Medical Policy:

Cinvanti™ (aprepitant) injectable emulsion

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Definitions

Cinvanti™ (aprepitant) is a substance P/neurokinin-1 (NK 1) receptor antagonist, indicated in adults, in combination with other antiemetic agents, for the prevention of:

1. Acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (HEC) including high-dose cisplatin.
2. Nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (MEC)
3. Nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of MEC as a 3-day regimen.

*Highly emetogenic chemotherapy (HEC): Highly Emetogenic Chemotherapy (HEC) [3]			
Carboplatin	Carmustine	Cisplatin	Cyclophosphamide
Dacarbazine	Doxorubicin	Epirubicin	Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki
Ifosfamide	Mechlorethamine	Melphalan ≥ 140 mg/m^2	Sacituzumab govitecan-hziy
Streptozocin			

The following can be considered HEC in certain patients [3]			
Dactinomycin	Daunorubicin	Idarubicin	Irinotecan
Methotrexate ≥ 250mg/m^2	Oxaliptan	Trabectedin	
The following regimens can be considered HEC[3]			
FOLFOX	FOLFIRI	FOLFIRINOX; FOLFOXIRI	AC (any anthracycline + cyclophosphamide)

****Moderately emetogenic chemotherapy (MEC)**:

Moderately Emetogenic Chemotherapy (HEC) [3]			
Aldesleukin >12–15 million IU/m2	Amifostine >300 mg/m2	Bendamustine	Busulfan
Clofarabine	Cytarabine >200 mg/m2	Dinutuximab	Dual-drug liposomal encapsulation of cytarabine and daunorubicin
Irinotecan (liposomal)	Lurbinectedin	Melphalan <140 mg/m2	Mirvetuximab soravtansine-gynx
Naxitamab-gqgk	Romidepsin	Temozolomide	

Length of Authorization

Approval will be granted for 6 months and may be renewed

Dosing Limits [Medical Benefit]

Max units (per dose and over time):

- HEC (Single-Dose Regimen): 130 billable units (130 mg) on day 1 of chemotherapy per 7 days
- MEC (Single-Dose Regimen): 130 billable units (130 mg) on day 1 of chemotherapy per 7 days
- MEC (3-Day Regimen): 100 billable units (100 mg) on day 1 of chemotherapy per 7 days

Guideline

I. INITIAL CRITERIA

1. **Prevention of Chemotherapy induced Nausea and vomiting (CINV) †**

Cinvanti (aprepitant) is considered when the following criteria are met:

A. Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**

B. Cinvanti will be used in combination with a 5-HT_3 antagonist and a corticosteroid; **AND**

C. Patient will not be taking pimozide concurrently; **AND**

D. Patient is undergoing highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (HEC), including high dose cisplatin, or moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (MEC)

II. CONTINUATION CRITERIA

Coverage for Cinvanti (aprepitant) may be renewed when the following criteria are met:

A. Patient continues to meet the criteria identified in the initial approval criteria above; **AND**

B. Disease response; **AND**

C. Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include the following: severe hypersensitivity reactions, neutropenia, dermatologic toxicity, etc.

Applicable Procedure Codes

Code	Description
J0185	Injection, aprepitant, 1 mg

Applicable NDCs

Code	Description
47426-0201-01	Cinvanti 130mg/18mL Emulsion J0185 Injection, aprepitant, 1 mg

ICD-10 Diagnoses

Code	Description
R11.0	Nausea
R11.10	Vomiting, unspecified
R11.11	Vomiting without nausea
R11.12	Projectile vomiting
R11.2	Nausea with vomiting, unspecified
T45.1X5A	Adverse effect of antineoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs, initial encounter
T45.1X5D	Adverse effect of antineoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs, subsequent encounter
T45.1X5S	Adverse effect of antineoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs, sequela
T45.95XA	Adverse effect of unspecified primarily systemic and hematological agent, initial encounter
T45.95XD	Adverse effect of unspecified primarily systemic and hematological agent, subsequent encounter
T45.95XS	Adverse effect of unspecified primarily systemic and hematological agent, sequela
T50.905A	Adverse effect of unspecified drugs, medicaments and biological substances, initial encounter
T50.905D	Adverse effect of unspecified drugs, medicaments and biological substances, subsequent encounter
T50.905S	Adverse effect of unspecified drugs, medicaments and biological substances, sequela
Z51.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z51.12	Encounter for antineoplastic immunotherapy

Revision History

Company(ies)	DATE	REVISION
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	3/12/2025	Updated in renewal criteria from disease response to “Beneficial response as evidenced by reduction in nausea and/or vomiting” Updated Emetogenic Chemotherapy Charts Updated ICD-10 diagnosis
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	3/22/2024	Annual Review: Updated Emetogenic Chemotherapy Charts
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	07/06/2023	Annual Review: No Criteria changes
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	04/06/2022	Updated Procedure Code to Q2055 and put on new template
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	04/08/2020	Updated indications and Dosing per FDA label Max Units Allowed: MEC (Single-Dose Regimen) changed from 100 to 130mg) Added MEC (3-Day Regimen): 100 billable units (100 mg) on day 1 of chemotherapy per 7 days

EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	12/03/2018	Added J0185 and removed J3490, C9463 from Applicable Procedure Codes

References

1. Cinvanti [package insert]. San Diego, CA; Heron Therapeutics; March 2024. Accessed March 2024.