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## Antiemetics

### PRODUCTS AFFECTED

Akynzeo (fosnetupitant/palonosetron; netupitant/palonosetron), Aloxi (palonosetron), palonosetron, aprepitant, Emend (aprepitant/fosaprepitant), Cinvanti (aprepitant), fosaprepitant, granisetron, Sancuso (granisetron) patch, Sustol (granisetron) PFS, Varubi (rolapitant), Anzemet (dolasetron)

### COVERAGE POLICY

*Coverage for services, procedures, medical devices and drugs are dependent upon benefit eligibility as outlined in the member's specific benefit plan. This Coverage Guideline must be read in its entirety to determine coverage eligibility, if any.*

*This Coverage Guideline provides information related to coverage determinations only and does not imply that a service or treatment is clinically appropriate or inappropriate. The provider and the member are responsible for all decisions regarding the appropriateness of care. Providers should provide Molina Healthcare complete medical rationale when requesting any exceptions to these guidelines.*

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

*Molina Healthcare reserves the right to require that additional documentation be made available as part of its coverage determination; quality improvement; and fraud; waste and abuse prevention processes. Documentation required may include, but is not limited to, patient records, test results and credentials of the provider ordering or performing a drug or service. Molina Healthcare may deny reimbursement or take additional appropriate action if the documentation provided does not support the initial determination that the drugs or services were medically necessary, not investigational, or experimental, and otherwise within the scope of benefits afforded to the member, and/or the documentation demonstrates a pattern of billing or other practice that is inappropriate or excessive.*

#### **DIAGNOSIS:**

Chemotherapy-induced nausea/vomiting prophylaxis, Post-operative nausea/vomiting (PONV) prophylaxis

#### **REQUIRED MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. If a drug within this policy receives an updated FDA label within the last 180 days, medical necessity for the member will be reviewed using the updated FDA label information along with state and federal requirements, benefit being administered and formulary preferencing. Coverage will be determined on a case-by case basis until the criteria can be updated through Molina Healthcare, Inc. clinical governance. Additional information may be required on a case-by-case basis to allow for adequate review.

#### **A. FOR CHEMOTHERAPY INDUCED NAUSEA/VOMITING PROPHYLAXIS:**

1. Documentation of the treatment plan including the names all of chemotherapy and or radiation agents; frequency; length, cycle and duration of therapy

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- AND
3. Product being requested has an FDA labeled indication or compendia supported use for diagnosis, age, and dose  
AND
  4. Prescriber attests that medication will be used in combination (when indicated per FDA label or guideline) with other antiemetic agents (5HT3 antagonist) OR used in combination with corticosteroid such as dexamethasone, unless documentation of contraindication to dexamethasone is provided, per FDA label or NCCN guideline and will NOT be used with additional agents if FDA label or guideline does not support concurrent therapy  
AND
  5. Prescriber attests to review of concurrent medication therapy for drug-drug interactions  
AND
  6. FOR ALOXI, ANZEMET ONLY: FOR HIGH EMETIC IV CHEMOTHERAPY AND CONCURRENTLY RECEIVING APREPITANT OR FOSAPREPITANT ONLY: Documentation of trial and failure or labeled contraindication of preferred serotonin-receptor antagonists (ondansetron and granisetron)  
AND
  7. FOR SANCUSO AND SUSTOL: Documentation of trial and failure or labeled contraindication of preferred serotonin-receptor antagonist [ondansetron and granisetron (any dosage form)]  
AND
  8. FOR VARUBI ONLY: (a) Documentation that the member has experienced inadequate response or contraindication to aprepitant/ fosaprepitant AND generic oral ondansetron OR generic oral granisetron with dexamethasone AND (b) Prescriber attests that Varubi (rolapitant) will not be administered any less than a 2-week interval between doses  
AND
  9. FOR PEDIATRIC REQUESTS FOR ALOXI, ANZEMET, EMEND: Documentation of member's current weight (within the last 30 days)

*NOTE: the proper succession for these criteria can be found within compendia monographs, FDA label or NCCN guidelines; If compendia monographs, FDA label or NCCN guidelines have a formulary/preferred product at therapeutic parity with requested agent a formulary/preferred product should be used first where state regulations allow. Molina reviewers and delegates will comply with all regulations and requirements applicable to the review of the request, providing exception to our standard criteria as may be required under state regulations and requirements.*

