

Prior Authorization DRUG Guidelines

**PREZISTA (Darunavir)**

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Prezista is an Antiretroviral Agent, Protease Inhibitor used in the treatment of HIV-1 infections. Prezista binds to the site of HIV-1 protease activity and inhibits cleavage of viral Gag-Pol polyprotein precursors into individual functional proteins required for infectious HIV. This results in the formation of immature, noninfectious viral particles.

**Pre-Authorization Criteria:**

Prezista is used for the treatment of HIV-1 infections in therapy-naïve patients, coadministered with ritonavir. It is recommended (with ritonavir) as a first-line therapy with tenofovir/emtricitabine. Prezista is used in therapy-experienced patients, with or without darunavir resistance-associated substitutions, coadministered with ritonavir. Genotypic testing is recommended in therapy-experienced patients.

VCHCP requires that Prezista be prescribed by an Immunology Clinic physician with current American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM) certification or a physician boarded in Infectious Disease.

**Dosing: Adult:**

Treatment of HIV infection: Oral:

Therapy-naïve: 800 mg once daily; coadministration with ritonavir 100 mg once daily is required. Note: Recommended (with ritonavir) as a first-line therapy with tenofovir/emtricitabine in antiretroviral naïve patients (DHHS, 2013).

Therapy-experienced: Note: Genotypic testing is recommended in therapy experienced patients.

*With no darunavir resistance-associated substitutions:* 800 mg once daily; coadministration with ritonavir 100 mg once daily is required

*With  $\geq 1$  darunavir resistance-associated substitution:* 600 mg twice daily; coadministration with ritonavir 100 mg twice daily is required

*If genotypic testing is not possible:* 600 mg twice daily, coadministered with ritonavir 100 mg twice daily

**Dosing: Pediatric:**

Treatment of HIV infection: Children  $\geq 3$  years and Adolescents: Oral: Note: Coadministration with ritonavir is required; do not exceed the maximum recommended darunavir adult dose (800 mg to 1200 mg daily depending upon indication). Genotypic testing is recommended in therapy-experienced patients.

Treatment-naive patients or treatment-experienced with no darunavir resistance-associated substitutions:

*Dosing recommendations based on body weight using the oral suspension:*

≥10 kg to <11 kg: 350 mg once daily with ritonavir 64 mg once daily

≥11 kg to <12 kg: 385 mg once daily with ritonavir 64 mg once daily

≥12 kg to <13 kg: 420 mg once daily with ritonavir 80 mg once daily

≥13 kg to <14 kg: 455 mg once daily with ritonavir 80 mg once daily

≥14 kg to <15 kg: 490 mg once daily with ritonavir 96 mg once daily

*Dosing recommendations based on body weight using the oral solution or tablets:*

≥15 kg to <30 kg: 600 mg once daily with ritonavir 100 mg once daily

≥30 kg to <40 kg: 675 mg once daily with ritonavir 100 mg once daily

≥40 kg: 800 mg once daily with ritonavir 100 mg once daily

Treatment-experienced patients with at ≥1 darunavir resistance-associated substitution:

*Dosing recommendations based on body weight using the oral suspension:*

≥10 kg to <11 kg: 200 mg twice daily with ritonavir 32 mg twice daily

≥11 kg to <12 kg: 220 mg twice daily with ritonavir 32 mg twice daily

≥12 kg to <13 kg: 240 mg twice daily with ritonavir 40 mg twice daily

≥13 kg to <14 kg: 260 mg twice daily with ritonavir 40 mg twice daily

≥14 kg to <15 kg: 280 mg twice daily with ritonavir 48 mg twice daily

*Dosing recommendations based on body weight using the oral solution or tablets:*

≥15 kg to <30 kg: 375 mg twice daily with ritonavir 48 mg twice daily

≥30 kg to <40 kg: 450 mg twice daily with ritonavir 60 mg twice daily

≥40 kg: 600 mg twice daily with ritonavir 100 mg twice daily

**Administration:**

Coadministration with ritonavir and food is required (bioavailability is increased). Shake suspension prior to each dose; use provided oral dosing syringe to measure dose.

**Dosing: Geriatric:**

Refer to adult dosing.

**Dosing: Renal Impairment:**

$Cl_{cr} \geq 30$  mL/minute: No dosage adjustment provided in manufacturer's labeling; however, need for adjustment not expected based on pharmacokinetic data.

$Cl_{cr} < 30$  mL/minute: No dosage adjustment provided in manufacturer's labeling (has not been studied).

**Dosing: Hepatic Impairment:**

Mild-to-moderate impairment (Child-Pugh class A or B): No dosage adjustment necessary

Severe impairment (Child-Pugh class C): Use not recommended (contraindicated in Canadian labeling).

**Dosing: Adjustment for Toxicity:**

Severe rash: Discontinue treatment.

New or worsening liver dysfunction: Consider interrupting or discontinuing treatment.

**Dosage Forms: U.S.:**

Excipient information presented when available (limited, particularly for generics); consult specific product labeling.

Suspension, Oral:

Prezista: 100 mg/mL (200 mL) [contains methylparaben sodium; strawberry cream flavor]

Tablet, Oral:

Prezista: 75 mg, 150 mg

Prezista: 400 mg, 600 mg [contains fd&c yellow #6 (sunset yellow)]

Prezista: 800 mg

Generic Equivalent Available: U.S.-No

**Exclusions:**

Prezista is not to be used as monotherapy. Coadministration with ritonavir is required.

**Contraindications:**

Coadministration with medications highly dependent upon CYP3A4 for clearance and for which increased levels are associated with serious and/or life-threatening events (includes alfuzosin, cisapride, ergot alkaloids [eg, dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, ergotamine, methylergonovine], lovastatin, midazolam [oral], pimozide, rifampin, sildenafil (when used for pulmonary artery hypertension [eg, Revatio®]), simvastatin, St John's wort, triazolam

**Adverse Reactions:**

>10%: hypercholesterolemia, increased LDL cholesterol, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea.

Other Serious Less Common Reactions: hepatotoxicity, hypersensitivity reactions, immune reconstitution syndrome, pancreatitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, hyperglycemia, diabetes mellitus, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, autoimmune disorders, osteonecrosis.

Use in caution in patients with sulfonamide allergy.

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