Oscar Clinical Guideline: Sancuso (granisetron) Patch (PG007-REG, Ver. 5)

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Summary

Sancuso (granisetron) patch is a transdermal formulation of granisetron, a selective serotonin (5-HT3) receptor antagonist. It has a unique FDA indication for chemotherapy-induced nausea/vomiting (CINV) prophylaxis in patients receiving multiday, moderately and/or highly emetogenic chemotherapy. The patch is applied to the upper outer arm 24-48 hours prior to chemotherapy and is kept on until at least 24 hours after chemotherapy is completed. The patch can be worn for up to 7 days, depending on chemotherapy regimen duration.

Definitions

"Moderately or Highly emetogenic chemotherapy" is chemotherapy that has >30%-90% or >90% frequency of nausea and/or vomiting (i.e. cisplatin, doxorubicin, carboplatin)

Medical Necessity Criteria for Authorization

The Plan considers **Sancuso (granisetron) patch** medically necessary when **ONE** of the following criteria is met:

1. Sancuso is being used to treat stage IV advanced, metastatic cancer [based upon applicable state regulations]; ***OR***
2. ALL the following criteria are met:
    a. The member is 18 years or older; ***and***
    b. The member is receiving moderately or highly emetogenic chemotherapy for 3 days or more; ***and***
    c. **ONE** of the following criteria is met:
        i. The member is unable to use, or has tried and failed at least one oral 5HT-3 antagonist such as granisetron tablet or ondansetron tablet; ***or***
        ii. The member is unable to swallow tablets or solutions.

If the above prior authorization criteria are met, Sancuso (granisetron) patch will be approved for the duration of the chemotherapy regimen.

Experimental or Investigational / Not Medically Necessary

Sancuso (granisetron) patch for any other indication is considered not medically necessary by the Plan, as it is deemed to be experimental, investigational, or unproven.

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