### B . FOR POST-OPERATIVE NAUSEA/VOMITING PROPHYLAXIS:

1. Documentation of expected surgery date (within the next 30 days)  
AND
2. Product being requested has an FDA labeled indication or compendia supported use for diagnosis, age and dose  
AND
3. Prescriber attestation to a historical trial and failure or labeled contraindication to preferred serotonin-receptor antagonists (ondansetron and IV granisetron)

### CONTINUATION OF THERAPY:

#### A. CHEMOTHERAPY INDUCED NAUSEA/VOMITTING (PROPHYLAXIS):

1. Documentation of continuation of chemotherapy requiring antiemetics.  
AND
2. Prescriber attests to or clinical reviewer has found no evidence of intolerable adverse effects or drug toxicity or development of contraindications (e.g., hypersensitivity reactions, serotonin syndrome, etc.)

#### B. FOR POST-OPERATIVE NAUSEA/VOMITING PROPHYLAXIS: N/A MUST SUBMIT NEW REQUEST

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### **DURATION OF APPROVAL:**

Post-Operative nausea/vomiting prophylaxis: one-time authorization

All other indications: Initial authorization: 3 months (or length of chemotherapy or radiation therapy, whichever is shorter)

Continuation of Therapy: 6 months (or length of chemotherapy or radiation, whichever is shorter)

### **PRESCRIBER REQUIREMENTS:**

No requirements

### **AGE RESTRICTIONS:**

Akynzeo (fosnetupitant/palonosteron; netupitant/palonosetron): 18 years of age or older

Aloxi (palonosetron): Postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) for up to 24 hours following surgery: 18 years and older

Highly and moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (HEC, MEC): 1 month of age and older

Anzemet (dolasetron): 2 years of age and older

Emend oral suspension or injection: 6 months of age or older

Emend capsules: 12 years of age or older

Cinvanti: 18 years of age or older

Granisetron: 2 years of age and older

Sustol (granisetron ER inj): 18 years of age and older

Sancuso: 18 years of age and older

Varubi (rolapitant): 18 years of age and older

### **QUANTITY:**

Akynzeo (fosnetupitant/palonosteron; netupitant/palonosetron): Maximum 1 day per cycle of chemotherapy

Aloxi (palonosetron): FOR CHEMOTHERAPY INDUCED NAUSEA/VOMITING PROPHYLAXIS:

Adults: (0.25mg/5ml) 1 vial per 7-day supply or 1 capsule one hour prior to the start of chemotherapy,

Pediatrics <17 years of age: 20 mcg/kg IV single dose up to a maximum dose of 1500mcg; FOR POST-OPERATIVE NAUSEA/VOMITINGPROPHYLAXIS: 0.075mg approved ONCE per authorization

Anzemet (dolasetron): Adults – 100mg given within 1 hour before chemotherapy; Pediatric patients 2-16 – 1.8 mg/kg given within 1 hour before chemotherapy up to a maximum of 100mg

Emend (aprepitant capsules, oral suspension), Emend (fosaprepitant inj): Prevention of Nausea and Vomiting Associated with Cancer Chemotherapy: oral suspension or capsules: Dose does not exceed 125 mg on Day 1, followed by 80mg on Days 2 and 3 per chemotherapy cycle; injection: 150 mg on Day 1; [Pediatric doses are weight based and should follow FDA label for members 6 months to 12 years of age]

Emend (aprepitant capsules): Prevention of Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting: Dose does not exceed 40 mg (1 capsule) once.

Cinvanti (aprepitant): 130 mg on Day 1 for HEC and MEC (single-dose regimen), or 100 mg on Day 1 for MEC (3-day regimen).

