

<b>Clinical Policy Title:</b>	abiraterone
<b>Policy Number:</b>	RxA.325
<b>Drug(s) Applied:</b>	Zytiga®, Yonsa®, abiraterone
<b>Original Policy Date:</b>	02/07/2020
<b>Last Review Date:</b>	2/1/2024
<b>Line of Business Policy Applies to:</b>	All lines of business (except Medicare)

## Criteria

### I. Initial Approval Criteria

#### A. Castration resistant (chemical or surgical) prostate cancer (CRPC) (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of CRPC;
2. Zytiga and Yonsa requests only:
  - a. Trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Xtandi;

**Approval duration:**

**All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 6 months**

#### B. Diagnosis of castration-sensitive prostate cancer (CSPC) (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of CSPC
2. Zytiga requests only:
  - a. Trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Erleada or Xtandi

\*Diagnosis not approved for Yonsa

**Approval duration:**

**All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 6 months**

### II. Continued Therapy Approval

#### A. Prostate Cancer (must meet all):

1. Member is currently receiving or has been treated with this medication within the past 90 days, excluding manufacturer samples.

**Approval duration**

**All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months**

## References

1. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Prostate Cancer Version 01.2023. Available at: [https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician\\_gls/pdf/prostate.pdf](https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/prostate.pdf). Accessed April 17, 2023.

Review/Revision History	Review/Revision Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy established.	01/2020	02/07/2020
Policy was reviewed: 1. Policy title was updated.	07/28/2020	09/14/2020

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Indications were updated.</li> <li>3. Initial Approval criteria updated.</li> <li>4. Continued Therapy Approval criteria II.A.1 was rephrased.</li> <li>5. References were updated.</li> </ol>		
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initial and Continued therapy criteria approval duration was updated to remove HIM approval duration.</li> <li>2. Continued Therapy criteria II.A.1 was rephrased to "Member is currently receiving medication that has been authorized by RxAdvance...".</li> <li>3. References were reviewed and updated.</li> </ol>	05/31/2021	09/14/2021
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initial Approval Criteria I.A.5.a was updated to include "Can use dexamethasone 1 mg/day in place of prednisone".</li> <li>2. Initial Approval Criteria I.A.6.a.i was updated to include "Can use dexamethasone 1 mg/day in place of methylprednisolone".</li> <li>3. Initial Approval Criteria and Continued Therapy Approval Criteria were updated to remove HIM approval duration.</li> <li>4. References were reviewed and updated.</li> </ol>	6/4/2021	09/14/2021
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initial Approval Criteria, I.A.5: Updated combination therapy criteria from For Zytiga® requests: prescribed in combination with prednisone             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Can use dexamethasone 1 mg/day in place of prednisone to For Zytiga® requests: prescribed in combination with prednisone (Can use dexamethasone 1 mg/day in place of prednisone.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Initial Approval Criteria, I.A.6.a.: Updated combination therapy criteria from For Yonsa® requests, both of the following (a and b):</li> </ol>	3/16/2022	07/18/2022

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prescribed in combination with methylprednisolone           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Can use dexamethasone 1 mg/day in place of methylprednisolone); to For Yonsa® requests, both of the following (a and b):</li> </ul> </li> <li>a. Prescribed in combination with methylprednisolone (Can use dexamethasone 1 mg/day in place of methylprednisolone);</li> <li>3. References reviewed and updated.</li> </ul>		
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initial Approval Criteria I.A.4: Updated to remove requirements for history of bilateral orchiectomy, previously filled androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) and using ADT concurrently.</li> <li>2. Initial Approval Criteria I.A.4: Updated to add that Member will use a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analog concurrently or has had a bilateral orchiectomy.</li> <li>3. References reviewed and updated.</li> </ul>	04/21/2023	7/13/2023
<p>Policy was reviewed.</p>	10/19/2023	10/19/2023
<p>Policy update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reflect 1/1 changes</li> <li>2. Remove dosing, prescriber</li> </ul>	1/1/2024	1/1/2024