VENTURA COUNTY
HEALTH CARE PLAN

VIVITROL (naltrexene extended release)

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Vivitrol is supplied as a microsphere formulation of naltrexone suspension, to be administered by intramuscular injection. Naltrexone is an opioid antagonist with little, if any, opioid agonist activity and blocks the effects of exogenous opioids for approximately 28 days after administration.

Authorization: treatment of alcohol dependence in patients who are able to abstain from alcohol in an outpatient setting; prevention of relapse to opioid dependence, following opioid detoxification

Dosing: 380 mg intramuscularly every four weeks

PRECAUTIONS: injection site reactions; worsening depression; hypersensitivity reactions; unintended withdrawal symptoms if given prior to several days of abstinence; hepatic impairment

DRUG INTERACTIONS: none known

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