Granisetron tablets: up to a maximum of 60 tablets/30 days

Sustol (granisetron ER inj.), Sancuso (granisetron patches) and granisetron injection- quantity not to exceed FDA label per indication

Varubi (rolapitant): 180 mg on day 1 of chemo every 14 days

*Quantities above the plan limit will be approved when ONE of the following is met:*

- 1. The member has cancer chemotherapy related nausea and vomiting and will be receiving chemotherapy more than 7 days per month*  
*OR*
- 2. The member has delayed emesis in highly emetogenic chemotherapy*  
*OR*
- 3. The member has radiation therapy induced nausea and vomiting and radiation treatment that extends beyond 7 days per month*

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OR

4. *The prescriber has submitted documentation in support of the requested therapeutic use and quantity for the requested medication which has been reviewed and approved by the Clinical Review pharmacist*

### PLACE OF ADMINISTRATION:

The recommendation is that oral and transdermal medications in this policy will be for pharmacy benefit coverage and patient self-administered.

The recommendation is that infused medications in this policy will be for pharmacy or medical benefit coverage administered in a place of service that is a non-inpatient hospital facility-based location.

## DRUG INFORMATION

### ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:

Oral, Intravenous, Transdermal

### DRUG CLASS:

Antiemetics

### FDA-APPROVED USES:

AKYNZEO **capsules** is indicated:

In combination with dexamethasone in adults for the prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of cancer chemotherapy, including, but not limited to, highly emetogenic chemotherapy.

AKYNZEO **for injection** are indicated:

In combination with dexamethasone in adults for the prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy.

*Limitations of Use: AKYNZEO for injection and AKYNZEO injection have not been studied for the prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with anthracycline plus cyclophosphamide chemotherapy.*

ALOXI (palonosetron) indicated in:

Adults for prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of moderately and highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (MEC) or (HEC), postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) for up to 24 hours following surgery. *Efficacy beyond 24 hours has not been demonstrated*

Pediatric patients aged 1 month to less than 17 years for prevention of: acute nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of emetogenic cancer chemotherapy, including highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (HEC)

SANCUSO (granisetron) is indicated:

For prevention of nausea and vomiting in adults receiving moderately and/or highly emetogenic chemotherapy for up to 5 consecutive days.

SUSTOL (granisetron) ER inj. is indicated:

In combination with other antiemetics in adults for the prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of moderately emetogenic chemotherapy (MEC) or anthracycline and cyclophosphamide (AC) combination chemotherapy regimens.

CINVANTI is indicated:

In adults, in combination with other antiemetic agents, for the prevention of acute and delayed

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

*Limitations of Use: CINVANTI has not been studied for treatment of established nausea and vomiting.*

EMEND for **oral suspension** is indicated:

In combination with other antiemetic agents, in patients **6 months of age and older** for prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (HEC) including high-dose cisplatin or moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (MEC)

EMEND **capsules** is indicated:

In combination with other antiemetic agents, in patients **12 years of age and older** for prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (HEC) including high-dose cisplatin or moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (MEC)

*Limitations of Use: EMEND has not been studied for treatment of established nausea and vomiting. Chronic continuous administration of EMEND is not recommended.*

EMEND for **injection** is indicated:

In adults and pediatric patients 6 months of age and older, in combination with other antiemetic agents, for the prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (HEC) including high-dose cisplatin or moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy (MEC)

*Limitations of use: Emend has not been studied for treatment of established nausea and vomiting. Additional limitation of oral dosage forms: Chronic continuous administration of Emend is not recommended.*

VARUBI is indicated:

In combination with other antiemetic agents in adults for the prevention of delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of emetogenic cancer chemotherapy, including, but not limited to, highly emetogenic chemotherapy

GRANISETRON is indicated for:

Prevention of nausea and/or vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of emetogenic cancer therapy, including high-dose cisplatin

ANZEMET is indicated for:

The prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy, including initial and repeat courses in adults and children 2 years and older

### COMPENDIAL APPROVED OFF-LABELED USES:

Granisetron for post-operative nausea/vomiting (PONV) prophylaxis

## APPENDIX

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### Emetic Risk of Single Intravenous Antineoplastic Agents in Adults

#### Risk Level High (>90%)

Anthracycline/cyclophosphamide combination  
Carmustine  
Cyclophosphamide > 1,500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

