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3TC and generic LAMIVUDINE	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
ABILIFY MAINTENA (Aripiprazole injection)	<ul> <li>Schizophrenia</li> <li>Bipolar Disorder</li> <li>Major Depressive</li> <li>Disorder</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients who are non-compliant or non-adherent with conventional oral therapy (i.e. aripiprazole, clozapine, olanzapine, quetiapine, paliperidone, risperidone, ziprasidone) resulting in ≥ 1 relapse/hospitalization</li> <li>For the treatment of manic or mixed episodes in bipolar 1 disorder, as acute monotherapy or in combination with lithium or divalproex sodium</li> <li>For the treatment of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) in patients with inadequate response to prior antidepressant treatment</li> </ul>
ABSTRAL (Fentanyl citrate)	Breakthrough cancer pain	<ul> <li>For the treatment of breakthrough pain in patients with cancer, 18 years of age and older,</li> <li>Who are currently on baseline pain control therapy and who have tried and failed or cannot tolerate other listed short acting / immediate release oral opioids AND Fentora</li> </ul>
ACLASTA and generic ZOLEDRONIC ACID	<ul> <li>Paget's disease of the bone</li> <li>Postmenopausal osteoporosis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of Paget's disease</li> <li>For the treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women and men who have a bone mineral density (BMD) T-score of less than or equal to -2.5 AND who have tried and failed, or have an intolerance or contraindicated to oral bisphosphonate therapy</li> </ul>
ACTEMRA IV (Tocilizumab)	<ul> <li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Systemic Juvenile         Idiopathic Arthritis         (sJIA)</li> <li>Polyarticular Juvenile         Idiopathic Arthritis         (pJIA)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 monthsAND who have tried and failed Cimzia or Etanercept or Humira or Simponi or Actemra SC or Remicade or Orencia SC</li> <li>For pediatric patients (between ≥ 2 and ≤ 16 years of age) with a confirmed diagnosis of sJIA with fever (&gt;38°C) for at least 2 weeks AND at least ONE of the following symptoms: rash of systemic JIA, serositis, lymphadenopathy, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly AND who have not adequately responded to NSAIDS, corticosteroids and at least a 3 month trial of methotrexate AND tried and failed Actemra SC</li> </ul>



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		For patients ages 2 and older with a confirmed diagnosis of juvenile arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 15 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD together with oral corticosteroids, AND who has tried and failed Etanercept or Actemra SC Coordinate with provincial government program
ACTEMRA SC (Tocilizumab)	<ul> <li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Giant Cell Arthritis (GCA)</li> <li>Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (pJIA)</li> <li>Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (sJIA)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For adult patients with a confirmed diagnosis of giant cell arteritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to prednisone at maximum tolerated dose for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients ages 2 and older with a confirmed diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 15 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD together with oral corticosteroids</li> <li>For pediatric patients (between ≥ 2 and ≤ 16 years of age) with a confirmed diagnosis of sJIA with fever (&gt;38°C) for at least 2 weeks AND at least ONE of the following symptoms: rash of systemic JIA, serositis, lymphadenopathy, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly AND who have not adequately responded to NSAIDS, corticosteroids and at least a 3 month trial of methotrexate</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ADCIRCA (Tadalafil)	Pulmonary Arterial     Hypertension	For patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) WHO functional class II or III who do not respond to optimal conventional therapy (i.e. calcium channel blockers, anticoagulation with warfarin, diuretics, digoxin, supplemental oxygen)
ADEMPAS (Riociguat)	<ul> <li>Inoperable chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH)</li> <li>Persistent or recurrent CTEPH after surgical treatment</li> <li>Pulmonary arterial hypertension</li> </ul>	Confirmed diagnosis of CTEPH in adult patients with WHO Functional Class II or III pulmonary hypertension with: Inoperable disease OR Persistent or recurrent disease post-surgery For the treatment of adult patients with WHO FC II-III pulmonary arterial hypertension who have tried and failed or cannot tolerate Revatio or Adcirca (minimum 3 months trial) AND Tracleer (bosentan) Coordinate with provincial government program



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ADLYXINE (Lixisenatide)	Type II Diabetes	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (>2000 mg)
AFINITOR and generic everolimus  AFINITOR DISPERZ TAB (Everolimus)	<ul> <li>Second-line treatment of metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma ("RCC")</li> <li>Neuroendocrine Tumours of pancreatic origin (PNET)</li> <li>Advanced breast cancer</li> <li>Renal Angiomyolipoma</li> <li>Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA)</li> <li>Neuroendocrine Tumours of Gastrointestinal (GI) or Lung origin</li> <li>Seizures associated with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of metastatic renal cell carcinoma of clear cell morphology who have tried and failed initial treatment with a tyrosine kinase inhibitor</li> <li>For treatment of well- or moderately differentiated PNET in patients with unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic disease that has:         <ul> <li>Progressed within the last 12 months, AND</li> <li>With an ECOG ≤ 2</li> </ul> </li> <li>For postmenopausal women with hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative advanced breast cancer in combination with exemestane after recurrence or progression following treatment with letrozole or anastrozole</li> <li>For the treatment of adult patients (≥18 years of age) with renal angiomyolipoma associated with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC), who do not require immediate surgery</li> <li>For the treatment of patients 3 years of age or older with subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA) associated with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) that have demonstrated serial growth, who are not candidates for surgical resection and for whom immediate surgical intervention is not required</li> <li>For the treatment of neuroendocrine tumors (NET) of gastrointestinal (GI) or lung origin in adult patients with unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic, well differentiated, and non-functional disease, who are treatment naïve or treatment-experienced who have:</li></ul>
AIMOVIG (Erenumab)	Episodic or chronic migraine	<ul> <li>Initial criteria (6 months):         <ul> <li>For the prevention of migraine in adults (18+ years old) with at least 8 migraines per month, who have tried and failed, are intolerant or have a contraindication to at least 3 migraine prevention therapies (ie: tricyclic analgesics, antiepileptic drugs, beta blockers).</li> <li>Must indicate:</li></ul></li></ul>



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		Renewal criteria (1 year): Clinical benefit demonstrated by:      ≥ 30% reduction in number of migraine days per month OR      Reduction in use of acute migraine medications
generic AMLODIPINE ORAL SOLUTION (Amlodipine Besylate)	<ul><li>Pediatric Hypertension</li><li>Hypertension</li><li>Angina</li></ul>	For management of hypertension or angina in patients (>6 years old) who are medically unable to swallow amlodipine tablets
ANDROGEL PUMP (Testosterone 1% pump)	Endogenous     testosterone deficiency	For patients who have tried and failed Testosterone packets(i.e. generic Androgel packets)
ANORO ELLIPTA (Umeclidinium/Vilanterol)	Chronic Obstructive     Pulmonary Disease     (COPD)	For patients diagnosed with COPD, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema who have tried and failed on long-acting bronchodilator monotherapy
APPRILON (Doxycycline)	• Rosacea	For the treatment of rosacea in patients who have tried and failed at least one topical treatment (i.e. Noritate, MetroGel, Finacea)
APTIOM (Eslicarbazepine Acetate)	Partial-onset seizures	For patients with a diagnosis of partial onset seizures who have tried and failed or experienced intolerant side effects to at least 1 standard care drug i.e. carbamazepine, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, topiramate, phenytoin, valproic acid/divalproex, gabapentin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, clobazam, primidone, vigabatrin
APTIVUS (Tipranavir)	HIV Infection	<ul> <li>For use in combination with ritonavir for the treatment of HIV in patients 18 years of age and older who have tried and failed or are intolerable to at least one: Non-Nucleoside Reverse         Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTI) and at least 2         Protease Inhibitors (PI), and in whom no other PI is a treatment option     </li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ARANESP (Darbepoetin Alfa)	<ul> <li>Anemia with chemotherapy</li> <li>Chronic renal failure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patient with chronic renal failure</li> <li>For patient with anemia secondary to chemotherapy</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ATRIPLA and generics (Efavirenz/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
AUBAGIO (Teriflunomide)	Multiple sclerosis, relapsing remitting	<ul> <li>Confirmed diagnosis of Relapsing or Remitting MS</li> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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AVODART and generic DUTASTERIDE	Benign Prostatic     Hyperplasia	For male patients in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia
AVONEX AVONEX PS  REBIF REBIF MULTIDOSE CARTRIDGE  BETASERON (Interferon beta-1a)	<ul> <li>Multiple sclerosis, relapsing remitting</li> <li>Multiple sclerosis, chronic progressive</li> <li>Clinically Isolated Syndrome</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with RRMS or progressive MS</li> <li>For patients diagnosed with clinically isolated syndrome with abnormal brain MRI at presentation</li> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
AVSOLA (Infliximab)	<ul> <li>Crohn's Disease</li> <li>Moderate to severe         active Ulcerative Colitis</li> <li>Moderate to Severe         Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing spondylitis</li> <li>Moderate to severe         chronic plaque psoriasis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with fistulizing Crohn's disease or patients with moderate to severe Crohn's disease who have failed to respond to corticosteroids AND an immunosuppressant agent (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>Patients with active ulcerative colitis who failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy and a 5-ASA product OR immunosuppressants (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is greater than or equal to 4</li> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
BANZEL (Rufinamide)	Adjunctive treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome	For the treatment of Lennox Gastaut Syndrome in children 4 years and older and adults, in combination with other anti-epileptic drugs (e.g. valproic acid, topiramate, lamotrigine)



