

**North Dakota Medicaid  
Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting  
June 7, 2023  
Conference Room 210/212**

# Meeting Notice

## North Dakota Medicaid Drug Use Review Board

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1 to 4 p.m. Central Time

### In-Person Information

Conference Room 210/212, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Judicial Wing, State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck

### Virtual Information

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Minutes
4. Reports from Department
  - Administrative Report: Member update, Legislative update, Robert's Rules of Order
  - Financial Report: Budget, Top drugs
  - Clinical Report: Prior authorization update, Criteria update
    - Update to Hepatitis C
    - Update to Chronic Kidney Disease (Filspari)
  - Retrospective DUR report
5. Special Orders
  - Presiding Officer and Vice-Presiding Officer Elections
6. New business
  - Second Review of Hyperparathyroidism
  - Second Review of Influenza
  - Second Review of Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder
  - Second Review of Urea Cycle Agents
  - Review of retrospective DUR criteria recommendations
7. Announcements
  - Next Meeting (September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023)
8. Adjourn

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**North Dakota Medicaid Drug Use Review (DUR) Board**  
**Meeting Date:** March 1, 2023  
**Time and Location:** 1:00 pm in Bismarck, North Dakota

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Andrea Honeyman, Gabriela Balf, Amy Werremeyer, Laura Kroetsch, Tanya Schmidt, Kevin Martian, Kristen Peterson, Josh Askvig, Kathleen Traylor

*Absent:* Stephanie Antony, Jennifer Iverson

*Quorum Present:* Yes

*Others Present:*

Medicaid Pharmacy Department: Brendan Joyce, LeNeika Roehrich, Jeff Hostetter

**Meeting was called to order:** A regular quarterly meeting of the North Dakota Medicaid Drug Use Review (DUR) Board meeting was convened at 1:09 pm CST with Presiding Officer T. Schmidt presiding, and DUR Board Coordinator, L. Morgan recording minutes.

**Administrative Items:** There were no DHHS announcements at this meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made by J. Askvig, and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2022, meeting as distributed. **Motion carried.**

**Reports:**

*Budget Update* provided by B. Joyce

B. Joyce reported on hyper-cost drugs (i.e., Stelara, Dupixent, Humira, Hepatitis C agents), 30 drugs making up 47% of the Medicaid drug budget, and 6 drug classes (i.e., immunomodulators, oncology, cystic fibrosis, HIV) which account for 93% of increase in spend. The increase in drug spend is not attributable to the increase in members, but rather, it is from the increased use of hyper-cost drugs.

*Review Top 25 Drugs* provided by B. Joyce

B. Joyce presented the quarterly review of the top 25 drugs based on total cost of claims, the top 25 drugs based on the total number of claims, and the top drug classes based on claims and cost for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022. This report can be found in the handout.

*PDL/PA Criteria Updates* provided by L. Roehrich

L. Roehrich shared with the Board all changes made to the Preferred Drug List (PDL) since the last update. This report can be found in the handout.

*Update to C. difficile Associated Diarrhea (CDAD)* provided by L. Morgan

L. Morgan discussed the addition of a CDAD prevention section to the PDL which listed criteria for Rebyota. This report can be found in the handout.

*Update to Vaginal Infections* provided by L. Morgan

L. Morgan discussed the "Fungal Infections" category to the "Vaginal Infections" section of the PDL along with updated criteria. There are now two categories (Bacterial and Fungal) which separate treatment options for either infection. This report can be found in the handout.

**First Reviews:** L. Morgan presented an overview of hyperparathyroidism, influenza, neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder, and urea cycle agents. The presented material can be found in the handout.

Hyperparathyroidism:

*Motion:* Moved by A. Werremeyer for the Department to develop criteria for hyperparathyroidism, motion was seconded.

Influenza:

*Motion:* Moved by J. Askvig for the Department to develop criteria for influenza, motion was seconded.

Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder:

*Motion:* Moved by J. Askvig for the Department to develop criteria for neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder, motion was seconded.

Urea Cycle Agents:

*Motion:* Moved by L. Kroetsch for the Department to develop criteria for urea cycle agents, motion was seconded.

**Discussion of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV):** L. Roehrich presented data from the Midwest region and, more specifically, North Dakota for the 2022 – 2023 RSV season. The data set for North Dakota from start-to-finish matched the Midwest Region of the RSV season, which was presented in a bell-shaped curve. This presentation confirms that following the CDC RSV positivity data allows for better representation and coverage for members during the RSV season. The presented material can be found in the handout.

**Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (RDUR) Criteria Recommendations:** L. Morgan reviewed the RDUR criteria that were selected for review of each month of the last quarter. October consisted of a special mailing to prescribers of the buprenorphine monoprodut. The presented material can be found in the handout.

*Motion:* Moved by K. Martian to approve the RDUR criteria, motion was seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Remicade Biosimilar Update:** L. Roehrich presented a fax sent to providers discussing the preferred Remicade biosimilars effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Biosimilars Avsola and Renflexis will not require prior authorization (PA). All other agents, Remicade, Inflectra, and infliximab will require PA. The presented material can be found in the handout.

**Adjournment:**

*Motion:* Moved by L. Kroetsch to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded. **Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm CST.

**Date of Minutes Approval:**

**Minutes submitted by:** Lauren Morgan, Kepro

## **Legislative Update: Highlighted changes affecting DUR Board**

Senate Bill 2156: Effective August 1, 2023

Quorum:

- Definition: One-half or more of nonvacant voting board member positions

Residency Requirements:

- Pharmacist and physician members do not have to be residents of the state of ND if they provide telehealth services to residents of ND. In-state members should continue to be recruited to fill positions and replace out-of-state members.
- Pharmaceutical representative members do not need to be in-state residents

Restricted Classes:

- Stimulant medications is no longer a restricted class; immunosuppressants for prophylaxis of organ transplant rejection has been added as a restricted class.
- Restricted classes may have prior authorization requirements if they are meet one of the following exceptions:
  - Multisource brands of the identical molecular structure
  - Extended-release products when the immediate-release product is available without prior authorization
  - Products that have the same active ingredient or moiety
  - Dosage forms that do not provide a unique route of administration

Terminology:

- Chairman has been changed to Presiding Officer

## **Procedure Changes to DUR Board**

Elections:

- Elections for Presiding Officer and Vice-Presiding Officer will occur in June. Those elected will assume their positions in September.
  - The presiding officer runs the board meeting and ensures the rules of board are followed.
  - The vice-presiding officer acts as presiding offer when presiding officer is absent or steps down prior to the end of their term.
  - Any member is eligible for either position. The vice-presiding officer will not automatically assume the presiding officer's position at the end of their term. The election for each position will be open in June.

Debate:

- Each member is allowed two 10-minute speeches per day on a question. After the first 10 minutes, the member must wait until everyone has had the opportunity to speak before speaking a second 10 minutes.
- Debate should be germane to the agenda item being discussed
- A call for the orders of the day may occur to keep meeting on track

Minutes:

- Minutes are a record of what is done at the meeting, not what is said.
- Motions are recorded in minutes so please make a clearly worded motion. "I move that..."
- Approval of the minutes:
  - The presiding officer may assume the motion and obtain unanimous consent that the minutes be approved as distributed. If there are corrections to be made, this would require a motion/second/vote.

Old/Unfinished business:

- Reserved for resolving questions or agenda items that were not addressed from the previous meeting

Second Review:

- Purpose is to adopt criteria developed by the Department. Prior authorization becomes effective following this review.
- Needs a motion/second and vote to adopt criteria. Please state motions clearly and completely so they can be recorded in the minutes.
- The original motion can be to adopt the criteria with a change. An amendment motion/second/vote is not needed to change the criteria, only to change the original motion.

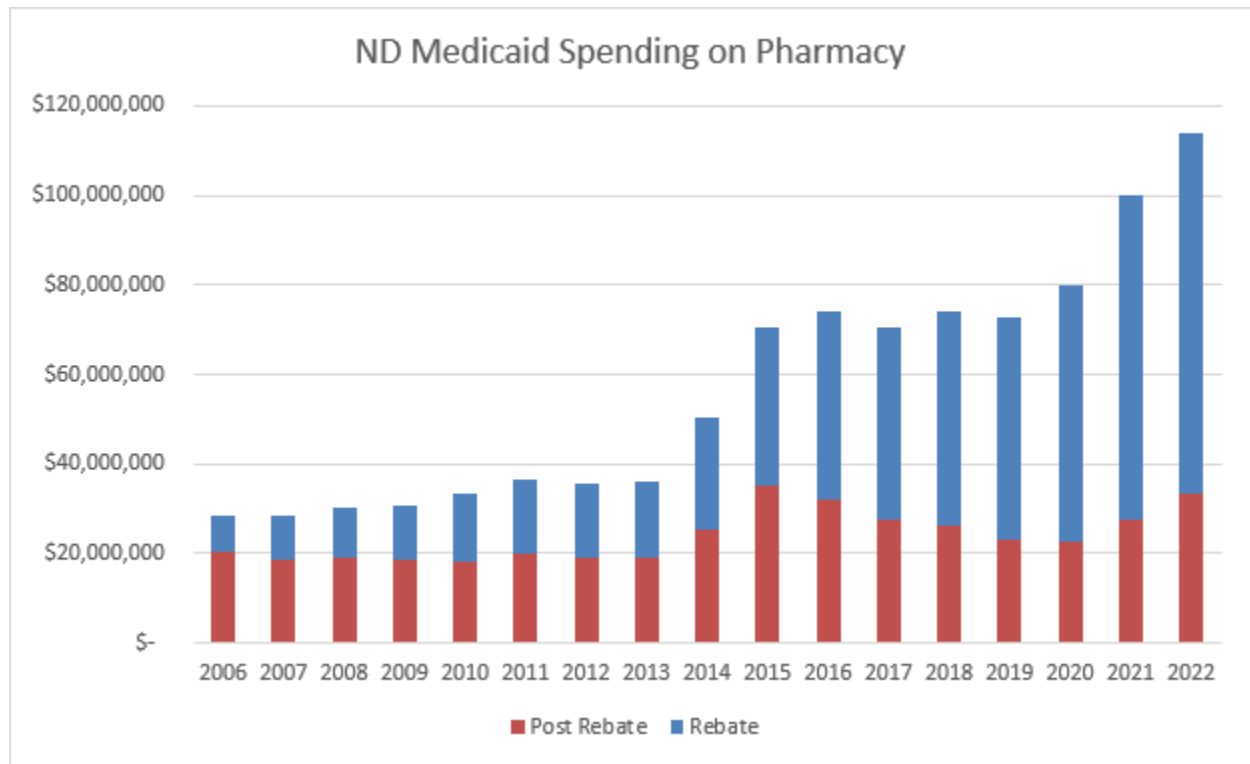
First Review:

- The purpose is to approve the Department to develop prior authorization criteria.
- Needs a motion/second and vote to develop criteria. Please state motions clearly and completely so they can be recorded in the minutes.

