Clinical Policy: Lurbinectedin (Zepzelca)

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Revision Log

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description
Lurbinectedin (Zepzelca™) is an alkylating drug.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Zepzelca is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic small cell lung cancer (SCLC) with disease progression on or after platinum-based chemotherapy.

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 Zepzelca is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

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

1. Diagnosis of advanced or metastatic SCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Failure of a platinum-containing regimen (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin), unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. Dose does not exceed 3.2 mg/m^2 every 21 days;
   b. 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: 6 months

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. 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 Zepzelca for a covered indication 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 or b):*
   a. New dose does not exceed 3.2 mg/m^2 every 21 days;
   b. New dose is supported by practice guideline 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: 12 months

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
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
SCLC: small cell lung cancer

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
Cisplatin- or carboplatin-containing chemotherapy	Varies	Varies

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
SCLC	3.2 mg/m^2 IV every 21 days	3.2 mg/m^2 per 21 days

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vial: 4 mg

VII. References

1. Zepzelca Prescribing Information. Palo Alto, CA: Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; June 2020. Available at https://www.zepzelca.com. Accessed May 12, 2021.
2. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs and Biologics Compendium. Available at http://www.nccn.org. Accessed May 12, 2021.
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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.

This Clinical Policy is not intended to dictate to providers how to practice medicine, nor does it constitute a contract or guarantee regarding payment or results. Providers are expected to exercise professional medical judgment in providing the most appropriate care, and are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of members.