

SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

MEKINIST (trametinib)

POLICY

I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

A. FDA-Approved Indications

1. Mekinist is indicated, as a single agent or in combination with dabrafenib, for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.
2. Mekinist is indicated, in combination with dabrafenib, for the treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.
3. Mekinist is indicated, in combination with dabrafenib, for the adjuvant treatment of patients with melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test, and involvement of lymph node(s), following complete resection.
4. Mekinist is indicated, in combination with dabrafenib, for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) with BRAF V600E mutation and no satisfactory locoregional treatment options.

B. Compendial Uses

1. Melanoma, BRAF V600 activating mutation-positive
2. Glioma, BRAF V600 activating mutation-positive
3. Meningioma, BRAF V600 activating mutation-positive
4. Astrocytoma, BRAF V600 activating mutation-positive

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and are not a covered benefit.

II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

A. **Melanoma**

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of melanoma with a BRAF V600 activating mutation (e.g., BRAF V600E or BRAF V600K mutation).

B. **Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)**

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of BRAF V600E mutation-positive NSCLC.

C. **Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer (ATC)**

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of BRAF V600E mutation-positive ATC.

D. **Central Nervous System Cancer**

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of BRAF V600 mutation-positive gliomas, meningiomas, or astrocytomas.

Reference number(s)
1681-A

III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

All members (including new members) requesting authorization for continuation of therapy must meet all initial authorization criteria.

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