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BARACLUDE and generic ENTECAVIR	Chronic Hepatitis B	Coordinate with provincial government program
BASAGLAR (Insulin glargine)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who are at high risk for hypoglycemia
BELBUCA (Buprenorphine buccal tablets)	Chronic severe pain	For pain management in patients who are unable to tolerate or receive an adequate response to other long acting opioids or continuous opioid therapy (eg. hydromorphone, oxycodone, etc).
BENLYSTA (Belimumab)	Systemic Lupus     Erythematosus (SLE)	<ul> <li>For adult patients (≥ 18 years old) with moderate-severe SLE being treated by a rheumatologist</li> <li>Patient must be autoantibody positive (within last 3 months) i.e. ANA or dsDNA positive with SELENA-SLEDAI score ≥ 6 who have tried and failed or are intolerant to corticosteroid and hydroxychloroquine</li> <li>Renewal based on achieving/maintain a SELENA-SLEDAI reduction of 4 points or more</li> </ul>
BIKTARVY (Bictegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide)	HIV infection in adults	<ul> <li>For treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial plans</li> </ul>
BIPHENTIN CR (Methylphenidate controlled release)	Attention deficit     hyperactivity disorder	For patients who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to generic Ritalin, Concerta, Adderall XR, Dexedrine or Strattera
BOSULIF (Bosutinib)	Chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)	<ul> <li>For the treatment of adults with any phase of Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic myeloid leukemia (chronic, accelerated, or blast phase) who are resistant or tolerant to prior TKI therapy, and for whom subsequent treatment with imatinib, nilotinib and dasatinib is not clinically appropriate</li> <li>For adult patients with newly-diagnosed chronic phase Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic myelogenous leukemia (Ph+ CML)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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BOTOX (Onabotulinumtoxin A)	<ul> <li>Blepharospasm</li> <li>Strabismus</li> <li>Cervical dystonia (spasmodic torticollis)</li> <li>Focal spasticity</li> <li>Cerebral palsy</li> <li>Axillary Hyperhidrosis</li> <li>Chronic Migraines</li> <li>Bladder Dysfunction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of blepharospasm and strabismus in patients 12 years of age or older         <ul> <li>Max dose for blepharospasm = 100U per eye every 2 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>For the treatment of torticollis in adult patients         <ul> <li>Max dose for cervical dystonia (spasmodic torticollis) = 400U every 3 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>For focal spasticity         <ul> <li>Max dose for spasticity = 400 units every 12 weeks</li> </ul> </li> <li>For equinous foot deformity in pediatric patients 2 years or older with cerebral palsy         <ul> <li>Max dose for equinous food deformity = 200 units every 12 weeks</li> </ul> </li> <li>For axillary hyperhidrosis in patients that have failed or are intolerant to an aluminum chloride preparation         <ul> <li>Max dose for axillary hyperhidrosis = 50U per axilla every 3 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>For the prophylaxis of headaches in adults with chronic migraines (≥ 15 per month with headaches lasting 4 hours a day or longer) who have tried and failed 2 prophylactic treatments, e.g. tricyclic antidepressants (amitriptyline, nortriptyline), antilepileptic drugs (topiramate, divalproex), beta blockers (propranonol, metoprolol), calcium channel blockers (verapamil), SNRIs (venlafaxine, duloxetine).</li> <li>Max dose for migraines = 200U every 12 weeks</li> </ul> <li>For the treatment of overactive bladder or neurogenic bladder associated with multiple sclerosis or subcervical spinal cord injury in adults unresponsive to or intolerable to two of the following oral anticholinergics: generic Ditropan, generic Ditropan XL, Enablex, generic Vesicare, generic Detrol, generic Detrol LA, Toviaz, generic Trosec</li>
BRENZYS (Etanercept)	<ul><li>Ankylosing Spondylitis</li><li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li></ul>	<ul> <li>For adult patients (18+) with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is ≥ 4</li> <li>For adult patients (18+) with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months,</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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BRILINTA (Ticagrelor)	Secondary prevention of atherothrombotic events in Acute Coronary Syndrome	<ul> <li>For use in combination with ASA in patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome (STEMI or NSTEMI) who:         <ul> <li>have tried and failed or are intolerant to clopidogrel OR</li> <li>require revascularization via PCI</li> </ul> </li> <li>For the secondary prevention of a myocardial infarction (MI) after the initial 12 months of treatment with dual antiplatelet therapy in patients at high risk of a subsequent MI as defined by at least one of the following: age ≥ 65, diabetes treated with a medication, second prior spontaneous MI, angiographic evidence of multivessel coronary artery disease, chronic renal dysfunction (CrCl&lt; 60 mL/min)</li> <li>Dual antiplatelet therapy will be approved for a maximum of 3 years (initial approval of 1 year with 90 mg strength; subsequent approval of 2 years with 60 mg strength)</li> </ul>
BRIVLERA (Brivaracetam)	Partial-onset seizures	<ul> <li>For use as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial onset seizures in patients 4 to 5 years of age who have tried and failed or experienced intolerant side effects to 1 or more standard care drugs</li> <li>For use as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial onset seizures in patients 6 years and older of age who have tried and failed or experienced intolerant side effects to 1 or more standard care drugs i.e. carbamazepine, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, topiramate, phenytoin, valproic acid/divalproex, gabapentin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, clobazam, primidone, vigabatrin</li> </ul>
BYDUREON (Exenatide extended release)  BYETTA (Exenatide)	Type II Diabetes	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (>2000 mg)
BYSTOLIC (Nebivolol)	Essential hypertension	For the treatment of mild to moderate essential hypertension in patients who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to at least two generic drugs in the class of beta1-selective blockers (atenolol, bisoprolol, metoprolol)
CAMBIA (Diclofenac Potassium)	For acute treatment of migraine attacks	For patients 18 years of age and older who have tried and failed or experienced intolerable side effects to at least one drug in each of the following classes: prescription NSAIDs and triptans



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CAPRELSA (Vandetanib)	For the treatment of symptomatic or progressive medullary thyroid cancer (MTC) in adult patients with unresectable or locally advanced or metastatic disease	<ul> <li>For patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic MTC that have enrolled with the CAPRELSA Restricted Distribution Program</li> <li>Coordinate with available provincial plans</li> </ul>
CAVERJECT (Alprostadil)  CIALIS (Tadalafil)  LEVITRA (Vardenafil)  MUSE (Alprostadil)  VIAGRA (Sildenafil)  STAXYN (Vardenafil)	Erectile Dysfunction	<ul> <li>Erectile dysfunction related to one of the following conditions:</li> <li>Adverse side-effect to prescription drugs (e.g., beta blockers, etc.). Medical documentation must be present to validate the drug as causing the problem (up to one year approval)</li> <li>Diabetes mellitus and is on medication(s) and/or insulin (Lifetime approval)</li> <li>Aorta-iliac disease with evidence of decreased blood flow (e.g., abnormal Doppler studies or absent pulses) (Lifetime approval)</li> <li>Post radical prostatectomy and radiation of the prostate (Lifetime approval)</li> <li>Neurological injury or disease (e.g. Multiple Sclerosis, spinal cord injury) (Lifetime approval)</li> <li>Endocrine abnormalities (i.e. specifically low testosterone levels not responding to testosterone treatment) (Lifetime approval)</li> <li>Psychiatric disorder for which the patient is receiving medication or treatment from a psychiatrist (up to one year approval)</li> <li>Annual maximum: \$1,000 per year</li> </ul>
CAYSTON (Aztreonam)	Treatment of pulmonary infection with Pseudomonas aeruginosa in Cystic Fibrosis Patients	<ul> <li>For patients with confirmed Cystic Fibrosis and pulmonary infection with Pseudomonas aeruginosa, who have tried and failed or did not tolerate prior therapy with TOBI</li> <li>Co-ordinate with provincial programs where possible</li> </ul>
CELSENTRI (Maraviroc)	HIV anti-viral	<ul> <li>For patients who have tried at least one anti- retroviral from each of the following sub-classes: Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTI), Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTI) and Protease Inhibitors (PI)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
CESAMET (Nabilone)	For the management of severe nausea and vomiting	For the management of severe nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy in patients that have failed or are contraindicated to conventional antiemetic treatments (metoclopramide, corticosteroids, aprepitant, prochlorperazine, ondansetron)