Adjournment:

- The presiding officer may adjourn the meeting without a motion/second/vote when it is time based on the agenda or allotted time for the meeting.
  - Adjournment outside of these parameters or an emergency would require a motion/second/vote.

| Timeline   |  |
|------------|--|
| Pre - 2014 | Brendan was only staff member  |
| 2014       | Expansion (managed by Sanford MCO) started                           |
| 2015       | Alexi was hired  |
| 2016       | Supplement rebates for only FFS                                      |
| 2017       | January 1 - MCO supplementals start<br>October 1 – MCO PBM complaint |
| 2019       | LeNeika was hired  |
| 2020       | January 2020 - MCO carve-out<br>March 2020 - COVID                   |



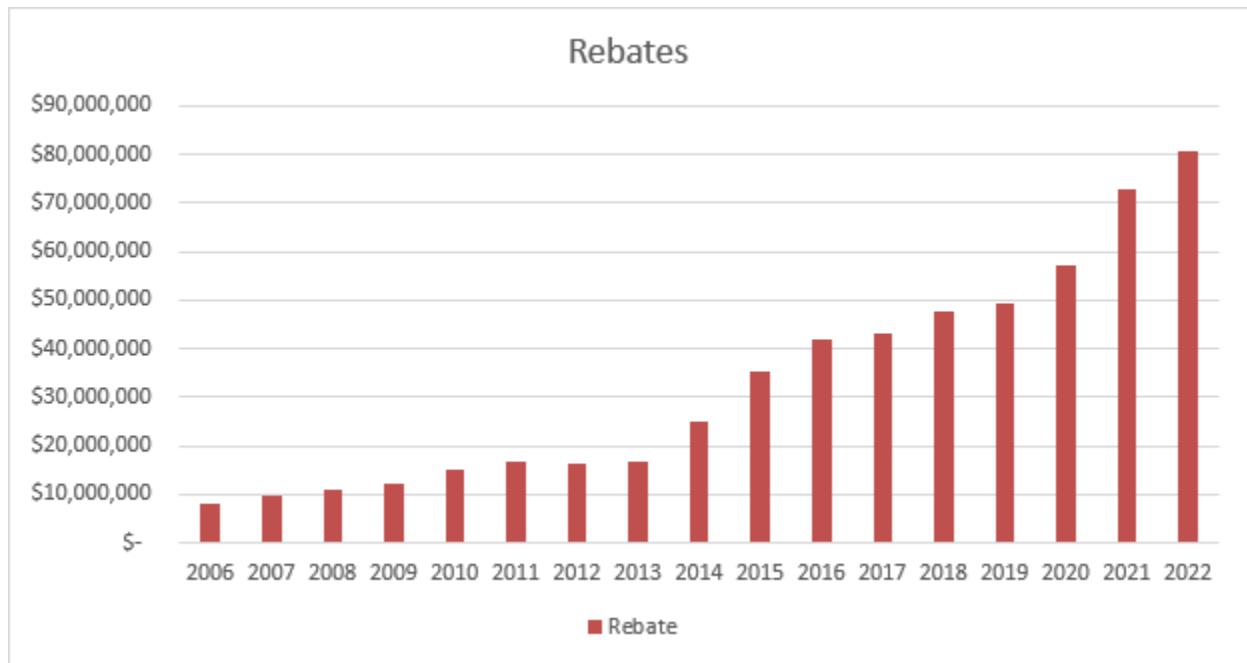
Total payments to pharmacies in 2006 was \$28.5 million.

Total payments to pharmacies in 2022 was \$113.8 million.

Net pharmacy spend (i.e. post rebate) in 2006 was \$20.26 million.

Net pharmacy spend (i.e. post rebate) in 2020 was \$22.5 million.

Net pharmacy spend in 2022 was \$33.2 million (still lower than \$35.1 million in 2015).



### MCO Carve Out Decrease in Net Spend

| Class              | % Decrease    |
|--------------------|---------------|
| ADHD Stimulants    | 36.68%        |
| Antidepressants    | 22.23%        |
| Beta Agonist       | 68.30%        |
| Hypertension       | 16.82%        |
| Muscle Relaxant    | 31.46%        |
| Narcotics          | 21.79%        |
| Narcotic Treatment | 14.53%        |
| NSAIDs/COX2        | 17.90%        |
| Topical Steroid    | 29.89%        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>25.95%</b> |



## Spending Growth

| Quarter | Reimb Amt     | Net Spend    | % Growth qtr/qtr |
|---------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1Q2019  | \$ 17,874,850 | \$ 5,371,480 |                  |
| 2Q2019  | \$ 18,017,728 | \$ 5,667,672 | 5.5%             |
| 3Q2019  | \$ 17,468,060 | \$ 5,749,207 | 1.4%             |
| 4Q2019  | \$ 19,373,630 | \$ 6,458,292 | 12.3%            |
| 1Q2020  | \$ 18,696,018 | \$ 5,419,074 | -16.1%           |
| 2Q2020  | \$ 18,758,703 | \$ 5,283,372 | -2.5%            |
| 3Q2020  | \$ 20,307,648 | \$ 5,806,647 | 9.9%             |
| 4Q2020  | \$ 22,045,832 | \$ 5,990,144 | 3.2%             |
| 1Q2021  | \$ 24,272,343 | \$ 6,340,422 | 5.8%             |
| 2Q2021  | \$ 24,974,546 | \$ 6,683,444 | 5.4%             |
| 3Q2021  | \$ 25,124,024 | \$ 6,929,321 | 3.7%             |
| 4Q2021  | \$ 25,801,227 | \$ 7,431,914 | 7.3%             |
| 1Q2022  | \$ 27,927,425 | \$ 7,674,315 | 3.3%             |
| 2Q2022  | \$ 28,301,349 | \$ 8,071,019 | 5.2%             |
| 3Q2022  | \$ 28,153,701 | \$ 8,352,346 | 3.5%             |
| 4Q2022  | \$ 29,395,177 | \$ 9,081,519 | 8.7%             |
| 1Q2023  | \$ 31,430,413 | \$ 9,192,116 | 1.2%             |

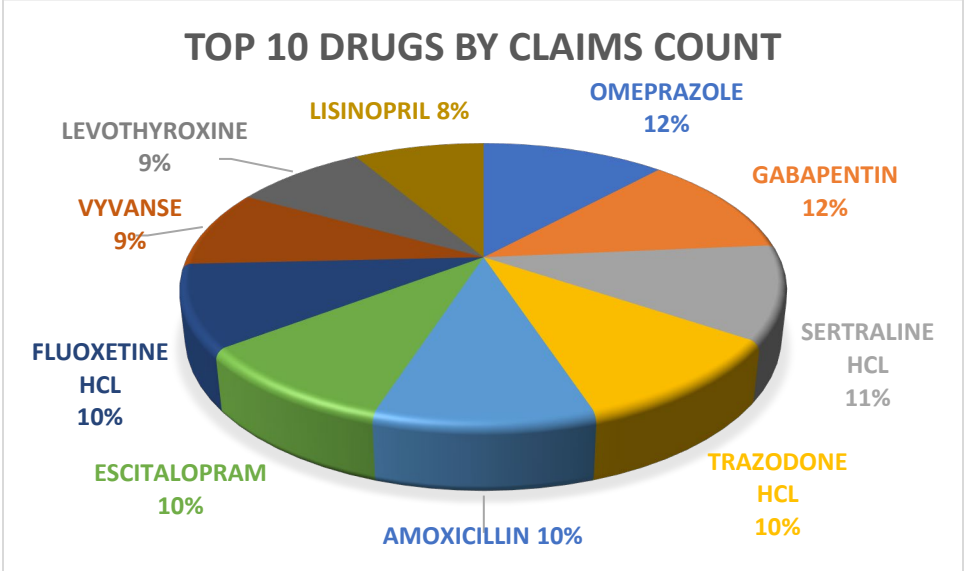
## Yearly Average Net Spend Growth between 2018 to 2022

| Class                           | % of total growth |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Immunomodulators                | 35.8%             |
| Oncology                        | 15.5%             |
| Cystic Fibrosis                 | 15.5%             |
| Antipsychotics                  | 11.3%             |
| Eczema                          | 7.4%              |
| HIV                             | 4.8%              |
| <b>Total in these 6 classes</b> | <b>93.0%</b>      |

## Top 25 Drugs Based on Number of Claims from 01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023

| Drug                     | Claims | Claims Cost    | Patients | Cost / Claim | % Total Claims | Dif. |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------------|------|
| 1. OMEPRAZOLE            | 5,168  | \$67,134.97    | 2,550    | \$12.99      | 1.8%           | ↑1   |
| 2. GABAPENTIN            | 5,144  | \$75,875.53    | 2,104    | \$14.75      | 1.8%           | ↓1   |
| 3. SERTRALINE HCL        | 4,829  | \$65,043.26    | 2,611    | \$13.47      | 1.6%           | NC   |
| 4. TRAZODONE HCL         | 4,603  | \$62,207.79    | 2,229    | \$13.51      | 1.6%           | NC   |
| 5. AMOXICILLIN           | 4,331  | \$61,990.27    | 4,049    | \$14.31      | 1.5%           | ↑1   |
| 6. ESCITALOPRAM OXALATE  | 4,326  | \$58,167.97    | 2,424    | \$13.45      | 1.5%           | ↓1   |
| 7. FLUOXETINE HCL        | 4,289  | \$57,231.53    | 2,254    | \$13.34      | 1.5%           | NC   |
| 8. VYVANSE               | 4,025  | \$1,076,628.95 | 1,492    | \$267.49     | 1.4%           | ↑4   |
| 9. LEVOTHYROXINE SODIUM  | 3,940  | \$63,175.57    | 1,993    | \$16.03      | 1.3%           | ↓1   |
| 10. LISINOPRIL           | 3,704  | \$47,540.98    | 2,178    | \$12.84      | 1.3%           | ↓1   |
| 11. ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM | 3,594  | \$52,187.07    | 2,036    | \$14.52      | 1.2%           | ↓1   |
| 12. BUPROPION XL         | 3,559  | \$59,034.04    | 1,844    | \$16.59      | 1.2%           | ↑1   |
| 13. PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM  | 3,318  | \$45,639.82    | 1,597    | \$13.76      | 1.1%           | ↑2   |
| 14. HYDROCODONE-APAP     | 3,071  | \$44,533.85    | 1,919    | \$14.5       | 1.0%           | ↑2   |
| 15. CYCLOBENZAPRINE HCL  | 2,954  | \$34,015.15    | 1,830    | \$11.51      | 1.0%           | ↑2   |
| 16. DULOXETINE HCL       | 2,896  | \$46,760.92    | 1,485    | \$16.15      | 1.0%           | ↑2   |
| 17. AMOXICILLIN-CLAV     | 2,872  | \$51,727.21    | 2,690    | \$18.01      | 1.0%           | ↓6   |
| 18. CLONIDINE HCL        | 2,868  | \$35,256.33    | 1,403    | \$12.29      | 1.0%           | ↑2   |
| 19. ONDANSETRON ODT      | 2,852  | \$39,375.67    | 2,235    | \$13.81      | 1.0%           | ↑10  |
| 20. PREDNISON            | 2,851  | \$32,716.26    | 2,296    | \$11.48      | 1.0%           | ↓6   |
| 21. HYDROXYZINE HCL      | 2,744  | \$37,909.69    | 1,676    | \$13.82      | 0.9%           | ↑2   |
| 22. BUPRENORPHINE-NALOX  | 2,741  | \$115,663.22   | 676      | \$42.2       | 0.9%           | ↓3   |
| 23. VENTOLIN HFA         | 2,740  | \$175,388.73   | 2,692    | \$64.01      | 0.9%           | ↑8   |
| 24. LAMOTRIGINE          | 2,740  | \$39,392.44    | 1,087    | \$14.38      | 0.9%           | ↓3   |
| 25. BUSPIRONE HCL        | 2,606  | \$39,980.16    | 1,351    | \$15.34      | 0.9%           | ↑1   |

