

## Clinical Policy: Osilodrostat (Isturisa)

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### Description

Osilodrostat (Isturisa<sup>®</sup>) is a cortisol synthesis inhibitor.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Isturisa is a cortisol synthesis inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adult patients with Cushing's disease (CD) for whom pituitary surgery is not an option or has not been curative.

### 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 Isturisa is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Cushing's Disease (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of CD;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Pituitary surgery has not been not curative;
  - b. Member is not eligible for pituitary surgery;
5. Dose does not exceed 30 mg twice daily.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

##### B. 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. Cushing's Disease (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 is responding positively to therapy (*see Appendix D*);
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 30 mg twice daily.

**Approval duration: 12 months**

**B. 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*

CD: Cushing's disease

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

UFC: urinary free cortisol

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

None reported

*Appendix D: General Information*

- Treatment response for CD may be defined as reduction in 24-hour urinary free cortisol (UFC) levels and/or improvement in signs or symptoms of the disease. Maximum UFC reduction is typically seen by two months of treatment.
- Across sampled U.S. laboratories (Mayo Clinic Laboratories, LabCorp, Quest Diagnostics), 24-hour UFC adult reference values range from 3 to 64 mcg/24 h. The American Association of Neurological Surgeons notes that UFC levels higher than 50-100 mcg/24 h in adults suggest the presence of Cushing's syndrome [inclusive of CD]. In this context, the Endocrine Society notes that 24-hour UFC levels may range from more than 5 times normal in severe cases to as low as 1.5 times normal in relatively mild cases.

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
CD	<u>Recommended Dosage, Titration, and Monitoring</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate dosing at 2 mg orally twice daily, with or without food.</li> <li>• Initially, titrate the dosage by 1 to 2 mg twice daily, no more frequently than every 2 weeks based on the rate of cortisol changes, individual tolerability and improvement in signs and symptoms of Cushing's disease. If a patient</li> </ul>	60 mg/day

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
	<p>tolerates Isturisa dosage of 10 mg twice daily and continues to have elevated 24-hour urine free cortisol (UFC) levels above upper normal limit, the dosage can be titrated further by 5 mg twice daily every 2 weeks. Monitor cortisol levels from at least two 24-hour urine free cortisol collections every 1-2 weeks until adequate clinical response is maintained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maintenance dosage of Isturisa is individualized and determined by titration based on cortisol levels and patient's signs and symptoms.</li> <li>• The maintenance dosage varied between 2 mg and 7 mg twice daily in clinical trials. The maximum recommended maintenance dosage of Isturisa is 30 mg twice daily.</li> <li>• Once the maintenance dosage is achieved, monitor cortisol levels at least every 1-2 months or as indicated.</li> </ul> <p><u>Dosage Interruptions and Modifications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease or temporarily discontinue Isturisa if urine free cortisol levels fall below the target range, there is a rapid decrease in cortisol levels, and/or patients report symptoms of hypocortisolism. If necessary, glucocorticoid replacement therapy should be initiated.</li> <li>• Stop Isturisa and administer exogenous glucocorticoid replacement therapy if serum or plasma cortisol levels are below target range and patients have symptoms of adrenal insufficiency.</li> <li>• If treatment is interrupted, re-initiate Isturisa at a lower dose when cortisol levels are within target ranges and patient symptoms have been resolved.</li> </ul>	

## VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 1 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg

## VII. References

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