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CIMZIA (Certolizumab pegol)	<ul> <li>Moderate to Severe         Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing Spondylitis</li> <li>Plaque Psoriasis</li> <li>Axial Spondyloarthritis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is ≥ 4</li> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 oral systemic therapies (i.e. methotrexate, cyclosporine) AND who are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of severe, active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDs</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
CINQAIR (Reslizumab)	Severe eosinophilic asthma	<ul> <li>For the add on maintenance treatment of severe eosinophilic asthma in patients 18 years or older who meet the following criteria:         <ul> <li>Trial and failure of high-dose inhaled corticosteroids and an additional asthma controller (ie. long-acting beta-agonist), AND</li> <li>Blood eosinophil count of ≥ 400 cells/µL OR induced sputum eosinophil count of 3% or more in the past 12 months, AND≥ 2 clinically significant asthma exacerbation in the past 12 months</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
COPAXONE (Glatiramer acetate)  GLATECT (Glatiramer acetate)	<ul> <li>Multiple sclerosis</li> <li>Relapsing remitting</li> <li>Multiple sclerosis</li> <li>(RRMS)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients who are previously stabilized on Copaxone OR patients who are medically unable to use Glatect</li> <li>For Glatiramer acetate naïve patients, only Glatect will be approved</li> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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COPAXONE (Glatiramer acetate)  GLATECT (Glatiramer acetate)	Clinically Isolated     Syndrome (CIS)	<ul> <li>For patients diagnosed with clinically isolated syndrome with abnormal brain MRI at presentation</li> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>For patients who are previously stabilized on Copaxone OR patients who are medically unable to use Glatect</li> <li>For Glatiramer acetate naïve patients, only Glatect will be approved</li> </ul>
COMBIVIR (Lamivudine/Zidovudine)  COMPLERA and generics (Rilpivirine/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
CONSTELLA (Linaclotide)	Irritable bowel     syndrome with     constipation (IBS-C)     and chronic idiopathic     constipation (CIC)	For patients who have tried and failed dietary and lifestyle measures (i.e. high fibre diet, increased water intake, physical exercise) and at least one medication in at least two of the following classes: stool softeners (docusate), osmotic agents (magnesium citrate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate, polyethylene glycol 3350, sodium enema), hyperosmotic agents (glycerin suppositories, lactulose) and stimulants (bisacodyl, senna, castor oil).
CONTRAVE (Naltrexone/Bupropion)	• Anti-Obesity	Initial Authorization Approval (6 months)  Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 OR a BMI of 27-29 with one of the following disease conditions that is also being treated with medication: hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, and/or coronary artery AND trial and failure of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) for at least three months prior to starting Contrave AND  trial and failure of therapy with Xenical for at least 6 months prior to Contrave AND continuation of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) while using Contrave  Weight prior to initiation of treatment  Subsequent Authorization Approval (6 months):  Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 OR a BMI of 27-29 with one of the following disease conditions that is also being treated with medication: hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, and/or coronary artery AND a minimum reduction of 6% of initial body weight and continuation of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) while using Contrave  Current weight Approval dosing limit: maximum of 4 tablets per



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		<ul> <li>day</li> <li>Maximum Lifetime Coverage to be in line with anti- obesity coverage of the plan</li> </ul>
COSENTYX (Secukinumab)	<ul> <li>Ankylosing spondylitis</li> <li>Plaque Psoriasis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is ≥4</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
COSOPT (Dorzolamide and timolol preservative-free ophthalmic solution)	Elevated intra-ocular pressure in open angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension	For patients who are allergic to or cannot tolerate ophthalmic preservatives
CRESEMBA (Isavuconazole)	<ul> <li>Invasive aspergillosis         (IA)</li> <li>Invasive mucormycosis         (IM)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of adult patients (18+) with invasive aspergillosis (IA) post-hospital discharge who have failed or cannot tolerate voriconazole and amphotericin B; authorization period: 12 weeks</li> <li>For the treatment of adult patients (18+) with invasive mucormycosis (IM) post-hospital discharge who have failed or cannot tolerate amphotericin B; authorization period: 6 months</li> <li>Any doses given in hospital will not be considered</li> </ul>
CUVPOSA (Glycopyrrolate)	• Sialorrhea	<ul> <li>Confirmed diagnosis of sialorrhea in patients aged 3-18 with cerebral palsy or brain injury</li> <li>Current patient weight</li> <li>Maximum dose of 3 mg three times a day</li> </ul>
CYTOVENE (Ganciclovir)	Cytomegalovirus     Retinitis	<ul> <li>For the treatment of retinitis caused by the cytomegalovirus (CMV) in HIV or immunocompromised patients</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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DAKLINZA (Daclatasvir)	Hepatitis C genotype 3	<ul> <li>For adults with chronic hepatitis C genotype 3 in combination with Sovaldi:         <ul> <li>Fibrosis stage F2 or greater (Metavir scale or equivalent)</li> <li>No diagnosis of cirrhosis</li> <li>Failure of standard peg-interferon/ribavirin therapy</li> <li>HCV levels in the past 6 months</li> <li>Have failed or have a true contraindication to Maviret, Epclusa</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>*Maximum approval 12 weeks*</li> </ul> </li> <li>**Retreatment requests will not be considered**</li> </ul>
DAXAS (Roflumilast)	Chronic Obstructive     Pulmonary Disease     (COPD)	<ul> <li>Diagnosis of COPD, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial coverage if available</li> </ul>
DELSTRIGO (Doravirine/lamivudine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate)	HIV Infection	Coordinate with provincial government program
DESCOVY (Emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide)	HIV Infection	Coordinate with provincial government program
DEXILANT (Dexlansoprazole)	<ul> <li>Erosive esophagitis</li> <li>Non-erosive         gastroesophageal reflux         disease (GERD)     </li> </ul>	For patients who are unresponsive or intolerable to two of the following: Rabeprazole, Lansoprazole, Omeprazole and/or Pantoprazole
DIACOMIT (Stiripentol)	Dravet Syndrome or Severe Myoclonic Epilepsy in Infancy (SMEI)	<ul> <li>For patients 3 years of age or older with refractory SMEI or Dravet Syndrome:</li> <li>Must be used in conjunction with clobazam and valproate after failure with clobazam and valproate alone</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
DOVATO (Dolutegravir/Lamivudine)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
DUAKLIR GENUAIR (Aclidinium bromide and Formoterol Furmarate)	Chronic Obstructive     Pulmonary Disease     (COPD)	For patients diagnosed with COPD, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema who have tried and failed on optimal doses of either a LAMA or LABA alone



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DUODOPA (Levodopa/carbidopa intestinal gel)	Parkinson's disease	<ul> <li>For individuals with advanced Parkinson's disease and who have tried and failed other oral therapies for control of severe, disabling motor fluctuations</li> <li>Individuals are being screened and managed by specialists and at appropriate centers where the individuals have responded to the drug during the test phase</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
DUPIXENT (Dupilumab)	Severe atopic dermatitis	Initial Approval: 6 months duration  For the treatment of adult patients (12+) with confirmed severe atopic dermatitis:  Severity defined as meeting all 3 conditions below:  1) IGA of 3 or more  2) BSA of at least 30% or EASI ≥21  3) DLQI ≥ 10 or severe disruption in sleep (18+ only);  Tried and failed one product from each class below:  1) High potency topical steroids 2) Protopic or Elidel 3) Oral corticosteroid therapy and/or immunosuppressants (cyclosporine, azathioprine, methotrexate, etc)  Renewal criteria: 1 year duration  IGA of 0 or 1 or 50% improvement, AND  Improvement of EASI of at least 75% of initial score AND  5 point improvement in DLQI or improvement in sleep (18+ only)
DYSPORT (Abobotulinumtoxin A)	<ul> <li>Cervical dystonia (spasmodic torticollis)</li> <li>Focal spasticity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For adult patients with a confirmed diagnosis of cervical dystonia (torticollis) OR focal spasticity affecting the upper limbs</li> <li>For the treatment of lower limb spasticity in children 2 years of age and older</li> <li>For the treatment of focal spasticity affecting the lower limbs in adults (18 years of age and older)</li> </ul>
EDARBI (Azilsartan)  EDARBYCLOR (Azilsartan/Chlorthalidone)	Mild to moderate essential hypertension	<ul> <li>For patients who have tried and failed or have had intolerable side effects to at least two generic ACE inhibitor or ACE inhibitor combination product(s)</li> <li>OR generic ARB or generic ARB combination product(s)</li> </ul>
EDURANT (Rilpivirine)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
ELIDEL (Pimecrolimus 1% cream)	Atopic dermatitis	A confirmed diagnosis of atopic dermatitis (eczema) for individuals who have failed or intolerant to treatments with topical corticosteroid therapy



