

Drug Coverage Decision for B.C. PharmaCare

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Details of Drug Reviewed

Drug	mepolizumab
Brand Name	Nucala™
Dosage Form	lyophilized powder for subcutaneous injection
Manufacturer	GlaxoSmithKline Inc.
Submission Type	Modification of Criteria
Use Reviewed	Asthma
Common Drug Review (CDR)	Yes, CDR recommended: to Reimburse with clinical criteria and/or conditions . Visit the CDR website for more details: https://www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/cdr/complete/sf0593-nucala-cdec-rec-march-29-19.pdf
Drug Benefit Council (DBC)	CDR participating drug plans submitted a request for advice to the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health (CADTH) with respect to the alignment of Canadian Drug Expert Committee (CDEC) recommendations across three medications reviewed for eosinophilic asthma. As a result, on March 27, 2019 CDEC has issued a subsequent recommendation.
Drug Coverage Decision	Limited Coverage Benefit . Access the mepolizumab criteria from: www.gov.bc.ca/pharmacarespecialauthority
Date	October 29, 2019
Reasons	Drug coverage decision is consistent with the DBC and CDEC recommendation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mepolizumab Limited Coverage criteria is modified to reflect CDEC Recommendation issued on March 27, 2019.
Other Information	None

The Drug Review Process in B.C.

A manufacturer submits a request to the Ministry of Health (Ministry).

An independent group called the [Drug Benefit Council \(DBC\)](#) gives advice to the Ministry. The DBC looks at:

- whether the drug is safe and effective
- advice from a national group called the [Common Drug Review \(CDR\)](#)
- what the drug costs and whether it is a good value for the people of B.C.
- ethical considerations involved with covering or not covering the drug
- input from physicians, patients, caregivers, patient groups and drug submission sponsors

The Ministry makes PharmaCare coverage decisions by taking into account:

- the existing PharmaCare policies, programs and resources
- the evidence-informed advice of the DBC
- the drugs already covered by PharmaCare that are used to treat similar medical conditions
- the overall cost of covering the drug

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