

# 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>fosfomycin</b>
Brand Name	Monurol®
Dosage Form	3 g sachet of oral powder
Manufacturer	Paladin Labs Inc.
<b>Submission Review</b>	<b>New Submission</b>
Use Reviewed	For the treatment of uncomplicated urinary tract infections.
Common Drug Review (CDR)	No
Drug Benefit Council (DBC)	DBC met on November 17, 2014. DBC considered various inputs including: a clinical evidence review, the manufacturer's submission, input from an infectious disease specialist and a general practitioner, Patient Input Questionnaire responses from one patient and a Budget Impact Assessment.
<b>Drug Coverage Decision</b>	<b>Regular Benefit</b>
Date	March 24, 2015
Reasons	<p><b>Drug coverage decision is consistent with the DBC recommendation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fosfomycin is an antibiotic only used for the treatment of uncomplicated urinary tract (UTI) infections.</li> <li>Antimicrobial resistance is a growing concern with some antibiotics that may be used for the treatment of urinary tract infections and other types of infections.</li> <li>Fofomycin is priced higher than some antibiotics for the treatment of UTIs, such as nitrofurantoin, but it is less expensive other choices.</li> <li>Thus far, fosfomycin appears to be associated with minimal antimicrobial resistance and provides a reasonable alternative to other covered antibiotics.</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](#) (DBC) gives advice to the Ministry. The DBC 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.
- 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 DBC
- drugs used to treat similar medical conditions that B.C. PharmaCare already covers
- the overall cost of covering the drug

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