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EMGALITY (galcanezumab)	Episodic or chronic migraine	Initial criteria (6 months):  • For the prevention of migraine in adults (18+ years old) with at least 8 migraines per month, who have tried and failed, are intolerant or have a contraindication to at least 3 migraine prevention therapies (ie: tricyclic analgesics, antiepileptic drugs, beta blockers). Must indicate:  ○ Number of migraine days per month, and ○ Trial and failure for 6 months, intolerance, or contraindication to Botox if at least 15 headache days per month  Renewal criteria (1 year): Clinical benefit demonstrated by:  ○ ≥ 30% reduction in number of migraine days per month OR  • Reduction in use of acute migraine medications
ENBREL (Etanercept)	<ul> <li>Moderate to Severe         Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Moderate to Severe         Juvenile Rheumatoid         Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing spondylitis</li> <li>Moderate to severe         chronic plaque psoriasis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients 4 to 17 years of age with a confirmed diagnosis of juvenile arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 15 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is ≥ 4</li> <li>For patients 4 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ENTRESTO (Sacubitril/Valsartan)	Heart failure with reduced ejection fraction	For adult patients diagnosed with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction AND all of the following:         ∪ LVEF ≤ 40%         Patients with NYHA class II or III         Previously treated with an ACEI or ARB         In combination with a beta blocker unless there is a contraindication or an intolerance



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ENTYVIO (Vedolizumab)	<ul><li>Ulcerative Colitis</li><li>Crohn's Disease</li></ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with active ulcerative colitis who have failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy AND a 5-ASA product or immunosuppressant (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine) AND who have tried and failed or experienced intolerant effects to infliximab, Humira, or Simponi SC</li> <li>For patients with Crohn's disease or patients with moderate to severe Crohn's disease who have failed to respond to corticosteroids AND an immunosuppressant agent (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate or cyclosporine) AND who have tried and failed or experienced intolerant effects to another biologic (infliximab, Humira)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government programs</li> </ul>
EPCLUSA (Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir)	Hepatitis C Infection in genotypes 1-6	For treatment-naïve or treatment-experienced adult patients with chronic hepatitis C genotype 1-6 infections with:     Fibrosis stage F2 or greater (Metavir scale or equivalent)     Quantitative Hepatitis C Virus Ribonucleic Acid (HCV RNA) value within the last 6 months     Maviret treatment is not an option due to a true clinical contraindication.  Retreatment requests will not be considered     Coordinate with provincial government programs
EPREX (Erythropoietin)	<ul> <li>Anemia with chemotherapy</li> <li>Chronic renal failure dialysis</li> <li>Anemia with AIDS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patient with chronic renal failure undergoing dialysis treatment</li> <li>For patient with anemia secondary to chemotherapy</li> <li>For patients requiring a transfusion from anemia related to therapy with zidovudine in HIV-infected patients</li> <li>Coordination with provincial government program if available</li> </ul>



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ERELZI (Etanercept)	<ul> <li>Moderate to Severe         Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Moderate to Severe         Juvenile Idiopathic         Arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing spondylitis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients 4 to 17 years of age with a confirmed diagnosis of juvenile arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 15 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDs and the BASDAI score is ≥ 4</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND leflunomide or sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ERIVEDGE (Vismodegib)	For the treatment of metastatic or locally advanced basal cell carcinoma	<ul> <li>For patients with histologically confirmed metastatic or locally advanced basal cell carcinoma whose condition is inappropriate for surgery or radiotherapy</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ERLEADA (apalutamide)	<ul> <li>Non-metastatic         castration-resistant         prostate cancer         (nmCRPC)</li> <li>Metastatic castration-         sensitive prostate         cancer</li> </ul>	Initial Criteria (6 months):  In combination with Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT) for the treatment of patients with nonmetastatic castrate resistant prostate cancer (nmCRPC) with prostate-specific antigen (PSA) doubling time of 10 months or less during continuous ADT AND ECOG 0-1  Renewal Criteria (6 months):  Absence of disease progression  Maximum dose: 240 mg once a day  Initial Criteria:  For adult patients with a diagnosis of metastatic Castration-Sensitive Prostate Cancer (CSPC) AND one of the following:  has ECOG score of ≤ 1 OR  has received prior docetaxel treatment meeting the following criteria:  received a maximum of 6 cycles of docetaxel therapy for metastatic CSPC AND  received the last dose of docetaxel within 2 months AND  has maintained response to docetaxel therapy



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		Renewal Criteria:
		Absence of disease progression
ESBRIET (Pirfenidone)	Idiopathic Pulmonary     Fibrosis (IPF)	Initial Criteria:  • For patients diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) as confirmed by clinical chest radiology (HRCT) or a lung biopsy with a Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) between 50-80% predicted, and a Percent Carbon Monoxide Diffusing Capacity (%DLCO) between 30-90% predicted  Renewal criteria:  • Stable disease, defined as FVC not decreased by ≥ 10% during the previous 12 months  • Coordinate with available provincial programs
EUCRISA (Crisaborole)	Atopic dermatitis	For patients with atopic dermatitis (eczema) who have failed or are intolerant to treatments with topical corticosteroid therapy
EVENITY (Romosozumab)	<ul> <li>Osteoporosis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women at high risk of fracture, defined as:         <ul> <li>Bone mineral density (BMD) with T score ≤ -2.50 AND</li> <li>A history of osteoporotic fractures while on bisphosphonates OR at least two risk factors for fracture (e.g. age ≥ 50, minimum of 3 months of sustained systemic glucocorticoid therapy, confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, non-trauma related fracture after age 40)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lifetime approval maximum of 12 months</li> </ul>
EXTAVIA (Interferon beta-1b)	<ul> <li>Multiple sclerosis, relapsing remitting</li> <li>Multiple sclerosis, chronic progressive</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>EDSS value required</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
EYLEA (Aflibercept)	Wet age-related macular degeneration     Macular edema secondary to Central Retinal Vein Occlusion (CRVO) or Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion (BRVO)     Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)     Myopic choroidal neovascularization (myopic CNV)	<ul> <li>For patients diagnosed with neovascular (wet) agerelated macular degeneration (AMD)</li> <li>For treatment of visual impairment due to diabetic macular edema</li> <li>For treatment of visual impairment due to macular edema secondary to central or branch retinal vein occlusion</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of myopic choroidal neovascularization (myopic CNV)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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FAMPYRA (Fampridine)	Multiple Sclerosis (MS)	<ul> <li>Initial Criteria:         <ul> <li>For the symptomatic improvement of walking in adult patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) with walking disability (EDSS 3.5 – 7)</li> <li>Coordinate with available provincial plans</li> <li>An initial 6 months of Fampyra will be approved</li> </ul> </li> <li>Renewal Criteria:         <ul> <li>Demonstrates a noted improvement in walking speed from baseline based on one of the following clinical tools (e.g. T25FW, Timed Up and Go, MSWS012, Two Minute Walk)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
FASENRA (Benralizumab)	Severe eosinophilic asthma	<ul> <li>For the add on maintenance treatment of severe eosinophilic asthma in patients 18 years or older who meet the following criteria:         <ul> <li>Trial and failure of high-dose inhaled corticosteroids and an additional asthma controller (ie. long-acting beta-agonist), AND</li> <li>Blood eosinophil count of ≥ 150 cells/μL (0.15 GI/L) while receiving maintenance treatment with oral corticosteroids OR ≥300 cells/μL in the past 12 months with ≥2 clinically significant asthma exacerbations (use of systemic corticosteroids for at least 3 days, emergency room visit, or hospitalization)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
FASLODEX and generic FULVESTRANT	Locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer	<ul> <li>First-line treatment for postmenopausal women with estrogen receptor-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative (ER+/HER2-) advanced or metastatic breast cancer AND not previously treated with endocrine therapy AND no active or uncontrolled metastases to the liver or lungs</li> <li>Second-line treatment for postmenopausal women who have failed or had intractable side effects to tamoxifen and/or other aromatase inhibitors (ex. Letrozole)</li> <li>In combination with Kisqali, Ibrance OR Verzenio for the treatment of postmenopausal women with HR-positive, HER2- negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer following disease progression on endocrine therapy AND must be CDK 4/6 inhibitor treatment-naïve</li> <li>Initial Approval for 6 months</li> <li>Renewal Criteria for 6 months:</li> <li>Absence of disease progression</li> </ul>