Dacarbazine  
Mechlorethamine  
Streptozocin

#### Moderate (30%-90%)

Alemtuzumab  
Arsenic trioxide  
Azacitidine  
Bendamustine  
Busulfan  
Carboplatin  
Clofarabine  
Cyclophosphamide, 1,500mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
Cytarabine 1,000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
Daunorubicin  
Daunorubicin and cytarabine liposome

Doxorubicin  
Epirubicin  
Fam-trastuzumabderuxtecan-nxki  
Idarubicin  
Ifosfamide  
Irinotecan  
Irinotecan liposomal injection  
Oxaliplatin  
Romidepsin  
Temozolomide  
Thiotepab  
Trabected

#### Low (10%-30%)

Aflibercept  
Axicabtagene ciloleucel  
Belinostat  
Blinatumomab  
Bortezomib  
Brentuximab  
Cabazitaxel  
Carfilzomib  
Catumaxumab  
Cetuximab  
Copanlisib  
Cytarabine # 1,000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
Decitabine  
Docetaxel  
Elotuzumab  
Enfortumab vedotin-ejfv  
Eribulin  
Etoposide  
Fluorouracil  
Gemcitabine  
Gemtuzumab ozogamicin  
Inotuzumab ozogamicin

Ixabepilone  
Methotrexate  
Mitomycin  
Mitoxantrone  
Moxetumomab  
pasudotox  
Nab-paclitaxel  
Necitumumab  
Nelarabine  
Paclitaxel  
Panitumumab  
Pegylated  
liposomal  
doxorubicin  
Pemetrexed  
Pertuzumab  
Tagraxofusp-erzs  
Temsilolimus  
Tisagenlecleucel  
Topotecan  
Trastuzumab-emtansine  
Vinflunine

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### Minimal (<10%)

Atezolizumab  
Avelumab  
Bevacizumab  
Bleomycin  
Cemiplimab  
Chlorodeoxyadenosine  
Cladribine  
Daratumumab  
Durvalumab  
Emapalumab  
Fludarabine  
Ipilimumab

Nivolumab  
Obinutuzumab  
Ofatumumab  
Pembrolizumab  
Pixantrone  
Polatuzumab vedotin  
Pralatrexate  
Ramucirumab  
Rituximab  
Trastuzumab  
Vinblastine  
Vincristine  
Vinorelbine

### Emetic Risk of Single, Oral Antineoplastic Agents in Adults

#### Moderate or high ( $\geq 30\%$ )

Abemaciclib  
Avapritinib  
Bosutinib  
Cabozantinib  
Ceritinib  
Crizotinib  
Cyclophosphamide  
Enasidenib  
Fedratinib  
Hexamethylmelamine  
Imatinib

Lenvatinib  
Lomustine  
Midostaurin  
Niraparib  
Procarbazine  
Ribociclib  
Rucaparib  
Selinexor  
TAS-102 (trifluridine-tipiracil)  
Temozolomide  
Vinorelbine

#### Minimal or low (< 30%)

6-Thioguanine  
Acalabrutinib  
Afinitinib  
Alectinib  
Alpelisib  
Axitinib  
Bexarotene

Lapatinib  
Larotrectinib  
Lenalidomide  
Lorlatinib  
Melphalan  
Methotrexate  
Neratinib

Brigatinib  
Capecitabine  
Chlorambucil  
Cobimetinib  
Dabrafenib  
Dacomitinib  
Dasatinib  
Duvelisib  
Encorafenib  
Entrectinib  
Erdafitinib  
Erlotinib  
Estramustine  
Etoposide  
Everolimus  
Fludarabine  
Gefitinib  
Gilteritinib  
Glasdegib

Nilotinib  
Olaparib  
Osimertinib  
Palbociclib  
Panobinostat  
Pazopanib  
Pexidartinib  
Pomalidomide  
Ponatinib  
Regorafenib  
Ruxolitinib  
Sonidegib  
Sorafenib  
Sunitinib  
Talazoparib  
Tazemetostat  
Tegafur-Uracil  
Thalidomide  
Topotecan

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Hydroxyurea  
Ibrutinib  
Idelalisib  
Ivosidenib  
Ixazomib

Trametinib  
Vandetanib  
Vemurafenib  
Venetoclax  
Vismodegib  
Vorinostat  
Zanubrutinib

### BACKGROUND AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

#### BACKGROUND:

None

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS/EXCLUSIONS/DISCONTINUATION:

All other uses of antiemetics are considered experimental/investigational and therefore, will follow Molina's Off-Label policy.

