

Isotretinoin Protocol

Purpose

Approving this form will save you and your staff both time and frustration while lowering the cost of patient prescriptions. Comparing this method of prescribing isotretinoin to sending it to a local pharmacy, on average saves insured patients \$40-100 and saves the self-pay patients as much as \$400 per month!

There is no one answer for any patient as to which brand of isotretinoin their insurance will cover or which isotretinoin will be the lowest cost for them. While you and your staff are great at determining which brand will be the best choice, there are always exceptions and changes from the manufacturers and their rebates, which waste you and your staff's time and cost your patients more money than they should be paying. Not to mention the short windows iPledge gives your patient to work with can cause further frustration if a change or PA is needed and the medication is not dispensed in time.

Methodology

We use this protocol as a tool to make sure your patient is given their treatment in the exact way that you prefer, balancing treatment and cost. We will work with your staff any way we can to make your pharmacy experience better. When a prescription is rejected because it is not on formulary or because a copay is excessive, we automatically substitute the medication of your choice (based on your preferences as determined below) rather than calling or faxing your office. This results in expeditious service to your patients and less work for your staff. If a medication is changed, we will fax your office the changes weekly so that your staff can update records as necessary. If you like the idea, but want to change something in the protocol, just let us know by talking with our Pharmacy Manager.

Prescriber Protocol

I, _____ (prescriber's name), approve the following medication substitutions. If a substitution is not allowed for a specific patient, the prescription will be marked **DAW 1**.

1. Any isotretinoin (Absorica LD, Absorica, Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis, Isotretinoin, Myorisan, Zenatane) may be interchanged if it will save the patient \$20 or more
2. Absorica LD 8mg, 16mg, 24mg, 32mg ≈ isotretinoin 10mg, 20mg, 30mg, 40mg respectively
3. Isotretinoin 30mg BID ≈ 20mg QAM & 40mg QPM (total daily dose 60mg)
4. Isotretinoin 25mg BID ≈ 20mg QAM & 30mg QPM (total daily dose of 50mg)
5. Isotretinoin 35mg BID ≈ 30mg QAM & 40mg QPM (total daily dose of 70mg)
6. Isotretinoin 30mg TID ≈ 40mg BID & 10mg QDay (total daily dose of 90mg)
7. Isotretinoin 40mg TID ≈ 40mg BID & 20mg – 2 QDay (total daily dose of 120mg)
8. Prescriptions written for "isotretinoin" will always receive the brand with the lowest possible price for the patient.

Prior Authorizations: (please initial one of the following options)

- I would like the pharmacy to send PA's for isotretinoin when needed
 Do not send PA's for isotretinoin

Prescriber Authorization:

Prescriber Name: _____ Date: _____

Prescriber Signature: _____

Pharmacy Representative:

Signature: _____ Date: _____