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FENTORA (Fentanyl citrate)	Breakthrough cancer pain	For cancer patients who are 18 years or older who experience up to 4 breakthrough pain episodes a day who are currently on or tolerant to opioid therapy for their persistent baseline cancer pain (i.e. at least 60mg/day morphine, or 25mcg/hr transdermal fentanyl, or 30mg/day oxycodone, or 8mg/day hydromorphone or 25mg/day oxymorphone or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid for one week or longer) AND have tried and failed immediate release oral opioids i.e. Dilaudid, Statex, MS-IR, Supeudol, Oxy-IR
FETZIMA (Levomilnacipran)	Major Depressive     Disorder	For patients who have tried and failed (4 week trial minimum) or cannot tolerate or have a contraindication to Venlafaxine or other extended release SNRIs
FIBRISTAL (Ulipristal Acetate)	For the treatment of moderate to severe signs and symptoms of uterine fibroids	<ul> <li>For women of reproductive age with uterine fibroids</li> <li>Lifetime approval limit maximum of 360 tablets</li> </ul>
FLUDARA (Fludarabine oral tablet)	Chronic Lymphocytic     Leukemia (CLL)	<ul> <li>For patients who have failed first-line treatment and meet the following criteria:</li> <li>Provincial cancer drug coverage is not available for Fludara 10mg tablet in the province where the applicant resides AND</li> <li>Applicant has first tried I.V. / infusion Fludara and has developed intolerance or adverse effects to this formulation</li> </ul>
FOQUEST (Methylphenidate hydrochloride)	Attention deficit     hyperactivity disorder	For patients 6 years and older who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to generic Ritalin, Concerta, Adderall XR, Dexedrine or Strattera
FORTEO (Teriparatide)	<ul> <li>Osteoporosis</li> <li>Osteoporosis         <ul> <li>associated with</li> <li>sustained systemic</li> <li>glucocorticoid therapy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Severe osteoporosis where patient has a bone mineral density (BMD) T score of less than -3.5 SD AND history of non-trauma related fractures while on bisphosphonates</li> <li>Severe osteoporosis where patient has a bone mineral density (BMD) T score of less than -1.5 SD and a minimum of 3 months of sustained systemic glucocorticoid therapy</li> <li>Maximum lifetime treatment: 24 months</li> </ul>
FORXIGA (Dapagliflozin) XIGDUO (dapagliflozin/metformin)	Diabetes mellitus	<ul> <li>For treatment of type-2 diabetic persons where metformin and a sulfonylurea are contraindicated, not tolerated or ineffective</li> <li>For the treatment of patients with type-2 diabetes who have inadequate glycemic control and established cardiovascular disease</li> </ul>



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FREESTYLE LIBRE (Sensor only)	Glucose monitoring for diabetic patients	<ul> <li>For blood glucose monitoring in adult diabetic patients (18+) treated with insulin</li> <li>For blood glucose monitoring in type 1 diabetic patients under the age of 18, coverage may be considered for patients at risk for severe hypoglycemic events</li> <li>Approval Maximum 26 sensors per calendar year</li> </ul>
FUZEON (Enfuvirtide)	HIV infection	For treatment experienced patients who have tried at least three anti-retrovirals from each of the following sub-classes: Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTI), Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTI) and Protease Inhibitors (PI) and where the CD4 count has fallen below 200 cells/uL.     Coordinate with provincial government program
FYCOMPA (Perampanel)	<ul> <li>Partial onset seizures</li> <li>Primary Generalized</li> <li>Tonic-Clonic Seizures</li> </ul>	For patients with a diagnosis of partial onset seizures or primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures (PGTCS) AND who have tried, failed or experienced intolerant side effects to 2 or more standard care drugs i.e. carbamazepine, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, topiramate, phenytoin, valproic acid/divalproex, gabapentin, Phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, clobazam, primidone, vigabatrin
GELNIQUE (Oxybutynin chloride gel)	For the treatment of overactive bladder (OAB) with symptoms of urge urinary incontinence, urgency and frequency	For patients who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to two of the following oral anticholinergics: generic Ditropan, generic Ditropan XL, Enablex, generic Vesicare, generic Detrol, generic Detrol LA, Toviaz, or generic Trosec
GENVOYA (Cobicistat/Emtricitabine/Elvitgravir/Tenofovir Alafenamide)	HIV Infection	Coordinate with provincial government program
GILENYA and generic FINGOLIMOD	Multiple sclerosis,     relapsing remitting	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients 10 year or older with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis in patients who have failed or are intolerant to one or more therapies for multiple sclerosis treatments i.e.         Aubagio, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, Plegridy, Rebif, Tecfidera     </li> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
GIOTRIF (Afatinib)	Lung adenocarcinoma	For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of metastatic lung adenocarcinoma (i.e. specific type of non-small cell lung cancer) with activating EGFR mutation(s) who have NOT previously tried and failed EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors (e.g. Iressa or Tarceva)



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GLATECT (Glatiramer)	Multiple sclerosis, relapsing remitting (RRMS)	<ul> <li>For patients with RRMS and diagnosed with clinically isolated syndrome with abnormal brain MRI at presentation</li> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
GLEEVEC and generic IMATINIB	<ul> <li>Chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)</li> <li>Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumour (GIST)</li> <li>Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of adults with newly diagnosed, Philadelphia-chromosome positive, CML in chronic phase OR for the treatment of adults with any phase Philadelphia chromosome-positive CML (chronic, accelerated, or blast phase) after failure of interferon-alpha therapy</li> <li>For the treatment of C-Kit positive (CD 117) inoperable recurrent and/or metastatic GIST</li> <li>For the adjuvant treatment of adult patients who are at intermediate to high risk of relapse following complete resection of Kit (CD117) positive GIST. Maximum total approval up to 3 years.</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
GLUMETZA and generics (Metformin extended release)	• Diabetes	For patients who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to regular release Metformin
GLYXAMBI (Empagliflozin/Linagliptin)	• Diabetes	For treatment of type-2 diabetic persons where metformin and a sulfonylurea are contraindicated, not tolerated or ineffective
GRASTEK (Standardized allergenic extract, Timothy Grass)	Moderate to severe seasonal grass pollen allergic rhinitis	<ul> <li>For the treatment of allergic rhinitis in patients 5 years of age and older, who are:         <ul> <li>Skin test positive to grass pollen and/or positive titre to pollen-specific IgE antibodies</li> <li>Symptomatic for at least 2 pollen seasons</li> <li>Not adequately controlled by at least one drug in three of the four following classes: intranasal corticosteroids, oral antihistamines, leukotriene receptor antagonists, and allergen-specific Immunotherapy injections</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
HARVONI (Ledipasvir /Sofosbuvir)	Hepatitis C virus (CHC)     genotype 1 infection	For treatment-naïve or treatment-experienced adult patients with chronic hepatitis C genotype 1 infections with:  Quantitative Hepatitis C Virus Ribonucleic Acid (HCV RNA) value within the last 6 months  Fibrosis stage F2 or greater (Metavir scale or equivalent)  Compensated liver disease including compensated cirrhosis  Have failed or have a true contraindication to Maviret  Retreatment requests will NOT be considered



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HEMANGIOL (Propranolol)	Proliferating Infantile Hemangioma	<ul> <li>For infants 6 months of age or under diagnosed with Infantile Hemangioma</li> <li>Maximum duration of treatment is 6 months per lifetime</li> </ul>
HEPSERA and generic ADEFOVIR	Chronic hepatitis B	<ul> <li>For chronic hepatitis B patients who develop resistance to Lamivudine or who have severe liver disease (e.g. cirrhosis)</li> <li>For hepatitis B patients co-infected with HIV who do not require HAART therapy for HIV</li> </ul>
HEPTOVIR (Lamivudine)	Chronic hepatitis B	<ul> <li>For treatment of chronic hepatitis B</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
HUMATROPE (Somatropin)	<ul> <li>Dwarfism</li> <li>Turner's syndrome</li> <li>Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency ("Adult GHD")</li> <li>Idiopathic Short Stature ("ISS")</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients under 17 years of age with endogenous growth hormone deficiency or with renal failure resulting in slowed growth rate</li> <li>For the treatment of patients with Turner's syndrome under 14 years of age</li> <li>For adolescents/adults who were growth hormone-deficient during childhood and who have growth hormone deficiency syndrome confirmed as an adult. Use of growth hormone as a child must be documented.</li> <li>For adults who have GHD (GH ≤ 5 mcg/L) due to multiple hormone deficiencies as a result of pituitary disease (hypopituitarism); hypothalamic disease; surgery (pituitary gland tumour ablation); radiation therapy; or trauma</li> <li>For treatment of ISS which is defined as: (i) normal birth weight; (ii) diagnostic evaluation that excludes other known causes of short stature; (iii) height at least 2.25 standard deviation scores below the mean for age and sex; (iv) height velocity below the 25th percentile for bone age; and (v) patients whose epiphyses are not closed</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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HUMIRA (Adalimumab)	ADULT  Crohn's Disease  Moderate to severe active Ulcerative Colitis  Moderate to Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis  Psoriatic arthritis  Ankylosing spondylitis  Moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis  Hidradenitis Suppurativa  Non-infectious Uveitis  PEDIATRIC  Crohn's Disease  Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis  Non-infectious anterior uveitis	<ul> <li>ADULT</li> <li>For patients with fistulizing Crohn's disease or patients with moderate to severe Crohn's disease who have failed to respond to corticosteroids AND an immunosuppressant agent (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>For patients with active ulcerative colitis who failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy and a 5-ASA product OR immunosuppressants (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is ≥4</li> <li>For patients 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>For patients 18 years and older with a confirmed diagnosis of HS where the HS lesions must be present in at least two distinct areas AND both lesions must be at least Hurley stage II or III AND where the patient has tried and failed therapy for at least two months with oral antibiotics (i.e. dicloxacillin, erythromycin, minocycline, ettracycline, doxycycline) AND the Abscess and Nodule count is ≥ 3.</li> <li>For the treatment of non-infectious uveitis (intermediate, posterior, and pan-uveitis) in patients with</li></ul>



