



Policy Title	Tramadol Extended Release (Ryzolt)
Policy Number	FS.CLIN.28

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Members are advised to use participating pharmacies in order to receive the highest level of benefits.

Policy	<p>Tramadol Extended Release (Ryzolt) is indicated for the management of moderate to moderately severe chronic pain in adults who require around the clock treatment of their pain for an extended period of time.</p> <p>The use of Tramadol Extended Release (Ryzolt) requires prior authorization (i.e. clinical pharmacy and/or medical director review).</p>
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Policy description	<p>Tramadol Extended Release (Ryzolt) is a centrally acting synthetic opioid analgesic. The exact mechanism of action is not completely understood. It is believed the effects are due to the fact tramadol binds to μ opioid receptors and also exhibits a weak inhibition of reuptake of norepinephrine and serotonin.</p>
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Policy guideline inclusion	<p>Tramadol extended-release (Ryzolt) is approved when all of the following inclusion criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation patient is 16 years of age or older • Documentation of a trial and failure of or intolerance to generic tramadol extended release
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Policy guideline exclusion	<p>Tramadol extended-release (Ryzolt) is denied when any of the following exclusion criteria are present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No documentation patient is 16 years of age or older • No documentation of a trial and failure of or intolerance to generic tramadol extended release
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Policy List of Applicable Drugs	Brand Name	Generic Name
	Ryzolt	Tramadol Extended Release

Dosing and administration	Refer to the specific manufacturer's prescribing information for administration and dosage details for each specific agent.
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Policy references	Facts and Comparisons website [Ryzolt]. Available at www.factsandcomparisons.com . Accessed May 19, 2011
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	Micromedex website [Tramadol]. Available at www.micromedex.com . Accessed May 18, 2011. Ryzolt [package insert]. Stamford, CT: Purdue Pharma; February 2010.
Policy link to related policies	
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