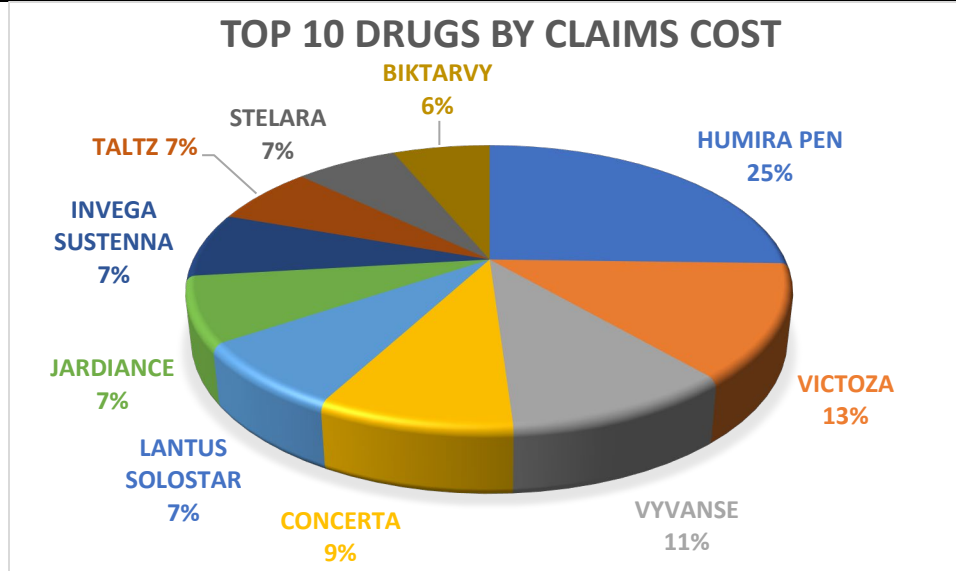
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| <b>Total Claims</b> | <b>292,740</b> |
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## Top 25 Drugs Based on Total Claims Cost from 01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023

| Drug                  | Claims | Claims Cost    | Patients | Cost / Patient | % Total Cost | Dif. |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------|----------|----------------|--------------|------|
| 1. HUMIRA PEN         | 295    | \$2,350,137.28 | 126      | \$36,582.22    | 6.2%         | NC   |
| 2. VICTOZA            | 1448   | \$1,282,349.00 | 689      | \$3,624.68     | 3.4%         | NC   |
| 3. VYVANSE            | 4,025  | \$1,076,628.95 | 1,492    | \$721.6        | 2.8%         | NC   |
| 4. CONCERTA           | 2,301  | \$830,334.49   | 920      | \$902.54       | 2.2%         | NC   |
| 5. LANTUS SOLOSTAR    | 1,360  | \$710,813.88   | 824      | \$862.64       | 1.9%         | NC   |
| 6. JARDIANCE          | 1,067  | \$703,553.04   | 539      | \$1,305.29     | 1.9%         | ↑1   |
| 7. INVEGA SUSTENNA    | 271    | \$700,417.71   | 110      | \$6,367.43     | 1.9%         | ↓1   |
| 8. TALTZ AUTOINJECTOR | 95     | \$667,695.10   | 34       | \$19,638.09    | 1.8%         | ↑2   |
| 9. STELARA            | 28     | \$655,455.02   | 18       | \$36,414.17    | 1.7%         | NC   |
| 10. BIKTARVY          | 294    | \$610,112.83   | 129      | \$4,729.56     | 1.6%         | ↑1   |
| 11. MAVYRET           | 43     | \$522,443.63   | 28       | \$18,658.70    | 1.4%         | ↑9   |
| 12. VRAYLAR           | 520    | \$508,917.03   | 216      | \$2,356.10     | 1.3%         | ↑1   |
| 13. LATUDA            | 600    | \$482,987.32   | 244      | \$1,979.46     | 1.3%         | ↓5   |
| 14. ADDERALL XR       | 2,446  | \$436,081.56   | 990      | \$440.49       | 1.2%         | NC   |
| 15. ELIQUIS           | 777    | \$419,051.56   | 354      | \$1,183.76     | 1.1%         | ↑2   |
| 16. SYMBICORT         | 1,159  | \$403,187.69   | 649      | \$621.24       | 1.1%         | ↓1   |
| 17. ADVAIR DISKUS     | 988    | \$361,302.25   | 538      | \$671.57       | 1.0%         | ↓1   |
| 18. NOVOLOG FLEXPEN   | 500    | \$358,449.53   | 299      | \$1,198.83     | 0.9%         | NC   |
| 19. TRIKAFTA          | 16     | \$327,967.39   | 8        | \$40,995.92    | 0.9%         | ↓7   |
| 20. ABILIFY MAINTENA  | 137    | \$318,799.65   | 55       | \$5,796.36     | 0.8%         | ↑2   |
| 21. NORDITROPIN       | 83     | \$292,477.87   | 39       | \$7,499.43     | 0.8%         | ↓2   |
| 22. DUPIXENT          | 83     | \$285,163.36   | 34       | \$8,387.16     | 0.8%         | ↑7   |
| 23. XIFAXAN           | 96     | \$273,891.47   | 50       | \$5,477.83     | 0.7%         | ↑1   |
| 24. ORKAMBI           | 17     | \$237,449.07   | 6        | \$39,574.85    | 0.6%         | ↑1   |
| 25. INGREZZA          | 31     | \$236,023.46   | 11       | \$21,456.68    | 0.6%         | ↑13  |

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| <b>Total Claims Cost</b> | <b>\$37,820,109.62</b> |
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### Top 15 Therapeutic Classes Based on Number of Claims from 01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023

| Therapeutic Class Description        | Claims | Claims Cost    | Patients | Cost/Claim | % Total Claims | Dif. |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------|------------|----------------|------|
| 1. ANTIDEPRESSANTS                   | 33,334 | \$705,163.73   | 13,454   | \$21.15    | 11.4%          | NC   |
| 2. ANTICONVULSANTS                   | 15,057 | \$631,660.79   | 5,140    | \$41.95    | 5.1%           | NC   |
| 3. ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS              | 10,460 | \$2,930,543.30 | 3,971    | \$280.17   | 3.6%           | NC   |
| 4. PROTON-PUMP INHIBITORS            | 8,874  | \$158,311.36   | 4,276    | \$17.84    | 3.0%           | NC   |
| 5. ANXIOLYTICS, SEDATIVES, HYPNOTICS | 8,235  | \$120,581.28   | 4,112    | \$14.64    | 2.8%           | ↑1   |
| 6. AMPHETAMINES                      | 8,181  | \$1,570,707.77 | 3,118    | \$191.99   | 2.8%           | ↑1   |
| 7. PENICILLIN ANTIBIOTICS            | 7,625  | \$122,940.30   | 6,743    | \$16.12    | 2.6%           | ↓2   |
| 8. OPIATE AGONISTS                   | 7,590  | \$120,179.61   | 3,890    | \$15.83    | 2.6%           | NC   |
| 9. NSAIDS                            | 6,860  | \$99,441.64    | 4,472    | \$14.5     | 2.3%           | NC   |
| 10. RESPIRATORY/CNS STIMULANTS       | 6,516  | \$1,112,383.00 | 2,335    | \$170.72   | 2.2%           | ↑1   |
| 11. STATINS                          | 6,265  | \$92,382.41    | 3,522    | \$14.75    | 2.1%           | ↓1   |
| 12. BETA BLOCKING AGENTS             | 5,836  | \$105,231.85   | 3,155    | \$18.03    | 2.0%           | NC   |
| 13. ADRENALS                         | 4,735  | \$63,404.81    | 3,728    | \$13.39    | 1.6%           | NC   |
| 14. BETA-ADRENERGIC AGONISTS         | 4,637  | \$274,032.69   | 4,218    | \$59.1     | 1.6%           | NC   |
| 15. ACE INHIBITORS                   | 4,618  | \$74,798.49    | 2,693    | \$16.2     | 1.6%           | NC   |

### Top 15 Therapeutic Classes Based on Claims Cost from 01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023

| Therapeutic Class Description      | Claims | Claims Cost    | Patients | Cost/Patient | % Total Cost | Dif. |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------|--------------|--------------|------|
| 1. DMARDS                          | 647    | \$3,812,849.15 | 261      | \$14,608.62  | 10.1%        | NC   |
| 2. ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS            | 10,460 | \$2,930,543.30 | 3,971    | \$737.99     | 7.7%         | NC   |
| 3. SKIN/MUCOUS MEMBRANE AGENTS     | 799    | \$2,428,124.70 | 471      | \$5,155.25   | 6.4%         | ↑1   |
| 4. INSULINS                        | 3,777  | \$1,986,331.84 | 1,456    | \$1,364.24   | 5.3%         | ↓1   |
| 5. ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS           | 703    | \$1,594,212.85 | 293      | \$5,441.00   | 4.2%         | ↑1   |
| 6. AMPHETAMINES                    | 8,181  | \$1,570,707.77 | 3,118    | \$503.75     | 4.2%         | ↓1   |
| 7. INCRETIN MIMETICS               | 1,647  | \$1,454,711.44 | 718      | \$2,026.06   | 3.8%         | NC   |
| 8. ANTIRETROVIRALS                 | 934    | \$1,318,023.91 | 323      | \$4,080.57   | 3.5%         | ↑2   |
| 9. CORTICOSTEROIDS (RESPIRATORY)   | 3,949  | \$1,148,808.86 | 2,278    | \$504.31     | 3.0%         | ↑11  |
| 10. RESPIRATORY AND CNS STIMULANTS | 6,516  | \$1,112,383.00 | 2,335    | \$476.4      | 2.9%         | ↓1   |
| 11. SGLT-2 INHIBITORS              | 1,528  | \$980,293.29   | 764      | \$1,283.11   | 2.6%         | NC   |
| 12. ANTIDEPRESSANTS                | 33,334 | \$705,163.73   | 13,454   | \$52.41      | 1.9%         | ↑1   |
| 13. HCV ANTIVIRALS                 | 66     | \$699,062.52   | 43       | \$16,257.27  | 1.8%         | ↑1   |
| 14. ANTICONVULSANTS                | 15,057 | \$631,660.79   | 5,140    | \$122.89     | 1.7%         | ↓2   |
| 15. ANTICOAGULANTS                 | 1,668  | \$594,279.60   | 685      | \$867.56     | 1.6%         | ↑2   |

## PDL Update

| Drug Name       | PA Status | Class   |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| Altuviio        | PA        | Extended half-life factor VIII products             |
| Atorvaliq       | PA        | Non-Solid Dosage Forms                              |
| Austedo XR      | PA        | Tardive Dyskinesia                                  |
| Cuvrior         | PA        | Wilson's Disease                                    |
| Daybue          | PA        | Medications that cost greater than 3000             |
| Joenja          | PA        | Medications that cost greater than 3000             |
| Lumryz          | PA        | Narcolepsy  |
| mesalamine HD   | PA        | Ulcerative Colitis                                  |
| Nityr           | PA        | Preferred Dosage Forms                              |
| Pradaxa pellets | PA        | Anticoagulants - oral                               |
| Rezvoglar       | PA        | Insulin   |
| Skyclarys       | PA        | Medications that cost greater than 3000             |
| Tezspire        | PA        | Eosinophilic Asthma                                 |
| Vowst           | PA        | Clostridioides difficile-associated diarrhea (CDAD) |

## Update to Hepatitis C

### Initial Criteria - Approval Duration: Based on label recommendations

- The member must have life expectancy greater than 12 months.
- The member and prescriber attestation forms must be attached to request
- The member must have established compliant behavior including attending scheduled provider visits (defined as 1 or less no-shows) and filling all maintenance medications on time for the past 90 days, as evidenced by pharmacy claims history.
- Chronic Hepatitis C must be documented by one of the following (within the last 12 months):
  - Liver fibrosis F1 and below or unknown: 2 positive HCV RNA levels at least 6 months apart
  - Liver fibrosis F2 and above: 1 positive HCV RNA test

### *Non-Solid Dosage Form Agents Criteria:*

- Epclusa pellet packs: Members that weigh 30 kg or greater must meet [Non-Solid Dosage Preparations](#) criteria in addition to Hepatitis C criteria
- Mavyret pellet packs: Members that weigh 45 kg or greater must meet [Non-Solid Dosage Preparations](#) criteria in addition to Hepatitis C criteria

### *Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:*

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the member is unable to use the preferred product (subject to clinical review).

