

## PREFERRED SPECIALTY MANAGEMENT POLICY

**POLICY:** Oncology – Abiraterone Acetate Preferred Specialty Management Policy

- Zytiga® (abiraterone acetate tablets – Janssen, generic)

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### OVERVIEW

Abiraterone acetate, an androgen biosynthesis inhibitor, is indicated for the following uses **in combination with prednisone**.<sup>1,2</sup>

- **Metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer.**
- **Metastatic high-risk castration-sensitive prostate cancer.**

### POLICY STATEMENT

This Preferred Specialty Management program has been developed to encourage the use of the Preferred Product. For all medications (Preferred and Non-Preferred), the patient is required to meet the standard *Oncology – Abiraterone Acetate Prior Authorization Policy* criteria. The program also directs the patient to try the Preferred Product prior to the approval of the Non-Preferred Product. Requests for the Non-Preferred Product will also be reviewed using the exception criteria (below). If the patient meets the standard *Oncology – Abiraterone Acetate Prior Authorization Policy* criteria but has not tried a Preferred Product, approval for the Preferred Product will be authorized. All approvals are provided for the duration noted below.

**Documentation:** Documentation will be required where noted in the criteria as **[documentation required]**. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, chart notes, prescription claims records, and prescription receipts.

**Automation:** None

**Preferred Product:** generic abiraterone acetate tablets  
**Non-Preferred Product:** Zytiga

**RECOMMENDED EXCEPTION CRITERIA**

Non-Preferred Product	Exception Criteria
Zytiga	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ALL of the following (A, B, and C):                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Patient meets the standard <i>Oncology – Abiraterone Acetate Prior Authorization Policy</i> criteria; AND</li> <li>B) Patient has tried generic abiraterone acetate tablets; AND</li> <li>C) Patient cannot continue to use the Preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) [e.g., difference in dyes, fillers, preservatives] which, per the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction <b>[documentation required]</b>.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. For a patient who has met the <i>Oncology – Abiraterone Acetate Prior Authorization Policy</i> criteria, but has not met exception criteria (1B) and/or (1C) for brand Zytiga: approve generic abiraterone acetate tablets.</li> </ol>

**REFERENCES**

1. Zytiga tablets [prescribing information]. Horsham, PA: Janssen; August 2021.
2. Abiraterone acetate tablets [prescribing information]. Weston, FL: Apotex; August 2021.