



## Orilissa (elagolix)

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## Summary

Endometriosis is the growth of endometrial-like tissue (the womb lining) outside the uterus (womb). The migrated tissues can be found anywhere but are most commonly in the pelvic cavity, usually attached to the reproductive organs. Endometriosis is mainly a disease of the reproductive years, is hormone mediated, and generally associated with menstruation. Symptoms of endometriosis include pelvic pain, painful periods, painful intercourse, and subfertility.

Guidelines recommend initial treatment for pain associated with endometriosis of oral contraceptives and/or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Second-line treatments include GnRH agonists or GnRH antagonists. Observational studies suggest aromatase inhibitors can have improvement for women with chronic pain from endometriosis although evidence is limited.

Orilissa (elagolix) is a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) receptor antagonist indicated for the management of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis. Dose and duration of use are based on coexisting conditions.

## Definitions

“Dyspareunia”, is pelvic pain during or after sexual intercourse.

“Osteoporosis”, is low bone mineral density. Treatment generally is recommended for those with a T-score of negative 2.5 or less.

“Menopause”, is marked by natural absence of a woman’s menstrual period for 12 months or surgical removal of ovaries and marks the end of their reproductive years.

## Clinical Indications

### Medical Necessity Criteria for Initial Clinical Review

#### Initial Indication-Specific Criteria

##### Endometriosis

The Plan considers Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg or 200 mg medically necessary when ALL of the following criteria are met:

1. The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gynecologist or reproductive endocrinologist; *AND*
2. The member is 18 years of age or older; *AND*
3. The member has a diagnosis of endometriosis; *AND*
4. The member is experiencing moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis; *AND*
5. The member is unable to use, or has tried and failed TWO of the following:

- a. Combined hormonal contraceptive (e.g., levonorgestrel/ ethinyl estradiol, drospirenone/ethinyl estradiol, norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol); *and/or*
  - b. Progestin contraceptive (e.g., levonorgestrel, norethindrone); *and/or*
  - c. Oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (e.g., ibuprofen, meloxicam, naproxen); **AND**
6. The member meets **ALL** of the following:
- a. No evidence of pregnancy; *and*
  - b. No evidence of being in menopause or post-menopausal; *and*
  - c. No evidence of known osteoporosis; *and*
  - d. No evidence of severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C); *and*
  - e. No evidence of organic anion transporting polypeptide (OATP) 1B1 inhibitors that significantly increase elagolix plasma concentrations (e.g., cyclosporine, gemfibrozil); **AND**
7. Orilissa (elagolix) is being prescribed at a dose and frequency that is within FDA approved labeling (see Appendix A).
- The requested medication is being used within the Plan's Quantity Limit of ONE of the following*
- a. *Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg once daily: 30 tablets per 30 days*
  - b. *Orilissa (elagolix) 200 mg twice daily: 60 tablets per 30 days.*

If the above prior authorization criteria are met, the requested product will be authorized for up to 6 months.

- Maximum treatment dose and duration for those with dyspareunia is Orilissa (elagolix) 200 mg twice daily for 6 months.
- Maximum treatment dose and duration for those with moderate hepatic impairment is Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg once daily for 6 months.

#### *Continued Care*

#### **Medical Necessity Criteria for Subsequent Clinical Review**

##### **Subsequent Indication-Specific Criteria**

##### Endometriosis

The Plan considers Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg medically necessary when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:

- 1. The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gynecologist or reproductive endocrinologist; **AND**
- 2. The member has experienced a documented improvement in pain associated with endometriosis; **AND**
- 3. The member has normal liver function or mild hepatic impairment; **AND**

4. There is no recorded evidence of unacceptable toxicity to Orilissa (elagolix) (e.g., benefit of treatment outweighs risk of bone loss); *AND*
5. The member meets ALL of the following:
  - a. No evidence of pregnancy; *and*
  - b. No evidence of being in menopause or post-menopausal; *and*
  - c. No evidence of known osteoporosis; *and*
  - d. No evidence of organic anion transporting polypeptide (OATP) 1B1 inhibitors that significantly increase elagolix plasma concentrations (e.g., cyclosporine, gemfibrozil); *AND*
6. Orilissa (elagolix) is being prescribed at a dose and frequency that is within FDA approved labeling (see Appendix A).

*The requested medication is being used within the Plan's Quantity Limit of Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg once daily: 30 tablets per 30 days.*

If the above reauthorization criteria are met, the requested product will be authorized for the following:

- Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg: up to 18 months
  - Maximum treatment duration with Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg once daily with normal liver function or mild hepatic impairment is 24 months.

#### Experimental or Investigational / Not Medically Necessary

Orilissa (elagolix) for any other indication or use is considered not medically necessary by the Plan, as it is deemed to be experimental, investigational, or unproven. Non-covered indications include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Pediatric patients with endometriosis
- Use beyond 24 months for Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg once daily
- Use beyond 6 months for Orilissa (elagolix) 200 mg twice daily

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## Appendix A

Table 1: Recommended Dosage and Duration of Use with Orilissa (elagolix)

Dosing Regimen	Maximum Treatment Duration	Coexisting Condition
Initiate treatment with Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg once daily	24 months	None
Consider initiating treatment with Orilissa (elagolix) 200 mg twice daily	6 months	Dyspareunia
Initiate treatment with Orilissa (elagolix) 150 mg once daily.  Use of 200 mg twice daily is not recommended.	6 months	Moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B)

## Clinical Guideline Revision / History Information

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