

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	aclidinium
Brand Name	Tudorza™Genuair™
Dosage Form(s)	400 mcg inhalation powder
Manufacturer	Almirall Canada Limited
Submission Review	New Submission
Use Reviewed	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
Common Drug Review (CDR)	Yes. CDR recommended to list with criteria. Visit CDR website for more details: http://www.cadth.ca/media/cdr/complete/cdr_complete_SR0346_Tudorza%20Genuair_Ap_23_2014.pdf
Drug Benefit Council (DBC)	DBC met on June 9, 2014. DBC considered various inputs including: final review completed by the Common Drug Review (CDR) on April 21, 2014, which included clinical and pharmacoeconomic evidence review material and the recommendation from the Canadian Drug Expert Committee (CDEC). The DBC also considered Patient Input Questionnaire responses from one Patient Group, Clinical Practice Reviews from one specialist and one general physician, as well as a Budget Impact Assessment.
Drug Coverage Decision	Limited Coverage benefit. http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/sa/criteria/restricted/aclidinium.html
Date	September 30, 2014
Reason(s)	Drug coverage decision is consistent with the DBC recommendation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The drug was similar to tiotropium and formoterol with respect to efficacy in patients with moderate to severe COPD. The drug was similar to placebo and other comparators with respect to safety. Based on economic considerations and the product price, the drug was cost effective.
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](#) gives advice to the Ministry. The Council looks at:

- advice from a national group called the Common Drug Review
- whether the drug is safe and effective
- whether it is a good value for the people of B.C. and the drugs cost
- the ethics of covering or not covering the drug
- input from physicians, patients, caregivers, patient groups and drug submission sponsors

The Ministry makes a decision based on many factors, including:

- advice from the Council
- drugs used to treat similar medical conditions that B.C. PharmaCare already covers
- the overall cost of covering the drug

For more information about the B.C. Drug Review Process, please visit
<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/outgoing/drugrevproc2.pdf>.

To find out more about the Pharmaceutical Services Division and the PharmaCare program, visit
www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare.

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