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		<ul> <li>immunosuppressant or aminosalicylate</li> <li>For therapy in combination with METHOTREXATE, unless intolerable or inappropriate, in patients 4 to 17 years of age with a confirmed diagnosis of juvenile arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 15 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD, AND who has tried and failed Etanercept or Actemra SC</li> <li>For patients aged 2 or older with a confirmed diagnosis of non-infectious uveitis where the patient has not adequately responded to corticosteroids and at least one immunosuppressant</li> <li>Renewal Criteria: Stability or improvement of vision and control of ocular inflammation confirmed by physician</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
IBAVYR (Ribavirin)	Hepatitis C	<ul> <li>For the treatment of CHC in combination with other antiviral agents</li> <li>If used in combination with Sovaldi with Hepatitis C Genotype 2 or 3, must first try and fail standard Peg-Interferon+ RBV therapy. Ibavyr may also be considered for members contraindicated to Peg-Interferon</li> </ul>
IBRANCE (Palbociclib)	Advanced or metastatic breast cancer	Initial Criteria (6 month duration):  For postmenopausal women with estrogen receptor-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative (ER+/HER2-) advanced or metastatic breast cancer AND  In combination with an aromatase inhibitor (e.g. Anastrozole, Letrozole) given continuously AND  No active or uncontrolled metastases to the brain AND  No resistance to prior (neo-) adjuvant aromatase-inhibitor therapy AND  No previous systemic treatment including chemotherapy for their advanced disease  Renewal (6 month duration):  Continue until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression  Initial Criteria (6 month duration)  In combination with generic Faslodex for the treatment of postmenopausal women with HR-positive, HER2- negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer following disease progression on endocrine therapy AND must be CDK 4/6 inhibitor treatment naïve  Renewal Criteria (6 month duration)  Continue until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression



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ICLUSIG (Ponatinib hydrochloride)	Chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL)  Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL)	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia:  Initial Request (3 month approval):  For patients with chronic phase (CP), accelerated phase (AP), or blast phase (BP) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) who are resistant or intolerant to imatinib AND 2 of the follow nilotinib,dasatinib, or bosutinib, and for whom subsequent treatment with imatinib, nilotinib, dasatinib AND bosutinib is not clinically appropriate  Completion of cardiovascular status demonstrated by: Complete blood count, ALT, AST, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase  ECOG≤1  Proof of enrollment in the Support Program  Coordinate with provincial government program  Renewal (3 month approval):  Demonstration of hematological response (i.e. Normalization of WBC) showing absence of disease progression (provide lab values)  Completion of cardiovascular status demonstrated by: Complete blood count, ALT, AST, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase  Proof of continued enrollment in the patient support program  Coordinate with provincial drug programs  Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL)  Initial Request (3 month approval):  For patients who are resistant or intolerant to imatinib AND dasatinib, and for whom subsequent treatment with imatinib and dasatinib is not clinically appropriate  Completion of cardiovascular status demonstrated by: Complete blood count, ALT, AST, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase  ECOG≤1  Proof of enrollment in the Support Program  Coordinate with provincial government program  Renewal (3 month approval):  Demonstration of hematological response (i.e. Normalization of WBC) showing absence of disease progression (provide lab values)  Completion of cardiovascular status demonstrated by: Complete blood count, ALT, AST, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase  Proof of continued enrollment in the patient support program  Coordinate with provincial drug programs



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ILUVIEN (Fluocinolone)	Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients with Diabetic Macular Edema who responded successfully to a previous treatment with a course of corticosteroids (i.e. Triamcinolone acetonide, Ozurdex) and did not have a clinically significant rise in intraocular pressure</li> <li>Validate site of administration</li> <li>An approval of 1 implant for one affected eye at a time for 36 months</li> </ul>
IMBRUVICA (Ibrutinib)	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), including 17p deletion	Initial Criteria – 6 months ONLY  • For the treatment of CLL in symptomatic patients with evidence of progression:  • Who failed or are experiencing recurrent disease despite prior therapy (e.g. Fludarabine, Ofatumumab, Chlorambucil, etc.) OR  • For patients with CLL 17p deletion in whom stem cell transplant surgery is inappropriate  • ECOG ≤ 1  • Coordinate with provincial government program  Renewal Criteria:  • For the treatment of CLL in symptomatic patients with documentation of no disease progression
INFLECTRA (Infliximab)	<ul> <li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing Spondylitis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> <li>Plaque Psoriasis</li> <li>Crohn's Disease</li> <li>Ulcerative colitis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For adult patients (18+) with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For adult patients (18+) with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months,</li> <li>For adult patients (18+) with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is greater than or equal to 4</li> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed phototherapy AND who have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>For adult patients (18+) with fistulizing Crohn's disease or patients with moderate to severe Crohn's disease who have failed to respond to corticosteroids AND an immunosuppressant agent (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate or cyclosporine)</li> </ul>



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		<ul> <li>For adult patients (18+) with active ulcerative colitis who failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy and 5-ASA product OR immunosuppressants (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>Coordinate with available provincial plans</li> </ul>
INLYTA (Axitinib)	Metastatic Renal Cell     Carcinoma	For patients who have failed prior systemic therapy with either a cytokine or a tyrosine kinase inhibitor
INSPIOLTO RESPIMAT (Tiotropium bromide and olodaterol hydrochloride)	Chronic Obstructive     Pulmonary Disease     (COPD), including     chronic bronchitis and     emphysema	For patients diagnosed with COPD, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema who have tried and failed on optimal doses of either a LAMA or LABA alone
INTELENCE (Etravirine)	HIV infection	Coordinate with provincial government program
INTRON A (Interferon Alpha-2B)	<ul> <li>Chronic Hepatitis C</li> <li>Chronic Active Hepatitis         <ul> <li>B</li> </ul> </li> <li>Chronic Myelogenous             Leukemia (CML)</li> <li>Thrombocytosis             Associated with CML</li> <li>Multiple Myeloma</li> <li>Non-Hodgkin's             lymphoma</li> <li>Malignant melanoma</li> <li>AIDS-Related Kaposi             Sarcoma</li> <li>Hairy Cell Leukemia</li> <li>Basal Cell Carcinoma</li> <li>Condylomata             Accuminata</li> </ul>	Coordinate with provincial government program
INTUNIV XR (Guanfacine Hydrochloride)	Attention deficit     hyperactivity disorder     (ADHD)	<ul> <li>For patients 6 to 17 years of age who have tried and failed or had intolerable side-effects to generic Ritalin, Concerta, Adderall XR, Dexedrine or Strattera</li> <li>For patients 6 to 17 years of age requiring adjunctive therapy with psychostimulants</li> </ul>
INVEGA SUSTENNA INVEGA TRINZA (Paliperidone injection)	Schizophrenia and related psychotic disorders	For patients who are non-compliant or non- adherent with conventional oral therapy (i.e. aripiprazole, clozapine, olanzapine, quetiapine, paliperidone, risperidone, ziprasidone) resulting in multiple relapses/hospitalizations
INVIRASE (Saquinavir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program



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INVOKANA (Canagliflozin) INVOKAMET (Canagliflozin/metformin)	Diabetes mellitus	<ul> <li>For treatment of type-2 diabetic persons where metformin and a sulfonylurea are contraindicated, not tolerated or ineffective OR</li> <li>For the treatment of patients with type-2 diabetes who have inadequate glycemic control and established cardiovascular disease</li> <li>For the treatment of patients with type-2 diabetes who have inadequate glycemic control and established diabetic nephropathy</li> </ul>
IRESSA and generic GEFITINIB	First-line treatment of locally advanced (not amenable to curative surgery) or metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer ("NSCLC")	<ul> <li>For patients with confirmed activating mutations of the EGFR-TK ("mutation-positive")</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ISENTRESS (Raltegravir)	HIV Infection	Coordinate with provincial government program
JADENU (Deferasirox)	Chronic Iron Overload	<ul> <li>For the management of chronic iron overloading patients with transfusion-dependent anemias aged 6 years or older AND who have tried and failed or cannot tolerate or have a contraindication* to deferoxamine.</li> <li>For the management of chronic iron overloading patients with transfusion-dependent anemias aged 2 to 5 who cannot be adequately treated with deferoxamine.</li> <li>For the treatment of chronic iron overloading patients with non-transfusion-dependent thalassemia syndromes (NTDT) aged 10 years and older AND who have tried and failed or cannot tolerate or have a contraindication* to deferoxamine.</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program.</li> <li>*Contraindications to deferoxamine may include one or more of the following: known or suspected hypersensitivity to deferoxamine, recurrent injection or infusion-site reactions (e.g., cellulitis), concomitant bleeding disorder, immunocompromised patients with a documented risk of significant infections with parenteral administration (e.g. neutropenia), patients &lt;16 years of age requiring high doses of deferoxamine with concomitant low ferritin levels (risk of growth retardation)</li> </ul>
JAKAVI (Ruxolitinib)	• Splenomegaly	For the treatment of splenomegaly and/or its associated symptoms (weight loss, fever, night sweats, fatigue, bone pain, pruritus, peripheral edema) in adult patients diagnosed with:     Primary myelofibrosis (also known as chronic idiopathic myelofibrosis)     Post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis     Post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis     Coordinate with provincial government program