### For **FIRST TIME** treatments with Direct Acting Antivirals:

One of the following criteria must be met (1,2 or 3):

1. The member has completed 2 visits in the Harm Reduction MTM Program
2. The member does not have history of alcohol abuse or IV drug use within the past 5 years
3. The member has a history of alcohol use disorder or IV drug use within the past 5 years with one of the following criteria met:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Currently enrolled or <u>has completed</u> a substance use treatment program within the past 12 months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 negative IV drug test (if history of IV drug use) or 1 negative alcohol test (if history of alcohol use disorder) within 30 days of the request date</li> </ul>  |
| <u>Has not completed</u> a substance use treatment program within the past 12 months                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 negative IV drug tests (if history of IV drug use) or 2 negative alcohol tests (if history of alcohol use disorder), dated at least 3 months apart, with the most current test completed within 30 days of the request date</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></li> <li>• Provider must submit chart notes documenting that the member has maintained sobriety for the past year or since last substance use treatment program completion</li> </ul> |

**For RE-TREATMENT after Direct Acting Antivirals:**

- Prescriber must be, or in consult with, a hepatology, gastroenterology, or infectious disease specialist (including via Project ECHO)
- The following criteria is met (as applicable due to reason for retreatment):

| Reason for retreatment:   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Due to drugs of abuse by injection  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The member is receiving treatment or must have received treatment for substance use disorder since initial Hepatitis C treatment with Direct Acting Antivirals, and the provider/facility name must be provided with the request.</li> </ul>                 |  |
|   | <b>Liver fibrosis F2 and below (or unknown)</b>   | <b>Liver fibrosis F3 and above</b>   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provider must submit chart notes documenting that the member has abstained from drugs of abuse for the past year</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two drug tests: 1 test completed 3 months prior to request and 1 test within 30 days of the request date</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two drug tests: 1 test completed 6 months (+/- 1 months) prior to request and 1 test within 30 days of the request date</li> </ul>   |  |
| Due to non-compliance (defined as a medication possession ratio (MPR) of less than 80%) | <b>Liver fibrosis F2 and below (or unknown)</b>   | <b>Liver fibrosis F3 and above</b>   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The member must have established compliant behavior including attending scheduled provider visits (defined as 1 or less no-shows) and filling all maintenance medications on time for the past 180 days, as evidenced by pharmacy claims history.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The member must have established compliant behavior including attending scheduled provider visits (defined as 1 or less no-shows) and filling all maintenance medications on time for the past 90 days, as evidenced by pharmacy claims history.</li> </ul> |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The member has participated in 2 MTM sessions addressing adherence barriers within the past 180 days</li> </ul>  |  |
| Resistance  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FIRST TIME treatment with Direct Acting Antivirals</b> criteria must be met</li> </ul>  |  |



Hepatitis C Treatments
Prior Authorization Form

Fax Completed Form to:
855-207-0250
For questions regarding this
Prior authorization, call
866-773-0695

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that members receiving a prescription for hepatitis C treatments must meet the criteria listed in the preferred drug list (PDL). Please see the PDL at www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf

Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER

Form with fields for Member Name, Date of Birth, Weight, Medicaid ID, Prescriber Name, NPI, Telephone, Fax, Requested Drug, Duration, Diagnosis, Genotype, and history of alcohol/drug use.

Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

Form with fields for Pharmacy Name, ND Medicaid Provider Number, Telephone Number, Fax Number, Drug, and NDC #.



## Hepatitis C Member Consent Form

- I am planning to live in North Dakota during the entire treatment period. I will complete the entire course of treatment, attend office visits, and have laboratory tests as ordered by my healthcare provider during the treatment period.
- I will notify my chosen pharmacy of a need to refill one week prior to running out of medication. I understand I must take my medication each day as directed for the entire course of treatment. If the medication does not work due to missed doses, I may not be approved for re-treatment.
- I understand to keep my liver healthy, I must not drink alcohol or use illicit injectable drugs prior to, during, or after my treatment. If indicated, I will participate in a treatment program to remain abstinent.
- I understand that after treatment, I can be re-infected with Hepatitis C. My provider has educated me on routes of Hepatitis C transmission, and I will avoid or modify high risk activities to avoid re-infection.
- I understand that medications that treat Hepatitis C may be harmful to unborn babies. I will use methods to avoid getting pregnant or another person pregnant during treatment and when advised by my provider or pharmacist, for at least 6 months after treatment is complete. If I become pregnant and stop treatment before it is completed, I may not be approved for re-treatment.

**Member Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Pharmacy or Prescriber Representative:**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

*By signature, the pharmacy or prescriber representative confirms the consent form has been reviewed with the member.*

## Hepatitis C Prescriber Agreement Form

- I agree that I will counsel my patient on how, where, and when to obtain refills of their hepatitis C medications.
- I agree that I will have intermittent telephone check-ins with my patient, at minimum at 2 weeks and 6 weeks of treatment. I will assess continued adherence with medication, labs, and office visits, treatment tolerability, as well as medication changes that may affect treatment.
- I have reviewed my patient's medications for drug interactions that would make Hepatitis C medications less effective or cause other adverse effects.
- I have reviewed the treatment plan with my patient including medications, lab, vaccinations, and follow-up visits.
- I have assessed my patient's readiness for treatment and believe they are ready and willing to comply with the treatment plan. I have assessed social and psychological stability, substance use, compliance to follow up visits and medications, pregnancy status, and concurrent health risks.
- I understand that ND Medicaid tracks refill history and may contact me to provide additional information in the event of a dropped or late refill.
- I have a dedicated individual or team which may include pharmacy and nursing support to fulfill the elements of this form and have listed key members contact information below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pharmacy or Prescriber Representative:**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Update to Chronic Kidney Disease (Filspari)

### Chronic Kidney Disease

#### Dual endothelin angiotensin receptor antagonist

#### CLINICAL PA REQUIRED

FILSPARI (sparsentan)

#### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

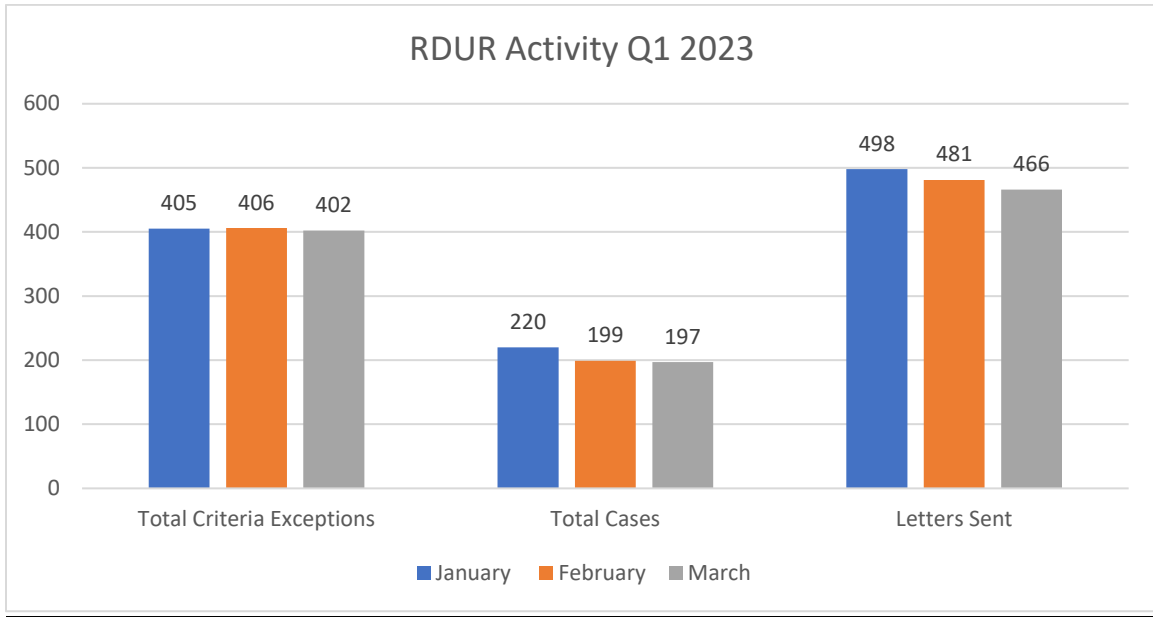
##### Initial Criteria - Approval Duration: 12 months

- If member is on renal dialysis, Medicare eligibility must be ruled out.
- The member must be on the following at the target or maximally tolerated dose, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - An ACE-inhibitor or an ARB
  - A SGLT-2 inhibitor

##### *Filspari Only*

- The medication is prescribed by, or in consultation with, a nephrologist
- The diagnosis has been confirmed with kidney biopsy
- The member must have eGFR  $\geq 30$ .
- The member must be experiencing proteinuria  $> 1$  gram/day or UPCR  $\geq 1.5$  g/g (documentation must be attached) despite 3-month trials with good compliance of the following in combination at the target or maximally tolerated dose, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - ACE inhibitor or an ARB
  - A SGLT-2 inhibitor

## RDUR Activity Overview: Q1 2023



### January Cases by Type of Criteria

| Criteria Description      | # of Cases | % of Cases |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Adverse Effects           | 3          | 1.4%       |
| Clinical Appropriateness  | 23         | 10.5%      |
| Drug-Disease Interactions | 104        | 47.3%      |
| Drug-Drug Conflicts       | 90         | 40.8%      |

### February Cases by Type of Criteria

| Criteria Description      | # of Cases | % of Cases |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Clinical Appropriateness  | 133        | 66.8%      |
| Drug-Disease Interactions | 21         | 10.6%      |
| Drug-Drug Conflicts       | 45         | 22.6%      |

### March Cases by Type of Criteria

| Criteria Description      | # of Cases | % of Cases |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Adverse Effects           | 31         | 15.7%      |
| Clinical Appropriateness  | 106        | 53.8%      |
| Drug-Disease Interactions | 1          | 0.6%       |
| Drug-Drug Conflicts       | 59         | 29.9%      |

## Second Reviews

### Hyperparathyroidism

| PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED) | NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| calcitrol capsule                 | doxercalciferol capsule            |
| paricalcitol capsule              | HECTOROL (doxercalciferol) CAPSULE |
|                                   | RAYALDEE ER (calcifediol)          |
|                                   | ROCALTROL (calcitriol)             |
|                                   | ZEMPLAR (paricalcitol) CAPSULE     |

#### Prior Authorization Criteria

- See [Preferred Dosage Form](#) criteria

### Influenza

| PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED) | NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| oseltamivir                       | TAMIFLU (oseltamivir)              |
|                                   | XOFLUZA (baloxavir marboxil)       |

#### Electronic Age Verification

- Xofluza: The member must be 5 years of age or older

#### Prior Authorization Criteria

##### Initial Criteria - Approval Duration: 5 days

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the member is unable to use the preferred product (subject to clinical review).

### Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder

| PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)              | NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)                 |
|--|--|
| ENSPRING (satralizumab-mwge)                         | SOLIRIS (eculizumab) – <i>Medical Billing Only</i> |
| UPLIZNA (inebilizumab) – <i>Medical Billing Only</i> |  |

#### Prior Authorization Criteria

##### Initial Criteria - Approval Duration: 6 months

- The member must meet FDA-approved label for use (e.g., use outside of studied population will be considered investigational).
- The requested medication must be prescribed by, or in consult with, a neurologist
- The member has positive serologic test for anti-AQP4 antibodies.
- The member has a history of  $\geq 1$  relapses that required rescue therapy within the past 12 months
- The member has an Expanded Disability Status Score (EDSS) of  $\leq 6.5$

##### Non-Preferred Agents Criteria

- The member must have had a 3-month trial with each of the preferred agents

***Renewal Criteria - Approval Duration: 12 months***

- The member must have experienced stabilization, slowing of disease progression, or improvement of the condition since starting treatment with the requested medication, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g., chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review) including:
  - Reduction in relapse rate
  - Reduction in symptoms (e.g., pain, fatigue, motor function)

**Urea Cycle Agents**

**Hyperammonemia**

| <b>PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)</b> | <b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b> |
|--|---|
| BUPHENYL (sodium phenylbutyrate)               | RAVICTI (glycerol phenylbutyrate)         |
| PHEBURANE (sodium phenylbutyrate)              |   |
| sodium phenylbutyrate                          |   |

**NAS Deficiency**

| <b>PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)</b> | <b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b> |
|--|---|
| carglumic acid                                 | CARBAGLU (carglumic acid)                 |

**Prior Authorization Criteria**

See [Medications that cost over \\$3000/month](#) criteria

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria**

- Carbaglu: See [Preferred Dosage Form](#) criteria
- Ravicti: The member is unable to tolerate sodium phenylbutyrate due to sodium content or GI distress

**NORTH DAKOTA MEDICAID  
RETROSPECTIVE DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW  
CRITERIA RECOMMENDATIONS  
2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2023**

**Criteria Recommendations**

**Approved Rejected**

**1. Odevixibat / Overuse**

Alert Message: Bylvay (odevixibat) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of odevixibat is 40 mcg/kg once daily in the morning with a meal. If there is no improvement in pruritus after 3 months, the dosage may be increased in 40 mcg/kg increments up to 120 mcg/kg once daily not to exceed a total daily dose of 6 mg.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C  
Odevixibat

Max Dose: 6 mg/day

References:

Bylvay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2022, Albireo Pharm, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**2. Odevixibat / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Bylvay (odevixibat) for the treatment of pruritus in progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis (PFIC) in adult patients, including those 65 years of age and older, have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C  
Odevixibat

Age Range: 18 - 999 yoa

References:

Bylvay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2022, Albireo Pharm, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**3. Odevixibat / Vitamin Deficiency**

Alert Message: Bylvay (odevixibat) may affect the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins (FSV). Obtain serum FSV levels at baseline and monitor during treatment, along with any clinical manifestations. If FSV deficiency is diagnosed, supplement with FSV. Discontinue odevixibat if FSV deficiency persists or worsens despite adequate FSV supplementation.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C  
Odevixibat                      Vitamin Deficiency A, D, E, & K

References:

Bylvay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2022, Albireo Pharm, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**4. Odevixibat / Liver Test Abnormalities & Portal HTN**

Alert Message: Bylvay (odevixibat) can cause elevations of liver tests or worsening of liver tests relative to baseline values. Obtain baseline liver tests and monitor during treatment. Dose reduction or treatment interruption of odevixibat may be required if abnormalities occur. For persistent or recurrent liver test abnormalities, consider treatment discontinuation. Permanently discontinue treatment if a patient progresses to portal hypertension or experiences a hepatic decompensation event (e.g., variceal hemorrhage, ascites, hepatic encephalopathy).

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>  | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|--|---------------|
| Odevixibat    | Abnormal Liver Function Studies<br>Ascites<br>Hepatic Encephalopathy<br>Portal Hypertension<br>Liver Failure |               |

## References:

Bylvay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2022, Albireo Pharm, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**5. Odevixibat / Diarrhea**

Alert Message: Bylvay (odevixibat) treatment may cause diarrhea. If diarrhea occurs, monitor for dehydration and treat promptly. Interrupt odevixibat dosing if a patient experiences persistent diarrhea. Restart odevixibat at 40 mcg/kg/day when diarrhea resolves, and increase the dose as tolerated if appropriate. If diarrhea persists and no alternate etiology is identified, stop odevixibat treatment.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Odevixibat    | Diarrhea      |               |

## References:

Bylvay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2022, Albireo Pharm, Inc.

**6. Odevixibat / Bile Acid Resins**

Alert Message: Bile acid binding resins may bind Bylvay (odevixibat) in the gut, which may reduce odevixibat efficacy. Administer bile acid binding resins (e.g., cholestyramine, colesevelam, or colestipol) at least 4 hours before or 4 hours after administration of odevixibat.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>                               | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| Odevixibat    | Cholestyramine<br>Colesevelam<br>Colestipol |               |

## References:

Bylvay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2022, Albireo Pharm, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.



**7. Odevixibat / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no human data on Bylvay (odevixibat) use in pregnant persons to establish a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse developmental outcomes. Based on findings from animal reproduction studies, odevixibat may cause cardiac malformations when a fetus is exposed during pregnancy.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Negate)</u>              |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Odevixibat    | Pregnancy     | Abortion<br>Delivery<br>Miscarriage |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Bylvay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2022, Albireo Pharm, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**8. Odevixibat / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Bylvay (odevixibat) in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. Odevixibat has low absorption following oral administration, and breastfeeding is not expected to result in exposure of the infant to odevixibat at the recommended doses; however, odevixibat may reduce the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins (FSV). Monitor FSV levels and increase FSV intake, if FSV deficiency is observed during lactation. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered, along with the mother's clinical need for odevixibat and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from odevixibat or the underlying maternal condition.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Odevixibat    | Lactation     |               |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Bylvay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2022, Albireo Pharm, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**9. Sotorasib / Overuse**

Alert Message: Lumakras (sotorasib) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of sotorasib is 960 mg (eight 120 mg tablets) orally once daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sotorasib     |               |               |

Max Dose:

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**10. Sotorasib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Lumakras (sotorasib) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C

Sotorasib

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**11. Sotorasib / Hepatotoxicity**

Alert Message: Lumakras (sotorasib) can cause hepatotoxicity, which may lead to drug-induced liver injury and hepatitis. Monitor liver function tests (ALT, AST, and total bilirubin) prior to the start of sotorasib, every 3 weeks for the first 3 months of treatment, then once a month or as clinically indicated, with more frequent testing in patients who develop transaminase and/or bilirubin elevations. Withhold, dose reduce or permanently discontinue sotorasib based on severity of adverse reaction.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C

Sotorasib

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**12. Sotorasib / Interstitial Lung Disease & Pneumonitis**

Alert Message: Lumakras (sotorasib) can cause ILD/pneumonitis, which can be fatal. Monitor patients for new or worsening pulmonary symptoms indicative of ILD/pneumonitis (e.g., dyspnea, cough, fever). Immediately withhold sotorasib in patients with suspected ILD/pneumonitis and permanently discontinue sotorasib if no other potential causes of ILD/pneumonitis are identified.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C

Sotorasib

Cough  
Dyspnea  
Fever  
Acute Interstitial Pneumonia

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**13. Sotorasib / Proton Pump Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The solubility of Lumakras (sotorasib) is pH-dependent. Coadministration of sotorasib with gastric acid-reducing agents decreased sotorasib concentrations, which may reduce the efficacy of sotorasib. Avoid coadministration of sotorasib with proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), H2 receptor antagonists, and locally acting antacids. If coadministration with an acid-reducing agent cannot be avoided, administer sotorasib 4 hours before or 10 hours after administration of a locally acting antacid.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>                    | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Sotorasib     | Antacids<br>H-2 Blockers<br>PPIs |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**14. Sotorasib / Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: Avoid the coadministration of Lumakras (sotorasib) with strong CYP3A4 inducers. Sotorasib is a CYP3A4 substrate. Coadministration of sotorasib with a strong CYP3A4 inducer decreased sotorasib concentrations, which may reduce the efficacy of sotorasib.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>   | <u>Util C</u>                      |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Sotorasib     | Apalutamide<br>Carbamazepine<br>Enzalutamide<br>Mitotane<br>Phenobarbital | Phenytoin<br>Primidone<br>Rifampin |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**15. Sotorasib / CYP3A4 Substrates w/ NTI**

Alert Message: Lumakras (sotorasib) is a CYP3A4 inducer. Coadministration of sotorasib with a CYP3A4 substrate has been shown in drug interaction studies to decrease the substrate plasma concentrations, which may reduce the efficacy of the substrate. Avoid coadministration of sotorasib with CYP3A4 sensitive substrates, for which minimal concentration changes may lead to therapeutic failures of the substrate. If concurrent use cannot be avoided, increase the sensitive CYP3A4 substrate dosage in accordance with the substrate's prescribing information.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> |            |             |             | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Sotorasib     | Avanafil      | Eletriptan | Lurasidone  | Simvastatin | Vardenafil    |
|               | Budesonide    | Eplerenone | Maraviroc   | Sirolimus   |               |
|               | Buspirone     | Everolimus | Midazolam   | Tacrolimus  |               |
|               | Conivaptan    | Felodipine | Naloxegol   | Ticagrelor  |               |
|               | Darifenacin   | Ibrutinib  | Nisoldipine | Tipranavir  |               |
|               | Darunavir     | Lomitapide | Quetiapine  | Tolvaptan   |               |
|               | Dronedarone   | Lovastatin | Sildenafil  | Triazolam   |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**16. Sotorasib / P-gp Substrates w/ NTI**

Alert Message: Lumakras (sotorasib) is a P-gp inhibitor. Coadministration of sotorasib with a P-gp substrate has been shown in drug interaction studies to increase the P-gp substrate plasma concentrations, which may increase the adverse reactions of the substrate. Avoid coadministration of sotorasib with P-gp substrates, for which minimal concentration changes may lead to serious toxicities. If coadministration cannot be avoided, decrease the P-gp substrate dosage in accordance with the substrate's official prescribing information.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sotorasib     | Cyclosporine  | Sirolimus     |
|               | Digoxin       | Tacrolimus    |
|               | Everolimus    |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**17. Sotorasib / BCRP Substrates**

Alert Message: Lumakras (sotorasib) is a BCRP inhibitor. Coadministration of sotorasib with a BCRP substrate has been shown in drug interaction studies to increase the substrate plasma concentrations, which may increase the risk of adverse reactions of the substrate. When coadministered with sotorasib, monitor for adverse reactions of the BCRP substrate and decrease the BCRP substrate dosage in accordance with the substrate's prescribing information.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sotorasib     | Alpelisib     | Prazosin      |
|               | Atorvastatin  | Rosuvastatin  |
|               | Dantrolene    | Sulfasalazine |
|               | Dolutegravir  | Talazoparib   |
|               | Methotrexate  | Tenofovir     |
|               | Pazopanib     | Topotecan     |
|               | Pibrentasvir  |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**18. Sotorasib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Lumakras (sotorasib) or its metabolites in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breastfed children, advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with sotorasib and for 1 week after the final dose.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sotorasib     | Lactation     |               |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Lumakras Prescribing Information, November 2022, Amgen Inc.

