

Evolent Clinical Guideline 3173 for Piasky[™] (crovalimab-akkz)

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STATEMENT

Purpose

To define and describe the accepted indications for Unloxcyt (cosibelimab-ipdl) usage in the treatment of cancer, including FDA approved indications, and off-label indications.

Evolent is responsible for processing all medication requests from network ordering providers. Medications not authorized by Evolent may be deemed as not approvable and therefore not reimbursable.

The use of this drug must be supported by one of the following: FDA approved product labeling, CMS-approved compendia, National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) clinical guidelines, or peer-reviewed literature that meets the requirements of the CMS Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15.

INDICATIONS

Continuation requests for a not-approvable medication shall be exempt from this Evolent policy provided

- The member has not experienced disease progression on the requested medication AND
- The requested medication was used within the last year without a lapse of more than 30 days of having an active authorization AND
- Additional medication(s) are not being added to the continuation request.

Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH)

 Piasky (crovalimab-akkz) may be used in adult and pediatric members 13 years and older with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) and body weight of at least 40 kg.

CONTRAINDICATIONS/WARNINGS

- Contraindications
 - o Serious hypersensitivity to crovalimab-akkz or any component of the formulation
 - o Initiation in patients with an unresolved serious *N. meningitidis* infection
- US Boxed Warning
 - Serious meningococcal infections
 - Crovalimab-akkz increases the risk of serious and life-threatening infections caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*. These infections may become rapidly lifethreatening or fatal if not recognized and treated early.
 - Complete or update vaccination for meningococcal bacteria (for serogroups A, C, W, Y, and B) at least 2 weeks prior to the first dose of crovalimab-akkz, unless the risks of delaying therapy with crovalimab-akkz outweigh the risk of



- developing a serious infection. Comply with the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for meningococcal vaccination in patients receiving a complement inhibitor.
- Patients receiving crovalimab-akkz are at increased risk for invasive disease caused by *N. meningitidis*, even if they develop antibodies following vaccination. Monitor patients for early signs of serious meningococcal infections and evaluate immediately if infection is suspected.
- Because of the risk of serious meningococcal infections, crovalimab-akkz is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called PIASKY REMS.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Disease progression while taking Piasky (crovalimab-akkz).
- Concurrent use with other therapies used to treat PNH, i.e. eculizumab, ravulizumab.
- Dosing exceeds single dose limit of 1500 mg.
- Investigational use of Piasky (crovalimab-akkz) with an off-label indication that is not sufficient in evidence or is not generally accepted by the medical community.
 Sufficient evidence that is not supported by CMS recognized compendia or acceptable peer reviewed literature is defined as any of the following:
 - Whether the clinical characteristics of the patient and the cancer are adequately represented in the published evidence.
 - Whether the administered chemotherapy/biologic therapy/immune therapy/targeted therapy/other oncologic therapy regimen is adequately represented in the published evidence.
 - Whether the reported study outcomes represent clinically meaningful outcomes experienced by patients. Generally, the definitions of Clinically Meaningful outcomes are those recommended by ASCO, e.g., Hazard Ratio of < 0.80 and the recommended survival benefit for OS and PFS should be at least 3 months.
 - Whether the experimental design, considering the drugs and conditions under investigation, is appropriate to address the investigative question. (For example, in some clinical studies, it may be unnecessary or not feasible to use randomization, double blind trials, placebos, or crossover).
 - o That non-randomized clinical trials with a significant number of subjects may be a basis for supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
 - That case reports are generally considered uncontrolled and anecdotal information and do not provide adequate supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
 - That abstracts (including meeting abstracts) without the full article from the approved peer-reviewed journals lack supporting clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.



CODING AND STANDARDS

Codes

J1307 - Injection, crovalimab-akkz, 10 mg

Applicable Lines of Business

	CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)
\boxtimes	Commercial
\boxtimes	Exchange/Marketplace
\boxtimes	Medicaid
	Medicare Advantage

POLICY HISTORY

Date	Summary	
August 2025	Converted to new Evolent guideline template	
	 This guideline replaces UM ONC_1505 Piasky (crovalimab- akkz) 	
	Updated references	
August 2024	New policy	

LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE

Guideline Approval

Committee

Reviewed / Approved by Evolent Specialty Clinical Guideline Review Committee

Disclaimer

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codes, services or drugs may not be all inclusive and does not imply that a service or drug is a covered or non-covered service or drug. Evolent reserves the right to review and update this Clinical Guideline in its sole discretion. Notice of any changes shall be provided as required by applicable provider agreements and laws or regulations. Members should contact their Plan customer service representative for specific coverage information.

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