### 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

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<th><strong>Drug</strong></th>
<th>dexamethasone</th>
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<td><strong>Brand Name</strong></td>
<td>Ozurdex®</td>
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<td><strong>Dosage Form(s)</strong></td>
<td>Intravitreal Implant 0.7 mg</td>
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<td><strong>Manufacturer</strong></td>
<td>Allergan Inc.</td>
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<td><strong>Submission Type</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Use Reviewed</strong></td>
<td>For the treatment of adult patients with diabetic macular edema who are pseudophakic.</td>
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<td><strong>Common Drug Review (CDR)</strong></td>
<td>Yes, CDR recommended: <strong>Do Not Reimburse.</strong> Visit the CDR website for more details: <a href="http://www.cadth.ca/node/88649">www.cadth.ca/node/88649</a></td>
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#### Provincial Review

Ozurdex® was reviewed by the Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) Joint Accountability Committee, and program staff at the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA).

#### Drug Coverage Decision

**Date**

February 26, 2019

**Reason(s)**

*Drug coverage decision is consistent with the AMD Joint Accountability Committee’s and CDR’s Canadian Drug Expert Committee’s recommendations.*

- The drug did not demonstrate advantages over comparators with respect to efficacy, safety and quality of life.
- Based on economic considerations and the submitted product price, the drug was not cost effective and did not offer value for money.

**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 The Drug Review Process in B.C. - Overview and Ministry of Health - PharmaCare for more information.

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