**19. Sotorasib / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Lumakras (sotorasib). Nonadherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C  
Sotorasib

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.  
Ruddy K, Mayer E, Partridge A. Patient Adherence and Persistence With Oral Anticancer Treatment. CA Cancer J Clin 2009;59:56-66.  
Greer JA, Amoyal N, Nisotel L, et al. Systemic Review of Adherence to Oral Antineoplastic Therapies. The Oncologist. 2016;21:354-376.  
Barillet M, Prevost V, Joly F, Clarisse B. Oral Antineoplastic Agents: How do We Care About Adherence? Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2015;80(6):1289-1302. doi:10.1111/bcp.1273

**20. Tasimelteon LQ / Overutilization**

Alert Message: The recommended dosage of Hetlioz LQ (tasimelteon oral suspension) in pediatric patients 3 to 15 years of age weighing more than 28 kg is 20 mg one hour before bedtime, at the same time every night. The recommended dosage in pediatric patients 3 to 15 years of age weighing 28 kg or less is 0.7 mg/kg one hour before bedtime, at the same time every night.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C

Tasimelteon LQ

Max Dose: 20 mg/day

Age Range 3 - 15 yoa

References:

Hetlioz & Hetlioz LQ Prescribing Information, Dec. 2020, Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023, Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**21. Tasimelteon LQ / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Hetlioz LQ (tasimelteon oral suspension) for the treatment of nighttime sleep disturbances in SMS have not been established in patients younger than 3 years old.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C

Tasimelteon LQ

Age Range 0 – 2 yoa

References:

Hetlioz & Hetlioz LQ Prescribing Information, Dec. 2020, Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023, Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**22. Methylphenidate ER Tabs / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Relexxii (methylphenidate extended-release tablets) may be over-utilized.

The manufacturer's recommended maximum daily dose of methylphenidate extended-release tablets for pediatric patients 6 to 12 years of age is 54 mg once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C

Methylphenidate ER Tabs

Max Dose: 54 mg/day

Age Range 6 - 12 yoa

References:

Relexxii Prescribing Information, June 2022, Vertical Pharmaceuticals, LLC.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023, Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**23. Opioids / CNS Depressants**

Alert Message: The concomitant use of opioids with CNS depressants, including alcohol, can increase the risk of hypotension, respiratory depression, profound sedation, coma, and death.

Reserve concomitant prescribing of these drugs for use in patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate. Limit dosages and durations to the minimum required.

Follow patients closely for signs of respiratory depression and sedation.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A                      Util B                      Util C

Benzhydrocodone  
Codeine  
Fentanyl  
Dihydrocodeine  
Hydrocodone  
Hydromorphone  
Levorphanol  
Meperidine  
Methadone  
Morphine  
Oxycodone  
Oxymorphone  
Tapentadol  
Tramadol  
Buprenorphine (pain)

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**24. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Overuse**

Alert Message: Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) may be over-utilized. The maximum recommended dosage of dextromethorphan/bupropion is one tablet twice daily, given at least 8 hours apart. Do not exceed two doses within the same day.

Drugs/Diseases

|                            |               |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion |               |               |

Max Dose: 2 tablets/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**25. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

|                            |               |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion |               |               |

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**26. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Contraindicated Disease States**

Alert Message: The use of Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) is contraindicated in patients with seizure disorders, a current or prior diagnosis of bulimia or anorexia nervosa, and those who are undergoing abrupt discontinuation of alcohol, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and antiepileptic medications. The bupropion component of the combination product can cause seizures.

Drugs/Diseases

|                            |               |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u>         |
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion |               | Seizures<br>Bulimia<br>Anorexia |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**27. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / MAO Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The use of Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) is contraindicated in patients taking, or within 14 days of stopping, MAOIs due to the risk of serious and possibly fatal drug interactions, including hypertensive crisis and serotonin syndrome. Starting dextromethorphan/bupropion in a patient treated with reversible MAOIs such as linezolid or intravenous methylene blue is contraindicated.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u>   | <u>Util C</u> |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion | Isocarboxazid<br>Phenelzine<br>Tranylcypromine<br>Linezolid<br>Methylene Blue |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**28. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Severe Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: The pharmacokinetics of Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) have not been evaluated in patients with severe renal impairment. Dextromethorphan/bupropion is not recommended in patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR 15 to 29 mL/minute/1.73m<sup>2</sup>).

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion |               | CKD Stage 4             |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**29. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Severe Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: The pharmacokinetics of Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) have not been evaluated in patients with severe hepatic impairment. Dextromethorphan/bupropion is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic renal impairment (Child-Pugh C).

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u>    |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion |               | Cirrhosis<br>Liver Failure |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.



**30. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Overuse – Mod Renal Imp.**

Alert Message: Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) may be over-utilized. The maximum recommended dosage of dextromethorphan/bupropion in patients with moderate renal impairment (eGFR 30 to 59 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>) is one tablet once daily in the morning.

Drugs/Diseases

|                            |               |                         |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u> |
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion |               | CKD Stage 3             |

Max Dose: 1 tablet/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**31 Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Strong CYP2D6 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: Concomitant use of Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) with strong CYP2D6 inhibitors increases plasma concentrations of the dextromethorphan component of the combination product. Dosage adjustment is necessary when dextromethorphan/bupropion is co-administered with strong inhibitors of CYP2D6. The recommended dosage of dextromethorphan/bupropion, when co-administered with strong CYP2D6 inhibitors, is one tablet once daily in the morning. Monitor patients for adverse reactions potentially attributable to dextromethorphan, such as somnolence and dizziness.

Drugs/Diseases

|                            |               |  |
|----------------------------|---------------|--|
| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u>                              |
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion |               | Fluoxetine<br>Dacomitinib<br>Paroxetine<br>Quinidine |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**32. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Strong CYP2B6 Inducers**

Alert Message: Concomitant use of Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) with strong CYP2B6 inducers decreases plasma concentrations of both bupropion and dextromethorphan and may decrease efficacy. Avoid co-administration of dextromethorphan/bupropion with strong CYP2B6 inducers.

Drugs/Diseases

|                            |               |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion | Phenobarbital |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**33. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Drug That Decrease Seizure Threshold**

Alert Message: Coadministration of Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) and drugs that lower the seizure threshold should be approached with caution. Drugs such as antidepressants, antipsychotics, theophylline, and systemic steroids may have an additive effect with the bupropion component of the combination product, thereby increasing the risk of seizures.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B 1209</u>  | <u>Util C</u> |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion | Antidepressants<br>Antipsychotics<br>Baclofen<br>Metoclopramide<br>Theophylline<br>Tramadol<br>Steroids |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**34. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on animal studies, Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) may cause fetal harm when administered during pregnancy. Dextromethorphan/bupropion is not recommended during pregnancy. If a female becomes pregnant while being treated with dextromethorphan/bupropion, discontinue treatment and counsel the patient about the potential risk to a fetus.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Negating)</u>            |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion | Pregnancy     | Abortion<br>Delivery<br>Miscarriage |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**35. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Lactation**

Alert Message: Because of the potential for neurotoxicity, advise patients that breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion) and for 5 days following the final dose.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion | Lactation     |               |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Auvelity Prescribing Information, August 2022, Axsome Therapeutics.

**36. Dextromethorphan/Bupropion / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Auvelity (dextromethorphan/bupropion). Nonadherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

|                            |               |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Dextromethorphan/Bupropion |               |               |

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.  
 Iuga AO, McGuire MJ. Adherence and Health Care Costs. Risk Manag Healthc Policy. 2014 Feb 20;7:35-44.  
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 Brown MT, Bussell J, Suparna D, et al. Medication Adherence: Truth and Consequences. Am J Med Sci. 2016 Apr;351(4):387-399.

**37. Tivozanib / Overuse**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of tivozanib is 1.34 mg taken orally once daily for 21 days on treatment, followed by 7 days off treatment for a 28-day cycle.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |               |  |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Negating)</u>                                 |
| Tivozanib     |               | Moderate Hepatic Impairment<br>Severe Hepatic Impairment |

Max Dose: 1.34 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**38. Tivozanib 1.34 mg / Overuse Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of tivozanib in patients with moderate hepatic impairment (total bilirubin > 1.5 to 3 times UKN with any AST) is 0.89 mg taken orally once daily for 21 days on treatment, followed by 7 days off treatment for a 28-day cycle. The recommended dosage of tivozanib in patients with severe hepatic impairment has not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

|                |  |               |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>  | <u>Util B</u>  | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib 1.34 | Moderate Liver Impairment<br>Severe Liver Impairment |               |

Max Dose: 0.89 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**39. Tivozanib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Fotivda (tivozanib) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib     |               |               |

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**40. Tivozanib / Cardiac Failure**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) can cause serious, sometimes fatal, cardiac failure. Tivozanib has not been studied in patients with symptomatic cardiac failure within the preceding 6 months before tivozanib treatment initiation. Periodically monitor patients for symptoms of cardiac failure throughout treatment with tivozanib. Management of cardiac failure events may require interruption, dose reduction, or permanent discontinuation of tivozanib therapy.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |                 |               |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>   | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib     | Cardiac Failure |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**41. Tivozanib / Hypertension**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) can cause severe hypertension and hypertensive crisis. Control blood pressure prior to treatment with tivozanib. Monitor blood pressure after 2 weeks and at least monthly thereafter during treatment with tivozanib. Treat patients with antihypertensive therapy when hypertension occurs during treatment with tivozanib. Withhold tivozanib for severe hypertension despite optimal anti-hypertensive therapy. For persistent hypertension, despite the use of anti-hypertensive medications, reduce the tivozanib dose. Discontinue tivozanib if hypertension is severe and persistent despite anti-hypertensive therapy and dose reduction of tivozanib, or in patients who experience hypertensive crisis.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |               |                          |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Negating)</u> |
| Tivozanib     | Hypertension  | Antihypertensive Agents  |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**42. Tivozanib / Cardiac Ischemia & Arterial Thromboembolic Events**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) can cause serious, sometimes fatal, cardiac ischemia and arterial thromboembolic events. Tivozanib has not been studied in patients who had an arterial thrombotic event, myocardial infarction, or unstable angina within the preceding 6 months before tivozanib treatment initiation. Closely monitor patients who are at risk for or have a history of these events (such as myocardial infarction and stroke) during treatment with tivozanib. Discontinue tivozanib in patients who develop any severe or life-threatening arterial thromboembolic event.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |  |               |
|---------------|--|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>  | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib     | Arterial Embolism and Thrombosis<br>Myocardial Infarction<br>Unstable Angina |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**43. Tivozanib / Venous Thromboembolic Events**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) can cause serious, sometimes fatal, venous thromboembolic events. Closely monitor patients who are at risk for or have a history of these events during treatment with tivozanib. Discontinue tivozanib in patients who develop any severe or life-threatening venous thromboembolic event.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |                                |               |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>                  | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib     | Venous Embolism and Thrombosis |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**44. Tivozanib / Hemorrhagic Events**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) can cause serious, sometimes fatal, hemorrhagic events. Tivozanib has not been studied in patients with significant bleeding within the preceding 6 months before tivozanib treatment initiation. Closely monitor patients who are at risk for or who have a history of bleeding during treatment with tivozanib. Discontinue tivozanib in patients who develop severe or life-threatening hemorrhagic events.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib     | Hemorrhage    |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**45. Tivozanib / Proteinuria**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) can cause proteinuria. In clinical trial experience, proteinuria occurred in 8% of tivozanib-treated patients, with 2% of events Grade 3. Of the patients who developed proteinuria, 3/81 (3.7%) had acute kidney injury either concurrently or later during treatment. Monitor patients for proteinuria before initiation of, and periodically throughout, treatment with tivozanib. For patients who develop moderate to severe proteinuria reduce the dose or interrupt tivozanib treatment. Discontinue tivozanib in patients who develop nephrotic syndrome.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib     | Proteinuria   |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**46. Tivozanib / Thyroid Dysfunction**

Alert Message: Fotivda (tivozanib) can cause thyroid dysfunction. In clinical trial experience, thyroid dysfunction events in tivozanib patients occurred in 11%, with 0.3% Grade 3 or 4 events. Hypothyroidism was reported in 8% of patients and hyperthyroidism was reported in 1% of patients. Monitor thyroid function before initiation of, and periodically throughout, treatment with tivozanib. Treat hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism to maintain euthyroid state before and during treatment with tivozanib.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |                                   |               |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>                     | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib     | Hyperthyroidism<br>Hypothyroidism |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**47. Tivozanib / Reversible Posterior Leukoencephalopathy Syndrome**

Alert Message: Reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome (RPLS), a syndrome of subcortical vasogenic edema diagnosed by MRI, can occur with Fotivda (tivozanib). Evaluation for RPLS in any patient presenting with seizures, headaches, visual disturbances, confusion, or altered mental function. Discontinue tivozanib in patients who develop RPLS.

