

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICY

POLICY: Antibiotics (Injectable) Products

DRUGS AFFECTED: Note: This is not an inclusive list.

Generic	Brand	Manufacturer
<i>Aminoglycosides</i>		
Amikacin sulfate solution for injection		various
Gentamicin sulfate solution for injection		various
Plazomicin sulfate solution for injection	Zemdri™ (brand only)	Achaogen, Inc
Streptomycin sulfate lyophilized powder for injection		various
Tobramycin sulfate solution for injection		various
<i>Carbapenems</i>		
Doripenem powder for injection		various
Ertapenem sodium lyophilized powder for injection	Invanz®	Merck, others
Imipenem/cilastatin sodium powder for injection	Primaxin®	Merck, others
Meropenem powder for injection	Merrem®	Pfizer, others
Meropenem/vaborbactam powder for injection	Vabomere® (brand only)	Melinta Therapeutics, Inc
<i>Cephalosporins</i>		
Cefazolin sodium powder for injection		various
Cefotetan disodium powder for injection	Cefotan®	Teligent Pharma, others
Cefoxitin powder for injection		various
Cefuroxime sodium powder for injection	Zinacef®	Teligent, others
Cefotaxime sodium powder for injection	Claforan®	sanofi-aventis, others
Ceftazidime powder for injection	Fortaz®/Tazicef®	Fortaz: Teligent Pharma, others Tazicef: Hospira, others
Ceftriaxone powder for injection		various
Cefepime powder for injection	Maxipime™	Hospira, others
Ceftaroline fosamil acetate powder for injection	Teflaro® (brand only)	Allergan
Ceftazidime/avibactam powder for injection	Avycaz® (brand only)	Allergan
Ceftolozane/tazobactam lyophilized powder for injection	Zerbaxa® (brand only)	Merck
<i>Glycopeptides</i>		
Dalbavacin hydrochloride powder for injection	Dalvance® (brand only)	Allergan
Oritavacin diphosphate lyophilized powder for injection	Orbactiv® (brand only)	Melinta Therapeutics, Inc
Telavacin hydrochloride lyophilized powder for injection	Vibativ® (brand only)	Theravance
Vancomycin hydrochloride lyophilized powder for injection		various
<i>Lincosamides</i>		
Clindamycin phosphate solution for injection	Cleocin phosphate®	Pharmacia & Upjohn, others
Lincomycin hydrochloride solution for injection	Lincocin®	Pharmacia & Upjohn, others
<i>Macrolides</i>		
Azithromycin lyophilized powder for injection	Zithromax®	Pfizer, others
Erythrocin lactobionate lyophilized powder for injection		various
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		
Aztreonam lyophilized powder for injection	Azactam®	Bristol-Myers Squibb, others
Colistimethate sodium powder for injection	Coly-Mycin® M	Par Pharmaceuticals, others
Daptomycin lyophilized powder for injection	Cubicin®	Merck, others
Metronidazole solution for injection		Various
Quinupristin/dalfopristin lyophilized powder for injection	Synercid® (brand only)	Pfizer
Sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim solution for injection		various
Tigecycline lyophilized powder for injection	Tygacil®	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, others
<i>Oxazolidinones</i>		
Linezolid solution for injection	Zyvox®	Pharmacia & Upjohn, others
Tedizolid phosphate lyophilized powder for injection	Sivextro® (brand only)	Merck
<i>Penicillins</i>		
Ampicillin sodium powder for injection		various
Ampicillin sodium/sulbactam	Unasyn®	Roerig, others

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Nafcillin sodium powder for injection		various
Oxacillin sodium powder for injection		various
Penicillin G benzathine suspension for injection		various
Penicillin G procaine suspension for injection		various
Penicillin G potassium solution for injection		various
Penicillin G sodium powder for injection		various
Piperacillin sodium/tazobactam suspension for injection	Zosyn®	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, others
Quinolones		
Ciprofloxacin solution for injection	Cipro® IV	Bayer, others
Delafloxacin meglumine suspension for injection	Baxdela® (brand only)	Melinta Therapeutics, Inc
Levofloxacin solution for injection		various
Moxifloxacin solution for injection	Avelox® IV	Bayer, others
Tetracyclines		
Eravacycline di-hydrochloride lyophilized powder for injection	Xerava (brand only)	Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals, Inc
Doxycycline hyclate lyophilized powder for injection	Doxy 100™	Fresenius Kabi, others
Minocycline hydrochloride powder for injection	Minocin® (brand only)	Melinta Therapeutics Inc
Omadacycline tosylate lyophilized powder for injection	Nuzyra® (brand only)	Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc

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OVERVIEW

Injectable antibiotics are used to treat moderate to severe bacterial infections.¹ In addition, injectable antibiotics can also be used for prophylactic indications (e.g., before surgeries; in immunocompromised patients [e.g., patients with cancer]).

Recently, some injectable antibiotics are being used with nasal or nebulized corticosteroids to compound nasal rinses and nasal irrigations. There are no data to support the use of these products.

POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to prevent coverage for injectable formulations of antibiotics when being used in a compounded formulation for nasal rinses/irrigations or other formulations co-formulated with nasal or nebulized corticosteroids. There are no data to support these uses. Prior authorization is recommended for prescription benefit coverage of the injectable antibiotics listed above, when these products are prescribed in conjunction with nasal or nebulized dosage forms of beclomethasone, budesonide, ciclesonide, flunisolide, fluticasone, mometasone, or triamcinolone. Prescriptions for injectable antibiotics without a claims history for nasal or nebulized corticosteroids in the past 180 days are excluded from the prior authorization policy. The list of injectable antibiotics in this policy is not inclusive; other injectable antibiotics may also be targeted in this edit.

Automation: This prior authorization policy will apply to injectable antibiotics when there is a prescription history of a nasal or nebulized formulation of the selected corticosteroid (beclomethasone, budesonide, ciclesonide, flunisolide, fluticasone, mometasone, triamcinolone) in the past 180 days.

RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

Coverage of injectable antibiotics is recommended in those who meet the following criteria:

FDA-Approved Indications

1. **Systemic Bacterial Infections (Prophylaxis or Treatment).** Approve for 3 months.

CONDITIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Injectable antibiotics have not been shown to be effective, or there are limited or preliminary data or potential safety concerns that are not supportive of general approval for the following conditions. Rationale for non-coverage for these specific conditions is provided below. (Note: This is not an exhaustive list of Conditions Not Recommended for Approval.)

1. Coverage is not recommended for circumstances not listed in the Recommended Authorization Criteria. Criteria will be updated as new published data are available.

REFERENCES

1. Facts and Comparisons® Online. Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc.; 2019. Available at: <http://online.factsandcomparisons.com/login.aspx?url=/index.aspx&q=>. Accessed on July 31, 2019. Search terms: aminoglycoside, carbapenem, cephalosporin, glycopeptide, lincosamide, macrolide, oxazolidione, penicillin, quinolone, tetracycline.

HISTORY

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes*	TAC Approval Date
New Policy	--	08/07/2019
DEU revision	Policy name is changed from Antibiotics (Intravenous) PA Policy to Antibiotics (Injectable) PA Policy.	

* For a further summary of criteria changes, refer to respective TAC minutes available at: <http://esidepartments/sites/Dep043/Committees/TAC/Forms/AllItems.aspx>; TAC – Therapeutic Assessment Committee.