



PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICY

- POLICY:** Oncology – Xermelo Prior Authorization Policy
- Xermelo™ (telotristat ethyl tablets – Lexicon)

REVIEW DATE: 06/14/2023

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OVERVIEW

Xermelo, an inhibitor of tryptophan hydroxylase, is indicated for the treatment of **carcinoid syndrome diarrhea** in combination with somatostatin analog therapy in adults inadequately controlled by somatostatin analog therapy.¹

The efficacy of Xermelo was evaluated in patients with metastatic neuroendocrine tumor and carcinoid syndrome diarrhea who were having between 4 to 12 daily bowel movements despite the use of somatostatin analog therapy at a stable dose for at least 3 months.¹

Guidelines

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines for treatment of neuroendocrine and adrenal tumors (version 2.2022 – December 21, 2022) state that Xermelo can be considered in combination with Sandostatin® LAR Depot (octreotide subcutaneous injection) or Somatuline® Depot (lanreotide subcutaneous injection) for persistent diarrhea due to poorly controlled carcinoid syndrome.²

POLICY STATEMENT

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

Xermelo™ (telotristat ethyl tablets – Lexicon) is(are) covered as medically necessary when the following criteria is(are) met for FDA-approved indication(s) or other uses with supportive evidence (if applicable):

FDA-Approved Indication

1. Carcinoid Syndrome Diarrhea. Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ONE of the following criteria (A or B):

A) Initial Therapy. Approve if the patient meets all of the following criteria (i, ii, and iii):

i. Patient has been on a long-acting somatostatin analog therapy for at least 3 consecutive months; AND

Note: Examples of long-acting somatostatin analog therapy are Somatuline Depot (lanreotide subcutaneous injection) and Sandostatin LAR Depot (octreotide subcutaneous injection).

ii. While on a long-acting somatostatin analog therapy (prior to starting Xermelo), the patient continues to have at least four bowel movements per day; AND

iii. Xermelo will be used concomitantly with a long-acting somatostatin analog therapy.

B) Patient is Currently Receiving Xermelo. Approve if the patient is continuing to take Xermelo concomitantly with a long-acting somatostatin analog therapy for carcinoid syndrome diarrhea.

CONDITIONS NOT COVERED

Xermelo™ (telotristat ethyl tablets – Lexicon) is(are) considered experimental, investigational, or unproven for ANY other use(s).

REFERENCES

1. Xermelo™ tablets [prescribing information]. The Woodlands, TX: Merck; September 2022.
2. The NCCN Neuroendocrine and Adrenal Tumors Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (version 2.2022 – December 21, 2022). © 2022 National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Available at: <http://www.nccn.org>. Accessed on June 7, 2023.

HISTORY

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Review Date
Annual Revision	No criteria changes.	05/25/2022
Selected Revision	Carcinoid Syndrome Diarrhea: The approval duration was changed from 3 years to 1 year.	06/22/2022
Annual Revision	No criteria changes.	06/14/2023

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