pulmonology, or rheumatology

# Immunomodulators, Asthma

## (Xolair Only)

- Moderate to severe persistent allergic asthma
  - Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 6 years of age
  - History of failure (remains symptomatic after 2-6 weeks), contraindication or intolerance to medium- to high-dose inhaled corticosteroids (ICS)
  - Positive skin test or in vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen
  - FEV1 is less than ( $<$ ) 80% predicted
  - Pre-treatment serum IgE level between 30 and 1500 IU/mL
- Chronic idiopathic urticaria
  - Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 12 years of age
  - History of failure, contraindication or intolerance to H1 antihistamine therapy (e.g. diphenhydramine, hydroxyzine, cetirizine, loratadine)
- NOT used in combination with other monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of asthma (e.g. mepolizumab, reslizumab, benralizumab)
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist in allergy, pulmonology, or immunology

# Movement Disorder Agents

(Austedo, Ingrezza, Xenazine)

- Diagnosis of **ONE** of the following:
  - Chorea associated with Huntington's disease
  - Tardive dyskinesia
- Greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 18 years of age
- Not used in combination with another vesicular monoamine transporter 2 (VMAT2)-inhibitor (e.g. tetrabenazine, deutetabenazine, valbenazine)
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or psychiatrist

# Movement Disorder Agents

(Austedo, Ingrezza, Xenazine)

## Austedo only

- Less than or equal to ( $\leq$ ) 48mg per day
- No hepatic impairment or concurrent use or recent discontinuation of MAOIs or reserpine

## Ingrezza only

- Diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia
- Less than or equal to ( $\leq$ ) 80mg per day
- No history of congenital long QT syndrome or with arrhythmias associated with a prolonged QT interval, history of severe renal impairment or concomitant use with MAOIs.

## Xenazine Only

- **ONE** of the following dose limits:
  - Diagnosis of Chorea associated with Huntington's disease less than or equal to ( $\leq$ ) 50mg per day. (For doses, greater than 50mg per day genotyping for CYP2D6 is required to determine if client is an intermediate or extensive metabolizer)
  - Diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia less than or equal to ( $\leq$ ) 200mg per day (off-label)
- No hepatic impairment or concurrent use or recent discontinuation of MAOIs or reserpine