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JALYN (Dutasteride and Tamsulosin)	Benign Prostatic     Hyperplasia	For male patients in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia
JANUVIA (Sitagliptin) JANUMET JANUMET XR (Sitagliptin/metformin)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (>2000 mg)
JARDIANCE (Empagliflozin) SYNJARDY (empagliflozin/metformin)	Diabetes mellitus	<ul> <li>For treatment of type-2 diabetic persons where metformin and a sulfonylurea are contraindicated, not tolerated or ineffective OR for the treatment of patients with type-2 diabetes who have inadequate glycemic control and established cardiovascular disease</li> </ul>
JETREA (Ocriplasmin)	Symptomatic     vitreomacular adhesion     (VMA)	<ul> <li>Confirmed diagnosis of symptomatic vitreomacular adhesion (VMA)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program Lifetime maximum: 1 injection per affected eye</li> </ul>
JINARC (Tolvaptan)	Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD)	Initial Criteria:  Confirmed diagnoses of rapidly progressive ADPKD and must have:  a) Total kidney volume ≥ 750ml AND  Either:  1. CrCl ≥ 25 to 65 ml/min/1.73m2 (patients 18 – 55 years old) OR  2. CrCl ≥ 25 to 45 ml/min/1.73m2 (patients 56 – 65 years old) and historical evidence of a decline in the eGFR of more than 2.0 mL/min/1.73 m2/year  Proof of enrollment in the Support Program  Coordinate with provincial drug programs  Renewal Criteria:  Proof of continued enrollment in the patient support program  Laboratory results demonstrating normal liver (ALT and AST) function  Proof of beneficial effect demonstrated by urine osmolality of less than 300 mOsm/kg  Coordinate with provincial drug programs
JULUCA (Dolutegravir sodium/Rilpivirine HCl)	HIV-1 infection in adults	<ul> <li>For treatment of adult HIV-1 patients who are currently on antiretroviral therapy and experiencing side effect(s) or documented drug interaction(s)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial plans</li> </ul>
KALETRA (Lopinavir/Ritonavir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program



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KEVZARA (Sarilumab)	Moderate to Severe     Rheumatoid Arthritis	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease who have not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months or any biologic</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
KINERET (Anakinra)	Rheumatoid Arthritis	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months, AND who have tried and failed Cimzia or Etanercept or Humira or Simponi or Actemra SC or Remicade or Orencia SC</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
KISQALI (Ribociclib)	Advanced or metastatic breast cancer	Initial Criteria (6 month duration):  For postmenopausal women with estrogen receptor-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative (ER+/HER2-) advanced or metastatic breast cancer AND  In combination with an aromatase inhibitor (e.g. Anastrozole, Letrozole) given continuously AND  No active or uncontrolled metastases to the brain AND  No resistance to prior (neo-) adjuvant aromatase-inhibitor therapy AND  No previous systemic treatment including chemotherapy for their advanced disease  Renewal Criteria (6 month duration):  Continue until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression  Initial Criteria (6 month duration):  In combination with generic Faslodex for the treatment of postmenopausal women with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer following disease progression on endocrine therapy AND must be CDK 4/6 inhibitor treatment naïve (i.e. Kisqali, Verzenio, Ibrance)  Renewal Criteria (6 month duration):  Absence of disease progression
KIVEXA and generics (Abacavir/Lamivudine)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program



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KUVAN (Sapropterin)	Phenylketonuria (PKU)	<ul> <li>Diagnosis of hyperphenylalaninemia (HPA) due to tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4)-responsive Phenylketonuria (PKU) for patients 18 years of age or under</li> <li>Initial requests must indicated Phe levels prior to starting therapy</li> <li>Patients must demonstrate responsiveness to 30-day trial and maintain Phe-restrictive diet during treatment</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>Renewal: Evidence of decrease blood phenylalanine concentration relative to levels prior to starting therapy</li> </ul>
LANCORA (Ivabradine)	Heart failure with reduced ejection fraction	<ul> <li>For add-on treatment in adult patients with stable chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction</li> <li>(LVEF) ≤ 35%, who are in sinus rhythm with a resting heart rate ≥ 77 beats per minute</li> <li>Patients with NYHA class II or III</li> <li>Patient's heart failure is not well-managed OR patient has contraindication or intolerance to at least two of the following therapies: ACE-inhibitors, ARBs, Beta-blockers and/or Diuretics.</li> </ul>
LANTUS LANTUS SOLOSTAR (Insulin glargine)	Diabetes mellitus	<ul> <li>For patients who are at high risk for Hypoglycemia</li> <li>For patients who are previously stabilized on Lantus OR patients who are medically unable to use Basaglar</li> <li>For insulin glargine naïve patients, Lantus will be approved under Basaglar</li> </ul>
LEMTRADA (Alemtuzumab)	Multiple sclerosis,     relapsing remitting	<ul> <li>Diagnosis of relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis</li> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> <li>Failure or intolerance to one or more therapies for multiple sclerosis i.e. Aubagio, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, , Plegridy, Rebif, , Tecfidera</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>Initial Treatment Course: 12 mg/day for 5 consecutive days (60 mg total dose)</li> <li>Second Treatment Course: 12 mg/day for 3 consecutive days (36 mg total dose) administered 12 months after the initial treatment course</li> </ul>
LENVIMA (Lenvatinib)	<ul> <li>Radioactive iodine- refractory differentiated thyroid cancer</li> <li>Unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic, progressive, radioactive iodine refractory differentiated thyroid cancer</li> <li>For patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma who are Child-Pugh Class A and have an ECOG between 0 and 1</li> </ul>



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LEVEMIR LEVEMIR FLEXPEN LEVEMIR FLEXTOUCH (Insulin detemir)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who are at high risk for hypoglycemia
LODALIS and LODALIS SACHET (Colesevelam)	Hypercholesterolemia	<ul> <li>For patients who cannot tolerate HMG-Co-A-Reductase Inhibitors or where these drugs are contraindicated AND who have failed to respond or have had intolerable side effects to resins (Colestid, Questran or Olestyr)</li> <li>As adjunctive therapy with HMG-Co-A-Reductase Inhibitors where such drugs have not provided sufficient lipid control AND who failed to respond or have had intolerable side-effects to resins (Colestid, Questran or Olestyr)</li> </ul>
LONSURF (Trifluridine/Tipiracil)	<ul> <li>Metastatic colorectal cancer</li> <li>Metastatic Gastric Cancer or Adenocarcinoma of the gastroesophageal junction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer AND treated previously with, or not a candidate for all of the following: fluoropyrimidine-based chemotherapy, oxaliplatin, irinotecan, an anti-VEGF therapy (bevacizumab), AND if KRAS wild type, an anti-EGFR therapy (cetuximab, panitumumab)</li> <li>For patients with a diagnosis of metastatic gastric cancer or adenocarcinoma of the gastroesophageal junction AND treated previously with, or not a candidate for ALL of the following: fluoropyrimidine-based chemotherapy, platinum-based therapy, irinotecan, taxane-based therapy, anti-VEGF therapy (ramicirumab) AND if HER2+, a HER2+ targeted therapy (i.e. trastuzumab)</li> </ul>
LUCENTIS (Ranibizumab)	<ul> <li>End-stage or "wet" agerelated macular degeneration ("AMD")</li> <li>Macular edema following Central or Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion</li> <li>Diabetic macular edema</li> <li>Pathological Myopia</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drug administered by ophthamologist</li> <li>Lucentis will not be authorized concomitantly with verteporfin for treatment of the same eye.</li> <li>Validate site of administration</li> <li>Authorization period of 1 year</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
MACUGEN (Pegaptanib)	End-stage or "wet" age- related macular degeneration ("AMD")	<ul> <li>For patient with a diagnosis of wet AMD AND where Visudyne is deemed inappropriate.</li> <li>Validate site of administration</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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MAVENCLAD (Cladribine)	Multiple sclerosis,     relapsing remitting	<ul> <li>Diagnosis of relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis</li> <li>EDSS value required</li> <li>Failure or intolerance to one or more therapies for multiple sclerosis i.e. Aubagio, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, Plegridy, Rebif, Tecfidera</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>Maximum cumulative dose = 3.5 mg/kg over 2 years, i.e. 1.75 mg/kg/year</li> </ul>
MAVIRET (Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir)	• Hepatitis C	<ul> <li>For treatment-naïve or treatment-experienced patient 12 years or older with chronic hepatitis C genotype 1-6 infections with:         <ul> <li>Quantitative Hepatitis C Virus Ribonucleic Acid (HCV RNA) value within the last 6 months</li> <li>Fibrosis stage F2 or greater (Metavir scale or equivalent)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
METOJECT (Methotrexate)	<ul> <li>Neoplastic diseases</li> <li>Severe, disabling         psoriasis, rheumatoid         arthritis, psoriatic         arthritis or other         seronegative arthritides</li> </ul>	For the treatment of maintenance of neoplastic diseases in patients who have a physical disability which prevents them from drawing-up a syringe
METOJECT SC (Methotrexate)	<ul> <li>Psoriasis</li> <li>Psoriatic arthritis</li> <li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>(RA)</li> </ul>	For patients who have tried and failed oral tablets of methotrexate
METVIX-PDT (Methyl Aminolevulinate)	<ul> <li>Primary superficial basal cell carcinoma (BCC) outside the H-zone of the face</li> <li>Actinic keratosis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of BCC or actinic keratosis in individuals with multiple lesions, large lesions, bleeding disorders, poor vascularization, delayed healing, body not amenable to surgery, unsuitable for invasive therapy, concerns regarding disfigurement or inadequate response to previous therapies, etc; and</li> <li>Maximum annual reimbursement of \$1800 per patient per year</li> </ul>
MOVAPO (Apomorphine hydrochloride)	Parkinson's disease	For patients with advanced Parkinson's disease who have tried and failed levodopa/carbidopa and at least one of the following: Comtan, Mirapex, Parlodel, Requip, Azilect
MOVANTIK (Naloxegol oxalate)	Opioid-induced constipation (OIC)	<ul> <li>For treatment of opioid-induced constipation (OIC) in adults (&gt;18 years old) with non-cancer pain, who have tried and failed:</li> <li>Dietary and lifestyle measures (i.e. high fiber diet, increased water intake, physical exercise) AND</li> <li>One medication in at least two of the</li> </ul>