Contraindications to Akynzeo (fosnetupitant-palonosetron; netupitant-palonosetron) include: No labeled contraindications

Contraindications to Aloxi (palonosetron) include: Hypersensitivity to palonosetron

Contraindications to Anzemet (dolasetron) include: Patients known to have hypersensitivity to the drug

Contraindications to Cinvanti (aprepitant) include: Known hypersensitivity to any component of the drug, concurrent use with pimozone, avoid concomitant use with moderate to strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (diltiazem, ketoconazole, itraconazole, nefazodone, troleandomycin, clarithromycin, ritonavir, nelfinavir) and strong CYP3A4 inducers (rifampin, carbamazepine, phenytoin)

Contraindications to Emend (aprepitant, fosaprepitant) include: Known hypersensitivity to any component of the drug, concurrent use with pimozone, avoid concomitant use with moderate to strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (diltiazem, ketoconazole, itraconazole, nefazodone, troleandomycin, clarithromycin, ritonavir, nelfinavir) and strong CYP3A4 inducers (rifampin, carbamazepine, phenytoin)

Contraindications to Granisetron include: Patients with known hypersensitivity to the drug or any of its components

Contraindications to Sancuso (granisetron) include: Known hypersensitivity to granisetron or to any of the components of the transdermal system

Contraindications to Sustol (granisetron) include: Hypersensitivity to granisetron, any of the components of Sustol, or to any of the other 5-HT3 receptor antagonists

Contraindications to Varubi (rolapitant) include: Patients taking CYP2D6 substrates with a narrow therapeutic index (e.g., thioridazine and pimozone), and pediatric patients less than 2 years of age because of irreversible impairment of sexual development and fertility in juvenile rats, avoid in patients who require chronic administration of strong CYP3A4 inducers (e.g., rifampin)

#### OTHER SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Serotonin syndrome has been reported with 5-HT3 receptor antagonists alone but particularly with concomitant use of serotonergic drugs.

Sustol is intended for subcutaneous injection by a health care provider.

### CODING/BILLING INFORMATION

*Note: 1) This list of codes may not be all-inclusive. 2) Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement*

HCPSC CODE	DESCRIPTION
J1454	Injection, fosnetupitant 235mg/ palonosetron 0.25mg



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J2469	Injection, palonosetron, 25mcg
J0185	Injection, aprepitant, 1 mg
J1453	Injection, fosaprepitant, 1 mg
J1456	Injection, fosaprepitant (teva), not therapeutically equivalent to J1453, 1 mg
J1260	Injection, dolasetron mesylate, 10 mg

### AVAILABLE DOSAGE FORMS:

Akynzeo CAPS 300-0.5MG	Emend CAPS 80MG
Akynzeo SOLN 235-0.25MG/20ML	Emend SOLR 150MG
Akynzeo SOLR 235-0.25MG	Emend SUSR 125MG/5ML
Aloxi SOLN 0.25MG/5ML	Emend Tri-Pack CAPS 80 & 125MG
Anzemet TABS 100MG	Fosaprepitant Dimeglumine SOLR 150MG
Anzemet TABS 50MG	Granisetron HCl SOLN 1MG/ML
Aprepitant CAPS 125MG	Granisetron HCl SOLN 4MG/4ML
Aprepitant CAPS 40MG	Palonosetron HCl SOLN 0.25MG/2ML
Aprepitant CAPS 80 & 125MG	Palonosetron HCl SOLN 0.25MG/5ML
Aprepitant CAPS 80MG	Palonosetron HCl SOSY 0.25MG/5ML
Aprepitant MISC 80 & 125MG	Sancuso PTCH 3.1MG/24HR
Cinvanti EMUL 130MG/18ML	Sustol PRSY 10MG/0.4ML
Emend CAPS 125MG	Varubi (180 MG Dose) TBPK 2 x 90MG
Emend CAPS 40MG	

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