

Clinical Pharmacy Program Guidelines for Celebrex

Program	Prior Authorization
Medication	Celebrex (celecoxib)
Issue Date	6/2009
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Effective Date	5/2018

1. Background:

This program requires a member try two preferred NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory) agents before providing coverage for Celebrex unless the patient is at high risk for NSAID-induced adverse GI events.

2. Coverage Criteria:

A. Celebrex will be approved based on one of the following criteria:

1. Documentation of history of failure or intolerance to **two** preferred NSAIDs. (Provide name and date preferred NSAIDs were tried)

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2. **One** of the following risk factors for NSAID-induced adverse GI events:
 - a. Patient is greater than or equal to 65 years of age
 - b. Prior history of peptic, gastric, or duodenal ulcer
 - c. History of NSAID-related ulcer
 - d. History of clinically significant GI bleeding
 - e. Untreated or active *H. Pylori* gastritis
 - f. Concurrent use of oral corticosteroids (eg, prednisone, prednisolone, dexamethasone)
 - g. Concurrent use of anticoagulants (eg, warfarin, heparin)
 - h. Concurrent use of antiplatelets (eg, aspirin including low-dose, clopidogrel)

Authorization will be issued for 12 months.

3. References:

1. Celebrex package insert. Pfizer: New York, NY. May 2016.
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3. Lanza FL, Chan FK, Quigley EM, et al. Guidelines for prevention of NSAID-related ulcer complications. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2009; 104(3):728-38.

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Change Control	
6/2009	Criteria taken from previously approved AmeriChoice policy. Policy reformatted.
6/2010	Updated risk age risk factor to 60 years, was previously 65 years old.

3/2018	• Annual review. Minor updates to the background.
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