
Title: Antigout Agents
Policy #: Rx.01.192

Application of pharmacy policy is determined by benefits and contracts. Benefits may vary based on product line, group, or contract. Some medications may be subject to precertification, age, quantity, or formulary restrictions (ie limits on non-preferred drugs). Individual member benefits must be verified.

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

Intent:

The intent of this policy is to communicate the medical necessity criteria for **lesinurad (Zurampic®)** and **lesinurad-allopurinol (Duzallo®)** as provided under the member's prescription drug benefit.

Description:

Gout is a disease of urate crystal deposition. In order for the signs and symptoms of gout to be present, extracellular fluid must be saturated with urate and urate crystal deposition and inflammatory responses to crystal deposition must be present. Gouty arthritis is typically managed with lifestyle modifications and risk reduction strategies combined with pharmacologic therapy.

Pharmacologic options for treating hyperuricemia associated with gout include xanthine oxidase inhibitors (allopurinol, febuxostat), probenecid, and lesinurad. Colchicine and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are typically reserved for acute gout flares and short-term use.

Lesinurad inhibits uric acid transporter 1 (URAT1) and organic anion transporter 4 (OAT4), resulting in decreased reabsorption of uric acid by the kidney. Allopurinol inhibits xanthine oxidase, preventing the conversion of xanthine to uric acid.

Lesinurad is indicated in combination with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor for the treatment of hyperuricemia associated with gout in patients who have not achieved target serum uric acid levels with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor alone.

Policy:

INITIAL CRITERIA: Lesinurad (Zurampic®) or Lesinurad-Allopurinol (Duzallo®) is approved when ALL of the following are present:

1. Diagnosis of gout; AND
2. Inadequate response to xanthine oxidase inhibitor monotherapy (i.e. allopurinol, febuxostat), evidenced by BOTH of the following:
 - a. Two or more gout flare in 12 months; AND
 - b. Persistent elevated serum uric acid levels greater than 6mg/dL;

AND

3. Used in combination with xanthine oxidase inhibitor (applies to Zurampic® only)

Initial Authorization: 2 years

CONTINUATION CRITERIA: Lesinurad (Zurampic®) or Lesinurad-Allopurinol (Duzallo®) is approved when both of the following are met:

1. Documentation of positive clinical response; and
2. Used in combination with xanthine oxidase inhibitor (applies to Zurampic® only)

Continuation: 2 years

Black Box Warning as shown in the drug Prescribing Information:

RISK OF ACUTE RENAL FAILURE, MORE COMMON WHEN USED WITHOUT A XANTHINE OXIDASE INHIBITOR

Acute renal failure has occurred with lesinurad and was more common when lesinurad was given alone.

Lesinurad should be used in combination with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor.

Guidelines:

Refer to the specific manufacturer's prescribing information for administration and dosage details and any applicable Black Box warnings.

BENEFIT APPLICATION

Subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable benefit contract, the applicable drug(s) identified in this policy is (are) covered under the prescription drug benefits of the Company's products when the medical necessity criteria listed in this pharmacy policy are met. Any services that are experimental/investigational or cosmetic are benefit contract exclusions for all products of the Company.

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Applicable Drugs:

Inclusion of a drug in this table does not imply coverage. Eligibility, benefits, limitations, exclusions, precertification/referral requirements, provider contracts, and Company policies apply.

Brand name

Zurampic®

Duzallo®

Generic name

Lesinurad

Lesinurad and allopurinol

Cross References:

Off Label Use Rx.01.33

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