

Division: Pharmacy Policy	Subject: Prior Authorization Criteria
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MARINOL® (dronabinol)

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: SIX MONTHS

REVIEW CRITERIA:

A. Anorexia due to AIDS:

- a. Member has tried and failed (or has a contraindication/intolerance to) megestrol acetate

B. Treatment of refractory chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting

- a. Member has a current diagnosis of cancer or a history of cancer diagnosis within the previous 365 days
- b. Member is currently receiving chemotherapy or has a history of chemotherapy within the previous 365 days
- c. Member has failed to respond to conventional antiemetic therapies from the following classes:
 - i. **Corticosteroids:** dexamethasone
 - ii. **Serotonin (5-HT₃) Receptor Antagonists:** ondansetron
 - iii. **Neurokinin-1 Receptor Antagonists:** aprepitant (Emend®)

DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION:

Anorexia due to AIDS:

2.5mg by mouth twice daily before lunch and dinner, may reduce to 2.5mg/day at bedtime if intolerable; maximum of 20mg per day

Treatment of refractory chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting:

5mg/m² by mouth given 1-3 hours before chemotherapy, then 5mg/m² by mouth every 2-4 hours after chemotherapy for a total of 4-6 doses/day; may increase the dose by increments of 2.5mg/m²; maximum of 15mg/m² per dose