

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	ozenoxacin
Brand Name	Ozanex™
Dosage Form	1% ozenoxacin cream
Manufacturer	Ferrer Internacional, S.A.
Submission Type	New Submission
Use Reviewed	Impetigo
Common Drug Review (CDR)	Yes, CDR recommended: Do Not Reimburse . Visit the CDR website for more details: www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/cdr/complete/SR0553_Ozanex_Oct-26-18.pdf
Provincial Review	Ozenoxacin was reviewed internally and was not reviewed by the Drug Benefit Council (DBC) because the CDR recommended not to list ozenoxacin for impetigo.
Drug Coverage Decision	Non-Benefit
Date	April 9, 2019
Reasons	<p>Drug coverage decision is consistent with CDR recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical efficacy was assessed in two randomized controlled trials (RCTs) that demonstrated a higher proportion of patients achieved clinical cure with ozenoxacin then placebo. • Overall, given the small magnitude of improvements, and lack of comparative data with topical comparators and the systemic therapies, CDEC considered the clinical benefit of treatment with ozenoxacin to be uncertain. • At the submitted price, ozenoxacin was not shown to be cost-effective relative to standard therapy for impetigo.
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

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