

STEP THERAPY POLICY

- POLICY:** Diuretics – Loop Products Step Therapy Policy
- bumetanide tablets (generic)
 - Edecrin® (ethacrynic acid tablets – Bausch/Patheon, generic)
 - Furoscix® (furosemide subcutaneous injection by on-body infusor – scPharmaceuticals)
 - Lasix® (furosemide tablets – Validus, generic)
 - Soanz® (torsemide tablets – Sarfez)
 - torsemide tablets (generic)

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OVERVIEW

The medications included in this policy are loop diuretics. For most products, the indications for use are very similar and are noted below.

Bumetanide tablets (generic) are indicated for:¹

- Treatment of **edema** associated with congestive heart failure, hepatic and renal disease, including the nephrotic syndrome.

Ethacrynic acid tablets are indicated for:²

- Treatment of **edema** associated with congestive heart failure, cirrhosis of the liver, and renal disease, including the nephrotic syndrome.

Furosemide tablets are indicated for:³

- Treatment of **edema** associated with congestive heart failure, cirrhosis of the liver, and renal disease, including the nephrotic syndrome, in adults and pediatric patients.
- Treatment of **hypertension**, alone or in combination with other antihypertensive agents, in adults.

Furoscix is indicated for:⁴

- Treatment of **congestion due to fluid overload in adults with New York Heart Association Class II and III chronic heart failure**. Limitations of Use: Furoscix is not indicated for use in emergency situations or in patients with acute pulmonary edema. Of note, the single-use, on-body infusor with prefilled cartridge is pre-programmed to deliver 30 mg of Furoscix subcutaneously (SC) over the first hour, followed by 12.5 mg per hour for the subsequent 4 hours (80 mg SC over a total of 5 hours). Furoscix is not for chronic use and should be replaced with oral diuretics as soon as practical.

Soanz is indicated for:⁵

- Treatment of **edema** associated with heart failure or renal disease in adults.
- Treatment of **hypertension**, alone or in combination with other antihypertensive agents, in adults.

Torsemide tablets (generic) are indicated for:⁶

- Treatment of **edema** associated with heart failure, renal disease or hepatic disease.
- Treatment of **hypertension**, to lower blood pressure.

POLICY STATEMENT

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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: bumetanide tablets, ethacrynic acid tablets, furosemide tablets, torsemide tablets

Step 2: Edecrin tablets, Lasix tablets, Soanz tablets, Furoscix

CRITERIA

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

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