

STEP THERAPY POLICY

- POLICY:** Antiseizure Medications – Oxcarbazepine Step Therapy Policy
- Oxtellar XR® (oxcarbazepine extended-release tablets – Supernus, generic)
 - Trileptal® (oxcarbazepine tablets and oral suspension – Novartis, generic)

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OVERVIEW

Oxcarbazepine tablets and oral suspension are indicated for use as monotherapy or adjunctive therapy in the treatment of **partial seizures** in adults, as monotherapy in the treatment of partial seizures in patients ≥ 4 years of age with epilepsy, and as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial seizures in patients ≥ 2 years of age.¹ Oxcarbazepine extended-release (XR) is indicated for the treatment of partial seizures in patients ≥ 6 years of age.²

Oxcarbazepine is an antiseizure medication available in immediate- and XR formulations.^{1,2} Oxcarbazepine XR administered as a once daily dose is not bioequivalent to the same total dose of the immediate-release formulation given twice daily at steady state.²

POLICY STATEMENT

This program has been developed to encourage the use of a Step 1 Product prior to the use of a Step 2 Product. If the Step Therapy rule is not met for a Step 2 Product at the point of service, coverage will be determined by the Step Therapy criteria below. All approvals are provided for 1 year in duration.

Automation: A patient with a of one Step 1 Product within the 130-day look-back period is excluded from Step Therapy.

Step 1: generic oxcarbazepine tablets, generic oxcarbazepine oral suspension

Step 2: Oxtellar XR (brand and generic), Trileptal tablets and oral suspension

CRITERIA

1. If a patient has tried one Step 1 Product, approve a Step 2 Product.
2. No other exceptions are recommended.

REFERENCES

1. Trileptal® tablets and oral suspension [prescribing information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis; January 2019.
2. Oxtellar XR® extended-release tablets [prescribing information]. Rockville, MD: Supernus; December 2018.

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