

Drug Coverage Decision for B.C. PharmaCare

About PharmaCare

B.C. PharmaCare is a government-funded drug plan. It helps British Columbians with the cost of eligible prescription drugs and specific medical supplies.

Details of Drug Reviewed

Drug	crisaborole
Brand Name	Eucrisa™
Dosage Form	2% crisaborole ointment
Manufacturer	Pfizer Canada Inc.
Submission Type	New Submission
Use Reviewed	Atopic dermatitis
Common Drug Review (CDR)	Yes, CDR recommended: Do Not Reimburse . Visit the CDR website for more details: https://www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/cdr/complete/SR0570-Eucrisa-cdec-rec-april-2-2019.pdf
Provincial Review	Crisaborole was reviewed internally and was not reviewed by the Drug Benefit Council (DBC) because the CDR recommended not to list for mild to moderate atopic dermatitis.
Drug Coverage Decision	Non-Benefit
Date	January 14, 2020
Reasons	Crisaborole was not reviewed by the DBC because it received a “Do not list” recommendation from the CDR. The Ministry of Health reviewed clinical evidence and pharmacoeconomic reports prepared by the CDR, the Final Canadian Drug Expert Committee (CDEC) Recommendation and Reasons, Clinical Practice Reviews from two specialists, and patient input from one patient, and two patient groups collected through Your Voice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisaborole demonstrated advantage over placebo in achieving skin clearance. • However, due to lack of comparative data with current treatments and the limitations of the available evidence, the clinical benefit of treatment with crisaborole is uncertain.

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

Visit [The Drug Review Process in B.C. - Overview](#) and [Ministry of Health - PharmaCare](#) for more information.

This document is intended for information only.

It does not take the place of advice from a physician or other qualified health care provider.