

# 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

<b>Drug</b>	<b>onabotulinumtoxinA</b>
Brand Name	Botox®
Dosage Forms	50 units/vial, 100 units/vial, 200 units/vial for injection
Manufacturer	Allergan Inc.
<b>Submission Review</b>	<b>New Submission</b>
Use Reviewed	Prevention of headaches in adults with chronic migraine
Common Drug Review (CDR)	Yes. CDR recommended to not list. Visit CDR website for more details: <a href="http://www.cadth.ca/media/cdr/complete/SR0345_complete_Botox-May-30-14.pdf">http://www.cadth.ca/media/cdr/complete/SR0345_complete_Botox-May-30-14.pdf</a>
Drug Benefit Council (DBC)	DBC did not assess this medication because CDR recommended that this medication not be listed for this medical condition.
<b>Drug Coverage Decision</b>	<b>Non-benefit</b>
Date	November 18, 2014
Reason(s)	Drug coverage decision is consistent with the CDR recommendation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drug did not demonstrate meaningful advantages over placebo with respect to reducing the number of headache days and migraine or probable migraine days in patients with chronic migraine.</li> <li>• The clinical trails for the drug had significant limitations with respect to the design of the trials.</li> <li>• Based on economic considerations and the submitted product price, the drug was not cost effective and did not offer optimal value for money.</li> </ul>
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](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare).

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