

Protocol for Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria Products

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Empaveli® (pegcetacoplan) Soliris® (eculizumab) Ultomiris® (ravulizumab)

Background:

Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) is a chronic, multi-systemic, progressive, and life- threatening disease characterized by intravascular hemolysis, thrombotic events, serious infections, and bone marrow failure.

Empaveli is a complement inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adult patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria.

Soliris is a complement inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) to reduce hemolysis.

Ultomiris is a complement inhibitor indicated for the treatment of pediatric and adult patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria.

Criteria for approval:

- 1. Diagnosis of PNH is confirmed by flow cytometry
- Medication is prescribed in accordance with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) established indication and dosing regimens or in accordance with medically appropriate off-label indication and dosing according to American Hospital Formulary Service, Micromedex, Clinical Pharmacology, Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs (Lexicomp), national guidelines, or other peer- reviewed evidence

For Empaveli:

- a. Patient is 18 years old or older
- b. Prescriber is enrolled in Empaveli REMS program
- Patient will not be on concomitant therapy with another complement inhibitor such as Ultomiris or Soliris unless otherwise recommended by drug label
- d. Patient complies with the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for vaccinations against encapsulated bacteria

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For Soliris:

- a. Patient is 18 years of age or older
- b. Prescriber is enrolled in Soliris REMS program
- c. Patient will not be on concomitant therapy with another complement inhibitor such as Empaveli or Ultomiris unless otherwise recommended by drug label
- d. Patient complies with the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for vaccinations against encapsulated bacteria

For Ultomiris:

- a. Patient is 1 month of age or older
- b. Prescriber is enrolled in Ultomiris REMS program
- Patient will not be on concomitant therapy with another complement inhibitor such as Empaveli or Soliris unless otherwise recommended by drug label
- d. Patient complies with the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for vaccinations against encapsulated bacteria
- e. Documentation of patient's current weight

Continuation of therapy:

The patient has responded to treatment compared to baseline as defined by at least one of the following:

- a) Decrease in serum LDH from pretreatment level
- b) Increase in hemoglobin levels
- c) Decrease in number of transfusions needed
- d) Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug

Initial Approval Duration: 6 months

Renewal Approval Duration: 12 months

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