

## Clinical Policy: Dexrazoxane (Totect)

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### Description

Dexrazoxane (Totect<sup>®</sup>) is a cytoprotective agent.

### FDA Approved Indications

Totect is indicated for:

- Reducing the incidence and severity of cardiomyopathy associated with doxorubicin administration in women with metastatic breast cancer who have received a cumulative doxorubicin dose of 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and who will continue to receive doxorubicin therapy to maintain tumor control. Do not use Totect with doxorubicin initiation.
- Treatment of extravasation resulting from intravenous anthracycline chemotherapy

### Policy/Criteria

*Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

It is the policy of PA Health & Wellness<sup>®</sup> that Totect is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiomyopathy (must meet all):

1. Prescribed to reduce the incidence or severity of cardiomyopathy associated with doxorubicin;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist;
3. One of the following (a-e):
  - a. Age  $\geq$  18 years and member has received a cumulative doxorubicin dose of  $\geq$  300 mg/m<sup>2</sup>;
  - b. Request is for pediatric Ph-negative ALL as part of the DFCI ALL Protocol 11-001 or 16-001 in members with an anticipated cumulative anthracycline dose  $\geq$  250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> of doxorubicin equivalent or radiation with potential impact to the heart (e.g., radiation to chest, abdomen, spine, or total body irradiation) (off-label);
  - c. Request is for pediatric aggressive mature B-cell lymphomas or pediatric Hodgkin lymphoma (off-label);
  - d. Request is for Wilms Tumor (nephroblastoma) and member has a planned cumulative dose of doxorubicin  $\geq$  150 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (off-label);
  - e. Request for soft tissue sarcoma, and member has a planned cumulative dose of doxorubicin  $\geq$  250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (off-label);
4. Will be used concurrently with doxorubicin;
5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):

- a. Dose does not exceed 10 times the dose of doxorubicin (e.g., dexrazoxane 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for member receiving doxorubicin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) given with each doxorubicin dose;
- b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Approval duration: 12 months or duration of doxorubicin therapy, whichever is less**

**B. Anthracycline-Induced Extravasation (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of anthracycline-induced extravasation;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Request meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Dose does not exceed 2,000 mg per day on days 1 and 2, and 1,000 mg on day 3.
  - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Approval duration: 3 days**

**C. Other diagnoses/indications**

1. Refer to the off-label use policy if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): PA.CP.PMN.53

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiomyopathy (must meet all):**

1. Currently receiving medication via PA Health & Wellness benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy or the Continuity of Care policy (PA.LTSS.PHAR.01) applies;
2. Member continues to receive doxorubicin;
3. Member is responding positively to therapy;
4. Request meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Dose does not exceed 10 times the dose of doxorubicin (e.g., dexrazoxane 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for member receiving doxorubicin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) given with each doxorubicin dose;
  - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Approval duration: 12 months or duration of doxorubicin therapy, whichever is less**

**B. Anthracycline-Induced Extravasation**

1. Re-authorization is not permitted. Member must meet the initial approval criteria.

**Approval duration: Not applicable**

**C. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. Currently receiving medication via PA Health & Wellness benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy or the Continuity of Care policy (PA.LTSS.PHAR.01) applies.

**Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or**

2. Refer to the off-label use policy if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): PA.CP.PMN.53

**III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:**

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – PA.CP.PMN.53.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

ALL: acute lymphoblastic leukemia

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

- None reported

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
dexrazoxane (Totect)	Doxorubicin-induced cardiomyopathy	Give dexrazoxane at a ratio of 10:1 with the doxorubicin dose as an IV infusion over 15 minutes and within 30 minutes before doxorubicin is given.	Not applicable
dexrazoxane (Totect)	Anthracycline-induced extravasation	Day 1: 1,000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> Day 2: 1,000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> Day 3: 500 mg/m <sup>2</sup>  Give Totect as an IV infusion over 1-2 hours and within 6 hours of extravasation. Treatment on days 2 and 3 should start at the same hour (+/- 3 hours) as day 1.	Day 1: 2,000 mg Day 2: 2,000 mg Day 3: 1,000 mg

**VI. Product Availability**

Single-dose vial, IV powder for solution: 500 mg

**VII. References**

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### Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPSC Codes	Description
J1190	Injection, dexrazoxane, 250 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created	01/2020	
1Q 2021 annual review: updated policy in response to expansion of Totect FDA indication for doxorubicin toxicity, which overlaps with Zinecard; references reviewed and updated	01/2021	
2Q 2021 annual review: updated section V dosing to include Totect for the indication of doxorubicin-induced cardiomyopathy; references reviewed and updated.	04/2021	

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
2Q 2022 annual review: per NCCN added off-label supported uses in patients under 18 years of age in Ph-negative ALL, aggressive mature B-cell lymphomas, Hodgkin lymphoma, or Wilms Tumor (nephroblastoma); removed appendix D that provided references to studies with inconclusive doxorubicin thresholds for use in pediatric patients as such use is supported by NCCN; references reviewed and updated.	04/2022	
2Q 2023 annual review: updated FDA approved indication to mirror PI; clarified that use is limited to the pediatric population for Ph-negative ALL and Hodgkin lymphoma; added off-label use for soft tissue sarcoma to criteria under doxorubicin-induced cardiomyopathy per NCCN 2A recommendation; removed Zinecard from policy as product has been discontinued; reference reviewed and updated.	04/2023	