Drugs/Diseases

|               |   |               |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>   | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib     | Altered Mental Function<br>Headaches<br>Seizures<br>Visual Disturbances |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**Criteria Recommendations****Approved Rejected****48. Tivozanib / Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: Avoid concomitant use of strong CYP3A inducers with Fotivda (tivozanib). Concomitant use of tivozanib with a strong CYP3A inducer decreases tivozanib exposure, which may reduce tivozanib anti-tumor activity.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Tivozanib     | Apalutamide   |               |
|               | Carbamazepine |               |
|               | Enzalutamide  |               |
|               | Mitotane      |               |
|               | Phenobarbital |               |
|               | Phenytoin     |               |
|               | Primidone     |               |
|               | Rifampin      |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**49. Tivozanib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on findings from animal studies and its mechanism of action, Fotivda (tivozanib) can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In embryo-fetal developmental studies, oral administration of tivozanib to pregnant animals during the period of organogenesis caused maternal toxicity, fetal malformations, and embryo-fetal death at doses below the maximum recommended clinical dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis. Advise the pregnant patient of the potential risk to the fetus.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Negate)</u>              |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tivozanib     | Pregnancy     | Abortion<br>Delivery<br>Miscarriage |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**50. Tivozanib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Fotivda (tivozanib) in human milk or the effects of tivozanib on the breastfed child or milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed child, advise a lactating woman not to breastfeed during treatment with tivozanib and for one month after the last dose.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Tivozanib     | Lactation     |               |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**51. Tivozanib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Fotivda (tivozanib) and for one month after the last dose. Based on findings from animal studies and its mechanism of action, tivozanib can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman.

|                |               |                          |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Drugs/Diseases |               |                          |
| <u>Util A</u>  | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Negating)</u> |
| Tivozanib      |               | Contraceptives           |

Gender: Female  
Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**52. Tivozanib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Fotivda (tivozanib) and for one month after the last dose.

|                |               |               |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Drugs/Diseases |               |               |
| <u>Util A</u>  | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib      |               |               |

Gender: Male

References:  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Fotivda Prescribing Information, March 2021, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**53. Tivozanib / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Fotivda (tivozanib). Nonadherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

|                |               |               |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Drugs/Diseases |               |               |
| <u>Util A</u>  | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Tivozanib      |               |               |

References:  
Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.  
Ruddy K, Mayer E, Partridge A. Patient Adherence and Persistence With Oral Anticancer Treatment. CA Cancer J Clin 2009;59:56-66.  
Greer JA, Amoyal N, Nisotel L, et al. Systemic Review of Adherence to Oral Antineoplastic Therapies. The Oncologist. 2016;21:354-376.  
Barillet M, Prevost V, Joly F, Clarisse B. Oral Antineoplastic Agents: How do We Care About Adherence? Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2015;80(6):1289-1302. doi:10.1111/bcp.1273





**57. Aripiprazole ER Injection / Strong 3A4 & 2D6 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: Aripiprazole is a CYP3A4 and CYP2D6 substrate, and concomitant use with a strong CYP3A4 or CYP2D6 inhibitor can result in increased aripiprazole exposure. If Aristada (aripiprazole lauroxil extended-release injection) is used with a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor or CYP2D6 inhibitor for more than 2 weeks, reduce the dose of aripiprazole to the next lower strength. No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients taking the 441 mg aripiprazole injection, if tolerated. Avoid the use of aripiprazole 662 mg, 882 mg, or 1064 mg with drugs that strongly inhibit both CYP3A4 and CPY2D6.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>              | <u>Util B</u>  | <u>Util C</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Aripiprazole ER Inj 662mg  | Clarithromycin | Bupropion     |
| Aripiprazole ER Inj 882mg  | Cobicistat     | Fluoxetine    |
| Aripiprazole ER Inj 1064mg | Itraconazole   | Paroxetine    |
|                            | Ketoconazole   | Quinidine     |
|                            | Nefazodone     | Terbinafine   |
|                            | Nelfinavir     |               |
|                            | Posaconazole   |               |
|                            | Ritonavir      |               |
|                            | Voriconazole   |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Aristada Prescribing Information, March 2021, Alkermes, Inc

**58. Aripiprazole ER 675 mg Injection / Aripiprazole ER Maintenance Injec**

Alert Message: Aristada Initio (aripiprazole lauroxil 675 mg extended-release injection) is only to be used as a single dose to initiate Aristada (aripiprazole lauroxil extended-release injection) treatment or as a single dose to re-initiate Aristada treatment following a missed dose of Aristada. Aristada Initio is not for repeated dosing.

## Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>   | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Aristada Initio | Aristada      |               |

## Day Supply

Util A: Aristada Initio - 90 days  
 Util B: Aristada - 90 days

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Aristada Prescribing Information, March 2021, Alkermes, Inc



**62. Paliperidone ER 3 mo Injection / Mild Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: Dose reduction of Invega Trinza (3-month paliperidone extended-release injection) is recommended for patients with mild renal impairment. Paliperidone is substantially excreted by the kidney, and clearance is decreased in patients with renal impairment. For patients with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance  $\geq 50$  mL/min to  $< 80$  mL/min (Cockcroft-Gault Formula), adjust the dosage and stabilize the patient using the 1-month paliperidone palmitate extended-release injectable suspension, then transition to 3-month paliperidone extended-release injection.

## Drugs/Diseases

|                          |               |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>            | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Paliperidone 3 mo Inject | CKD Stage 2   |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Invega Trinza Prescribing Information, August 2021, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**63. Paliperidone ER Monthly Injection / Mod to Severe Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: Use of Invega Sustenna (monthly paliperidone extended-release injection) is not recommended in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance  $< 50$  mL/min). Paliperidone is substantially excreted by the kidney and clearance is decreased in patients with renal impairment.

## Drugs/Diseases

|                             |                            |               |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>               | <u>Util B</u>              | <u>Util C</u> |
| Paliperidone Monthly Inject | CKD Stage 3, 4 & 5<br>ESRD |               |

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Invega Sustenna Prescribing Information, July 2022, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**64. Paliperidone ER 234 mg Monthly Injection / Mild Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: Dose reduction of Invega Sustenna (monthly paliperidone extended-release injection) is recommended for patients with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance  $\geq 50$  mL/min to  $< 80$  mL/min). Paliperidone is substantially excreted by the kidney and clearance is decreased in patients with renal impairment. The maximum monthly dose of the paliperidone injection is 156 mg for patients with mild renal impairment. Use of monthly paliperidone extended-release injection is not recommended in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance  $< 50$  mL/min).

## Drugs/Diseases

|                                   |               |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>                     | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Paliperidone Monthly Inject 234mg | CKD Stage 2   |               |

Max Dose: 156 mg/month

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Invega Sustenna Prescribing Information, July 2022, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**65. Paliperidone ER Injections - All / Strong CYP3A4 & P-gp Inducers**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of paliperidone extended-release injection (e.g., Invega Sustenna, Invega Trinza, or Invega Hafyera) with a strong CYP3A4 or P-gp inducer may decrease the exposure to paliperidone. Paliperidone is a CYP3A4 and P-gp substrate. Avoid using strong CYP3A4 or P-gp inducers with a paliperidone injection during the dosing interval for the injection, if possible. If administering a strong inducer is necessary, consider managing the patient using paliperidone extended-release tablets.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>           | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Paliperidone Injections | Apalutamide   |               |
|                         | Carbamazepine |               |
|                         | Phenobarbital |               |
|                         | Phenytoin     |               |
|                         | Primidone     |               |
|                         | Rifampin      |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Invega Hafyera Prescribing Information, August 2021, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Invega Sustenna Prescribing Information, July 2022, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Invega Trinza Prescribing Information, August 2021, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**66. Fingolimod / Overuse**

Alert Message: Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) may be over-utilized. The manufacturer's maximum recommended dose of fingolimod for adults and pediatric patients 10 years of age and older weighing more than 40 kg is 0.5 mg daily. In pediatric patients 10 years of age and older weighing less than or equal to 40 kg, the recommended dosage of fingolimod is 0.25 mg orally once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fingolimod    |               |               |

Max Dose: 0.5 mg/day

Age Range: 10 – 999 yoa

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.



**69. Fingolimod / Cardiovascular Risk**

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Alert Message: Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) is contraindicated in patients who have experienced myocardial infarction, unstable angina, stroke, TIA, decompensated heart failure requiring hospitalization, or Class III/IV heart failure in the last 6 months. Patients with these preexisting conditions may poorly tolerate fingolimod-induced bradycardia or experience serious rhythm disturbances after the first dose of fingolimod.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u>   |
|---------------|---------------|---|
| Fingolimod    |               | Myocardial Infarction<br>Unstable Angina<br>Stroke/TIA<br>Heart Failure |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**70. Fingolimod / 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Heart Block & Sick Sinus Syndrome**

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Alert Message: The use of Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) is contraindicated in patients with a history or presence of Mobitz Type II second- or third-degree atrioventricular (AV) block or sick sinus syndrome unless the patient has a functioning pacemaker.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u>                        |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| Fingolimod    |               | Mobitz Type II AV Block<br>Sick Sinus Syndrome |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**Criteria Recommendations**

**Approved Rejected**

**71. Fingolimod / QT Prolongation**

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Alert Message: All patients should have an electrocardiogram (ECG) prior to initiation of Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) therapy. The use of fingolimod is contraindicated in patients with QT prolongation (defined as a baseline QTc interval  $\geq$  500 msec).

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Fingolimod    |               | QT Prolongation         |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**72. Fingolimod / Macular Edema**

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Alert Message: Patients with a history of uveitis and patients with diabetes mellitus are at increased risk of macular edema during Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) therapy. It is recommended that these patients undergo an adequate ophthalmologic evaluation and have regular follow-up evaluations while receiving fingolimod therapy.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u>      |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Fingolimod    |               | Diabetes Mellitus<br>Uveitis |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**73. Fingolimod / Increased Risk of Infection Meds**

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Alert Message: Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) therapy leads to a dose-dependent reduction in peripheral lymphocyte count, and concomitant use with antineoplastic, immunosuppressive, or immune modulating therapies would be expected to increase the risk of immunosuppression.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>  | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|--|---------------|
| Fingolimod    | Antineoplastic Agents<br>Immunosuppressants<br>Immune Modulating therapies |               |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.



