



## Drug Coverage Policy

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# Ophthalmology – Dry Eye Disease – Tryptyr

- Tryptyr® (acotremone ophthalmic solution - Alcon)

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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

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### **Overview**

Tryptyr, a transient receptor potential melastatin 8 (TRPM8) thermoreceptor agonist, is indicated for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of **dry eye disease**.<sup>1</sup>

The safety and efficacy of Tryptyr in pediatric patients have not been established.

**Guidelines**

The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Dry Eye Syndrome Preferred Practice Pattern® (2024) notes dry eye syndrome is also known as dry eye disease or keratoconjunctivitis sicca.<sup>2</sup> Dry eye is generally classified according to both symptoms and signs (i.e., mild, moderate, or severe); however, there is an emphasis on symptoms over signs. Management of dry eye is listed as a four-step staged approach, but specific therapies may be chosen from any step, regardless of the level of disease severity, depending on provider experience and patient preference. Tryptyr is not addressed in the AAO dry eye syndrome preferred practice pattern but other FDA-approved therapies for dry eye disease (cyclosporine ophthalmic products, Miebo™ [perfluorohexyloctane ophthalmic solution], Tyrvaya® [varenicline nasal spray], and Xiidra [lifitegrast ophthalmic solution]) are noted as Step 2 options. The AAO notes use of any of these FDA-approved products may lead to improvement of patient symptoms and/or signs but none has been proven more effective than the other in head-to-head trials; there are no direct comparisons in a prospective clinical trial in the literature.

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

Prior Authorization is required for benefit coverage of Tryptyr. All approvals are provided for the duration noted below.

**Tryptyr is considered medically necessary when the following is met:**

**FDA-Approved Indication**

- 1. **Dry Eye Disease.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets BOTH of the following (A and B):
  - A) Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND  
Note: Examples of dry eye disease include dry eye syndrome and keratoconjunctivitis sicca.
  - B) Preferred product criteria is met for the product(s) as listed in the below table(s):

**Individual and Family Plans:**

| Product                                  | Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tryptyr</b><br>ophthalmic<br>solution | <u>Dry Eye Disease.</u> Patient meets the following:<br>1. Patient has tried and, according to the prescriber, the patient has had inadequate efficacy or significant intolerance to cyclosporine ophthalmic 0.05% emulsion. |

**Conditions Not Covered**

**Tryptyr for any other use is considered not medically necessary, including the following (this list may not be all inclusive; criteria will be updated as new published data are available):**

**1. Concomitant Use with an Ophthalmic Cyclosporine Product, Tyrvaya (varenicline nasal solution), or Xiidra (lifitegrast 5% ophthalmic solution).** There are no data to support the concomitant use of Tryptyr with an ophthalmic cyclosporine product, Tyrvaya, or Xiidra.

Note: Ophthalmic cyclosporine products are Cequa, Restasis/generic, and Vevye.

## Coding Information

**Note:** 1) This list of codes may not be all-inclusive.  
2) Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

**Considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements listed above are met:**

| HCPSC Codes | Description                       |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| C9399       | Unclassified drugs or biologicals |
| J3490       | Unclassified drugs                |

## References

1. Tryptyr® ophthalmic solution [prescribing information]. Fort Worth, TX: Alcon; May 2025.
2. Amescua G, Ahmad S, Cheung AY, et al. American Academy of Ophthalmology Preferred Practice Pattern Cornea and External Disease Panel. Dry Eye Syndrome Preferred Practice Pattern®. *Ophthalmology*. 2024;131(4);P1-P49.

## Revision Details

| Type of Revision | Summary of Changes | Date       |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| New              | New policy.        | 10/15/2025 |

The policy effective date is in force until updated or retired.

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