

Pharmacy Drug Policy Checklist

POLICY NAME Sandostatin (octreotide) and Sandostatin LAR POLICY # 1741P

Criteria

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Acromegaly		
	1.1 Prescribed by an endocrinologist (hormone doctor)	
	1.2 Diagnosis of acromegaly	
	1.3 High Insulin-like Growth Factor (IGF-1) levels for age (lab values are required)	
	1.4 Documented inadequate response to surgery or radiotherapy or clinical reason why the patient has not had surgery or radiotherapy	
	1.5 If request is a new start for Sandostatin LAR, documented 2-week treatment with Sandostatin injection which was effective and tolerated	
Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of High-Grade Poorly-Differentiated Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET)		
	2.1 Prescribed by an specialist knowledgeable in the treatment of NETs	
	2.2 Sandostatin/Sandostatin LAR will be used in addition cancer therapy	
Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Well Differentiated (Carcinoid) NET		
	3.1 Prescribed by an specialist knowledgeable in the treatment of NETs	
	3.2 Diagnosis of one of the following:	
	 Metastatic disease for which surgery cannot be performed 	
	Cancer releasing tumors	
	Significant tumor burden	
	Abnormal lung tumors despite cancer treatment	
	Lung NET with positive octreotide scan	

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Pancreatic NET 4.1 Prescribed by an specialist knowledgeable in the treatment of NETs 4.2 Diagnosis of one of the following: Insulinoma (pancreas tumors)

- Gastrinoma (intestinal tumors) Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure
- VIPoma (endocrine tumors)
- Pituitary adenoma (pituitary tumors)

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Acute Chemotherapy-Related Diarrhea		
	5.1 Prescribed by an oncologist (cancer doctor) or hematologist (blood disorder doctor)	
	5.2 Documentation that the member is currently receiving a chemotherapy regimen	
	5.3 Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to loperamide (generic for Imodium) or diphenoxylate-atropine (generic for Lomotil)	

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Diarrhea Associated with Graft-Versus-Host Disease (GVHD)		
	6.1 Prescribed by an oncologist (cancer doctor) or hematologist (blood disorder doctor)	
	6.2 Diagnosis of steroid-refractory gut GVHD	
	6.3 Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to loperamide (generic for Imodium) or diphenoxylate-atropine (generic for Lomotil)	