**74. Fingolimod / Ketoconazole**

Alert Message: Ketoconazole is a potent inhibitor of CYP3A and CYP4F. The blood levels of Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) and its active metabolite fingolimod-phosphate are increased by 1.7-fold when used concomitantly with ketoconazole. If ketoconazole and fingolimod must be co-administered, patients should be closely monitored, as the risk of adverse reactions is greater.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fingolimod    | Ketoconazole  |               |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**75. Fingolimod / Cardiovascular Drugs**

Alert Message: Patients receiving concurrent therapy with Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) and drugs that slow heart rate or atrioventricular (AV) conduction (e.g., beta-blockers or digoxin) should be carefully evaluated prior to starting therapy. Concomitant treatment may be associated with severe bradycardia or heart block.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fingolimod    | Digoxin       |               |
|               | Beta-blockers |               |
|               | Verapamil     |               |
|               | Diltiazem     |               |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**76. Fingolimod / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on findings from animal studies, Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) may cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal reproduction studies conducted in rats and rabbits, developmental toxicity was observed with administration of fingolimod at doses less than the recommended human dose. Advise pregnant women and females of reproductive potential of the potential risk to a fetus. Because it takes approximately 2 months to eliminate fingolimod from the body, advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception to avoid pregnancy during and for 2 months after stopping fingolimod treatment.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>    | <u>Util C (Negating)</u>            |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fingolimod    | Pregnancy ICD-9s | Delivery<br>Miscarriage<br>Abortion |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**77. Fingolimod / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects of the drug on milk production. Fingolimod is excreted in the milk of treated rats. When a drug is present in animal milk, it is likely that the drug will be present in human milk. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered, along with the mother’s clinical need for fingolimod and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from fingolimod or from the underlying maternal condition.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fingolimod    | Lactation     |               |

Gender: Female  
Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**Criteria Recommendations****Approved Rejected****78. Fingolimod / Drugs that Prolong QT Interval**

Alert Message: Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) should be used with extreme caution with drugs that prolong the QT interval. Drugs that prolong the QT interval have been associated with cases of torsades de pointes in patients with bradycardia.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u>   |                 |                | <u>Util C</u>   |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Fingolimod    | Albuterol       | Alfuzosin       | Amantadine     | Amitriptyline   |
|               | Asenapine       | Atazanavir      | Atomoxetine    | Azithromycin    |
|               | Chloral Hydrate | Chloroquine     | Chlorpromazine | Ciprofloxacin   |
|               | Citalopram      | Clarithromycin  | Clomipramine   | Clozapine       |
|               | Crizotinib      | Dasatinib       | Desipramine    | Diphenhydramine |
|               | Dofetilide      | Dolasetron      | Doxepin        | Dronedarone     |
|               | Droperidol      | Erythromycin    | Escitalopram   | Famotidine      |
|               | Felbamate       | Fesoterodine    | Flecainide     | Fluconazole     |
|               | Fluoxetine      | Fluphenazine    | Formoterol     | Foscarnet       |
|               | Fosphenytoin    | Galantamine     | Gemifloxacin   | Granisetron     |
|               | Haloperidol     | Ibutilide       | lloperidone    | Imipramine      |
|               | Indapamide      | Isradipine      | Itraconazole   | Lapatinib       |
|               | Levalbuterol    | Levofloxacin    | Lithium        | Maprotiline     |
|               | Mefloquine      | Methadone       | Mexiletine     | Moexipril       |
|               | Moxifloxacin    | Naratriptan     | Nelfinavir     | Nicardipine     |
|               | Nilotinib       | Norfloxacin     | Nortriptyline  | Octreotide      |
|               | Ofloxacin       | Ondansetron     | Paliperidone   | Paroxetine      |
|               | Pazopanib       | Pentamidine     | Perphenazine   | Pimozide        |
|               | Posaconazole    | Propafenone     | Protriptyline  | Quetiapine      |
|               | Quinine         | Ranolazine      | Risperidone    | Ritonavir       |
|               | Salmeterol      | Sertraline      | Solifenacin    | Tamoxifen       |
|               | Sumatriptan     | Sunitinib       | Tacrolimus     | Tocainide       |
|               | Telithromycin   | Thioridazine    | Tizanidine     | Tolterodine     |
|               | Trazodone       | Trifluoperazine | Trimipramine   | Voriconazole    |
|               | Vandetanib      | Vardenafil      | Venlafaxine    | Ziprasidone     |

\*Amiodarone, disopyramide, ketoconazole, procainamide, quinidine and sotalol are not included. They are addressed in separate criteria.

## References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
 Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 AriCERT: Drugs that Prolong the QT Interval and/or Induce Torsades de Pointes.  
 Available at: [www.azcer.org](http://www.azcer.org).

**79. Fingolimod / Severe Hepatic Impairment**

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Alert Message: Because Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) exposure is doubled in patients with severe hepatic impairment, these patients should be closely monitored during treatment with fingolimod, as the risk of adverse reactions is greater.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u> | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u>      |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Fingolimod    |               | Cirrhosis<br>Hepatic Failure |

References:

Tascenso ODT Prescribing Information, Dec. 2022, Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**80. Fingolimod ODT / Nonadherence**

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Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Tascenso ODT (fingolimod). Nonadherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>  | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u> |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Fingolimod ODT |               |                         |

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med. 2005;353:487-97.  
McKay KA, Tremlett H, Patten SB, et al. Determinants of Non-Adherence to Disease-Modifying Therapies in Multiple Sclerosis: A Cross-Canada Prospective Study. Mult Scler. 2016;23(4):588-596.  
Joplin S, van der Zwan R, Joshua F, Wong PK. Medication Adherence in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis: The Effect of Patient Education, Health Literacy, and Musculoskeletal Ultrasound. Biomed Res Int. 2015;2015:150658.

**Criteria Recommendations****Approved Rejected****81. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Overuse (Adults)**

Alert Message: Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage range for adults with narcolepsy and idiopathic hypersomnia is 6 to 9 mg per night. Doses higher than 9 g per night have not been studied and ordinarily should not be administered.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates

Max Dose: 9 g/day

Age Range: 18 – 999 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts &amp; Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Xywav Prescribing Information, March 2022, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**82. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Overuse – Narcolepsy (Pediatric)**

Alert Message: For pediatric patients 7 years of age and older, Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) is administered orally twice per night. The recommended starting pediatric dosage, titration regimen, and maximum total nightly dosage are based on patient weight. The dosage may be gradually titrated based on efficacy and tolerability. Refer to the official prescribing information for pediatric dosing. Doses higher than 9 g per night have not been studied and ordinarily should not be administered.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates

Narcolepsy w/ cataplexy

Max Dose: 9 g/day

Age Range: 7 - 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts &amp; Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Xywav Prescribing Information, March 2022, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**83. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Therapeutic Appropriateness (Pediatric)**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) for the treatment of cataplexy or excessive daytime sleepiness in pediatric patients below the age of 7 years have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates

Narcolepsy w/ Cataplexy

Age Range: 0 – 6 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts &amp; Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Xywav Prescribing Information, March 2022, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**84. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) for the treatment of idiopathic hypersomnia in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

|                     |               |                         |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Util A</u>       | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u> |
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates |               | Idiopathic hypersomnia  |

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Xywav Prescribing Information, March 2022, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**85. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Black Box Warning**

Alert Message: The active moiety of Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) is oxybate or gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB). Abuse or misuse of illicit GHB, either alone or in combination with other CNS depressants, is associated with CNS adverse reactions, including seizure, respiratory depression, decreases in the level of consciousness, coma, and death. Because illicit use and abuse of GHB have been reported, healthcare providers should carefully evaluate patients for a history of drug abuse and follow them closely, particularly for signs of misuse or abuse of GHB. If abuse is suspected, treatment with Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates should be discontinued.

Drugs/Diseases

|                     |                       |               |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>       | <u>Util B</u>         | <u>Util C</u> |
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates | History of Drug Abuse |               |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Xywav Prescribing Information, March 2022, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**86. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Contraindication**

Alert Message: Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) is contraindicated for use in patients with succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase deficiency.

Drugs/Diseases

|                    |               |  |
|--------------------|---------------|--|
| <u>Util A</u>      | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Include)</u>                        |
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybate |               | Succinic Semialdehyde Dehydrogenase Deficiency |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
 Xywav Prescribing Information, March 2022, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**87. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Sedative Hypnotics (Contraindication)**

Alert Message: Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) is contraindicated in combination with alcohol and sedative-hypnotics. The calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates product is a central nervous system (CNS) depressant. Clinically significant respiratory depression and obtundation have occurred in adult patients taking sodium oxybate (the same active moiety as Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates) at recommended doses in clinical trials and may occur in patients treated with Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates at recommended doses.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>       | <u>Util B</u>  | <u>Util C</u>                                  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates | Estazolam<br>Eszopiclone<br>Flurazepam<br>Lemborexant<br>Quazepam<br>Phenobarbital<br>Ramelteon<br>Suvorexant<br>Tasimelteon | Temazepam<br>Triazolam<br>Zaleplon<br>Zolpidem |

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2023 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2023 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
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**88. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Divalproex Sodium**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) with divalproex sodium may result in an increased risk of CNS depression. In drug studies, coadministration of sodium oxybate and divalproex sodium resulted in 25% increase in the sodium oxybate AUC. When initiating divalproex sodium in patients taking a stable dosage of Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates, a reduction of the Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates dosage by at least 20% is recommended with initial concomitant use. When initiating Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybate in patients already taking divalproex sodium, a lower starting dosage of Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybate is recommended. Subsequently, the dosage of Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates can be adjusted based on individual clinical response and tolerability.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>       | <u>Util B</u>     | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates | Divalproex Sodium |               |

References:

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**89. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / CNS Depressants**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) with other CNS depressants may increase the risk of respiratory depression, hypotension, profound sedation, syncope, and death. The Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates product is a central nervous system depressant. If the use of CNS depressants in combination with Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates is required, dose reduction or discontinuation of one or more CNS depressants (including Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates) should be considered.

Drugs/Diseases

| <u>Util A</u>       | <u>Util B</u>   | <u>Util C</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates | CNS Depressants |               |

References:

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**90. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Depression & Suicide**

Alert Message: Depression, and suicidal ideation and behavior can occur in patients treated with Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates). The emergence of depression in patients treated with Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates requires careful and immediate evaluation. Patients with a previous history of a depressive illness and/or suicide attempt should be monitored carefully for the emergence of depressive symptoms while taking Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates.

Drugs/Diseases

|                     |                                 |               |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>       | <u>Util B</u>                   | <u>Util C</u> |
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates | Depression<br>Suicidal Ideation |               |

References:

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**91. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no adequate data on the developmental risks associated with the use of Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) during human pregnancy. Animal studies produced no clear evidence of developmental toxicity; however, increased stillbirths and decreased postnatal viability and growth were seen at clinically relevant doses.

Drugs/Diseases

|                     |               |                                     |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Util A</u>       | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C (Negate)</u>              |
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates | Pregnancy     | Abortion<br>Delivery<br>Miscarriage |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

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**92. Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates / Lactation**

Alert Message: The active moiety of Xywav (calcium/magnesium/potassium/sodium oxybates) is oxybate or gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB). GHB is excreted in human milk after oral administration of sodium oxybate. There is insufficient information on the risk to a breastfed infant, and there is insufficient information on milk production in nursing mothers. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from Ca/Mg/K/Na oxybates or the underlying maternal condition.

Drugs/Diseases

|                     |               |               |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Util A</u>       | <u>Util B</u> | <u>Util C</u> |
| Ca/Mg/K/Na Oxybates | Lactation     |               |

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2021 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2021 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
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