

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICY

POLICY: Migraine – Elyxyb Prior Authorization Policy

- Elyxyb™ (celecoxib oral solution – BioDelivery Sciences)

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OVERVIEW

Elyxyb, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, is indicated for the **acute treatment of migraine with or without aura** in adults.¹ Limitations of Use: Elyxyb is not indicated for the preventive treatment of migraine.

Disease Overview

Migraine is a common, ongoing condition marked by paroxysmal, unilateral attacks of moderate to severe throbbing headache which are aggravated by routine physical activity (e.g., walking or climbing stairs) and associated with nausea, vomiting, and/or photophobia and phonophobia.² Migraines have been defined as chronic or episodic. Chronic migraine is described by the International Headache Society as headache occurring on ≥ 15 days/month for more than 3 months, which has the features of migraine headache on ≥ 8 days/month. Episodic migraine is characterized by headaches that occur < 15 days/month.³

Guidelines

Triptans (e.g., almotriptan, eletriptan, frovatriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan, sumatriptan, and zolmitriptan) are considered the gold standard for acute treatment of moderate to severe migraine headaches or mild to moderate migraine headaches that respond poorly to over-the-counter analgesics. An assessment of the preventive and acute treatment of migraine by the American Headache Society (2018; updated 2021) reaffirms previous migraine guidelines.^{4,5} Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) as a class are mentioned as an option for acute treatment of mild to moderate migraine attacks; celecoxib is not specifically addressed. The potential for cardiovascular and gastrointestinal adverse events with NSAID use is noted. Other treatment options in the mild to moderate setting include nonopioid analgesics, acetaminophen, or caffeinated analgesic combinations. For moderate to severe attacks or attacks which respond poorly to NSAIDs or caffeinated combinations, the update lists the triptans, dihydroergotamine, the oral gepants (Nurtec® ODT [rimegepant orally disintegrating tablets,] and Ubrelvy® [ubrogepant tablets]), and Reyvow™ (lasmiditan tablet) as effective treatments. The recommendation remains that clinicians must consider medication efficacy and potential medication-related adverse events when prescribing acute medications for migraine.

POLICY STATEMENT

Prior Authorization is recommended for prescription benefit coverage of Elyxyb. All approvals are provided for the duration noted below.

Automation: None.

RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

Coverage of Elyxyb is recommended in those who meet the following criteria:

FDA-Approved Indications

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1. **Migraine, Acute Treatment.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets the following criteria (A and B):
 - A) Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND
 - B) Patient meets ONE of the following (i or ii):
 - i. Patient has tried at least one triptan therapy; OR
 - ii. Patient has a contraindication to triptan(s) according to the prescriber.

Note: Examples of contraindications to triptans include a history of coronary artery disease; cardiac accessory conduction pathway disorders; of stroke, transient ischemic attack, or hemiplegic or basilar migraine; peripheral vascular disease; ischemic bowel disease; uncontrolled hypertension; or severe hepatic impairment.

CONDITIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Coverage of Elyxyb is not recommended in the following situations:

1. **Management of Acute Pain Unrelated to Migraine Headache.** Celecoxib is also available as a capsule (Celebrex[®], generic).⁶ Celecoxib capsules are indicated for the management of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and ankylosing spondylitis in adults and juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in patients ≥ 2 years of age; acute pain in adults; and primary dysmenorrhea in adults. For patients who have difficulty swallowing capsules, the contents of a celecoxib capsule can be added to applesauce. There are no published studies with Elyxyb in acute pain.
2. Coverage is not recommended for circumstances not listed in the Recommended Authorization Criteria. Criteria will be updated as new published data are available.

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