

Clinical Policy: Osimertinib (Tagrisso)

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Description

Osimertinib (Tagrisso[®]) is a tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Tagrisso is indicated for the:

- As adjuvant therapy after tumor resection in adult patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 L858R mutations, as detected by an FDA-approved test
- First-line treatment of patients with metastatic NSCLC whose tumors have EGFR exon 19 deletions or exon 21 L858R mutations, as detected by an FDA-approved test
- Treatment of patients with metastatic EGFR T790M mutation-positive NSCLC, as detected by an FDA-approved test, whose disease has progressed on or after EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

Health plan approved formularies should be reviewed for all coverage determinations. Requirements to use preferred alternative agents apply only when such requirements align with the health plan approved formulary.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions[™] that Tagrisso is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of NSCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Request is for one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Completely resected stage IB–IIIA EGFR mutation-positive NSCLC who received previous adjuvant chemotherapy or are ineligible to receive platinum-based chemotherapy;
 - b. Recurrent, advanced or metastatic NSCLC, and disease is positive for either of the following (i or ii):
 - i. Sensitizing EGFR mutation (e.g., exon 19 deletion or insertion; exon 21 point mutation - L858R, L861Q; exon 18 point mutation - G719X; exon 20 point mutation - S768I);
 - ii. T790M mutation with progression on or after an EGFR TKI therapy (e.g., Tarceva[®], Gilotrif[®], Iressa[®], Vizimpro[®]);
5. Prescribed as a single agent;
6. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 80 mg (1 tablet) per day;
 - b. Dose does not exceed 160 mg (2 tablets) per day if co-administered with a strong CYP3A4 inducer (e.g., phenytoin, rifampin, carbamazepine, St. John's wort);

**Prior authorization may be required for EGFR TKI therapies*

- c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid – 6 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

B. Other diagnoses/indications

- 1. Refer to ERX.PA.01 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

II. Continued Therapy

A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

- 1. Currently receiving medication via a health plan affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Tagrisso for NSCLC and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
- 2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
- 3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. New dose does not exceed 80 mg per day (1 tablet per day);
 - b. New dose does not exceed 160 mg per day (2 tablets per day) if co-administered with a strong CYP3A4 inducer (e.g., phenytoin, rifampin, carbamazepine, St. John’s wort);
 - c. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid – 12 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

- 1. Currently receiving medication via a health plan affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions and documentation supports positive response to therapy.

Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or

- 2. Refer to ERX.PA.01 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

- A.** Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off-label use policy – ERX.PA.01 or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer

TKI: tyrosine kinase inhibitor

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria.

The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Gilotrif® (afatinib)	Metastatic NSCLC 40 mg PO QD	40 mg/day 50 mg/day when on chronic concomitant therapy with a P-gp inducer

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Iressa® (gefitinib)	Metastatic NSCLC 250 mg PO QD	250 mg/day 500 mg/day when used with a strong CYP3A4 inducer
Tarceva® (erlotinib)	Metastatic NSCLC 150 mg PO QD	150 mg/day 450 mg/day when used with a strong CYP3A4 inducer or 300 mg/day when used with a moderate CYP1A2 inducer
Vizimpro® (dacomitinib)	Metastatic NSCLC 45 mg PO QD	45 mg/day

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
NSCLC	80 mg PO QD	80 mg/day 160 mg/day when used with a strong CYP3A4 inducer

VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 40 mg, 80 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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4Q 2018 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	08.03.18	11.18
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2Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; added Medicaid line of business with 6/12 month initial/continued authorization duration; references reviewed and updated.	02.12.20	05.20
2Q 2021 annual review: RT4: added new indication for use in the adjuvant setting; references reviewed and updated.	01.07.21	05.21
2Q 2022 annual review: added criterion for use as single-agent therapy for NSCLC per NCCN; references reviewed and updated.	02.09.22	05.22

Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status;

evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information.

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