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		following classes: stool softeners (docusate), osmotic agents (magnesium citrate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate, polyethylene glycol 3350, sodium enema), hyperosmotic agents (glycerin suppositories, lactulose) and stimulants (bisacodyl, senna, castor oil)
MOZOBIL (Plerixafor)	Stem cell mobilization for autologous transplantation for patients with non- Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) and multiple myeloma (MM)	<ul> <li>In combination with G-CSF for NHL and MM patients that are eligible for autologous stem cell transplantation WHERE patients are predicted to mobilize poorly for the following reasons:</li> <li>a) A peak CD34+ circulating cell count of &lt; 15 cells/µL, AND</li> <li>b) A history of prior failed mobilization (i.e. Neupogen alone or chemo-mobilization)</li> </ul>
MYRBETRIQ (Mirabegron)	Overactive bladder (OAB)	For patients with OAB with urgency, urgency incontinence and urinary frequency who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to one of the following oral anticholinergics: generic Ditropan, generic Ditropan XL, Enablex, generic Vesicare, generic Detrol, generic Detrol LA, Toviaz, or generic Trosec
NESINA (Alogliptin) KAZANO (Alogliptin/metformin)	Type 2 Diabetes	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (>2000 mg)
NEULASTA (Pegfilgrastrim)  LAPELGA (Pegfilgrastim)	Neutropenia associated with chemotherapy, transplant, AIDS	To co-ordinate with available provincial plans
NEUPOGEN (Filgrastim) GRASTOFIL (Filgrastim)	<ul> <li>Neutropenia associated with chemotherapy, transplant, HIV/AIDS, stem cell mobilization</li> <li>Severe chronic neutropenia</li> </ul>	To co-ordinate with available provincial plans
NEUPRO (Rotigotine)	For the treatment of signs and symptoms of idiopathic Parkinson's disease – adjunct or monotherapy	For patients who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to at least one oral dopamine agonist (i.e. generic Mirapex, generic Parlodel, generic Requip)



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NEXAVAR (Sorafenib)	<ul> <li>Metastatic renal cell         (clear cell) carcinoma</li> <li>Unresectable         hepatocellular         carcinoma</li> <li>Thyroid Carcinoma</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with metastatic renal cell carcinoma who are refractory or resistant to treatment with cytokines</li> <li>For patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma who are Child-Pugh Class A and have an ECOG between 0 and 2.</li> <li>If ECOG between 0 to 1, must indicate intolerance (such as uncontrolled hypertension) or contraindication to Lenvima</li> <li>Locally advanced or metastatic, progressive differentiated thyroid carcinoma secondary to radioactive iodine</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
NEXIUM and generic ESOMEPRAZOLE  NEXIUM GRANULES (Esomeprazole)	<ul> <li>Gastroesophageal         Reflux Disease</li> <li>Duodenal and Gastric         Ulcers</li> <li>Zollinger-Ellison         Syndrome</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of Moderate to Severe         Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease or Peptic Ulcers         unresponsive to two of the following: Rabeprazole,         Lansoprazole, Omeprazole and/or Pantoprazole         <ul> <li>For the treatment of H. Pylori positive (verified by serology or endoscopy or breath-test) Peptic ulcers             unresponsive to two of the following: Rabeprazole,             Lansoprazole, Omeprazole and/or Pantoprazole             <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
NORDITROPIN NORDIFLEX (Somatropin)	<ul> <li>Growth Hormone         Deficiency ("GHD") in         children</li> <li>Idiopathic Short Stature         ("ISS")</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Treatment for children with growth failure:         <ul> <li>For the treatment of children and adolescents</li> <li>Under 17 years of age with endogenous growth hormone deficiency. Other causes of short stature should be excluded.</li> <li>The treatment of growth disturbance (current height Standard Deviation Score (SDS) &lt; -2) in short children born small for gestational age (SGA) with a birth weight and/or length below -2 standard deviations (SD), who failed to show catchup growth (Height Velocity SDS &lt; 0 during the last year) by 2 years of age or later</li> <li>Patients who have tried and failed therapy with Omnitrope or where it is deemed unsuitable for the patient's condition</li> </ul> </li> <li>Patients born small for gestational age         <ul> <li>For treatment of ISS which is defined as: (i) normal birth weight; (ii) diagnostic evaluation that excludes other known causes of short stature; (iii) height at least 2.25 standard deviation scores below the mean for age and sex; (iv) height velocity below the 25th percentile for bone age; and (v) patients whose epiphyses are not closed</li> </ul></li></ul>



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NORVIR (Ritonavir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
NUCALA (Mepolizumab)	Severe eosinophilic asthma	<ul> <li>For the add on maintenance treatment of severe eosinophilic asthma in patients 18 years or older who meet the following criteria:         <ul> <li>Trial and failure of high-dose inhaled corticosteroids and an additional asthma controller (ie. long-acting beta-agonist), AND</li> <li>Blood eosinophil count of ≥ 150 cells/μL (0.15 GI/L) while receiving maintenance treatment with oral corticosteroids OR ≥300 cells/μL in the past 12 months with ≥2 clinically significant asthma exacerbations (use of systemic corticosteroids for at least 3 days, emergency room visit, or hospitalization)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
NUCYNTA IR (Tapentadol)	Moderate to     moderately severe pain	<ul> <li>Pain management in a specified acute pain diagnosis</li> <li>For patient who are unable to tolerate or receive an adequate response to the immediate release preparations of either hydromorphone, oxycodone or morphine</li> </ul>
NUCYNTA CR / ER (Tapentadol)	Moderate to severe acute pain	<ul> <li>Pain management in a specified chronic pain diagnosis</li> <li>For patient who are unable to tolerate or receive an adequate response to the sustained release preparations of either hydromorphone, oxycodone or morphine</li> </ul>
NUTROPIN GENOTROPIN (Somatropin)	<ul> <li>Dwarfism</li> <li>Turner's syndrome</li> <li>Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency ("Adult GHD")</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of children and adolescents under 17 years of age with endogenous growth hormone deficiency or with renal failure resulting in slowed growth rate</li> <li>For the treatment of patients with Turner's syndrome under 14 years of age</li> <li>For adolescents/adults who were growth hormone-deficient during childhood and who have growth hormone deficiency syndrome confirmed as an adult. Use of growth hormone as a child must be documented</li> <li>For adults who have GHD (GH ≤ 5 mcg/L) due to multiple hormone deficiencies as a result of pituitary disease (hypopituitarism); hypothalamic disease; surgery (pituitary gland tumour ablation); radiation therapy; or trauma.</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
NUVARING (Etonogestrel/ethinyl estradiol)	Conception Control	For patients who do not tolerate oral contraceptives



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OCALIVA (Obeticholic acid)	Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)	<ul> <li>For the treatment of primary biliary cholangitis in adults:         <ul> <li>In combination with URSO/URSO DS in patients who have had an inadequate response to an appropriate dose of URSO/URSO DS for at least 1 year OR</li> <li>As monotherapy in patients who are intolerant to URSO/URSO DS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
OCREVUS (Ocrelizumab)	<ul> <li>Multiple sclerosis, relapsing remitting (RRMS)</li> <li>Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (PPMS)</li> </ul>	For patients with RRMS who have failed or are intolerant to one or more therapies for multiple sclerosis treatments i.e. Aubagio, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, Plegridy, Rebif, Tecfidera     EDSS value required with every application     Coordinate with provincial government program  PPMS:     Confirmed diagnosis of primary progressive multiple sclerosis     EDSS score between 3.0 and 6.5     EDSS value required with every application
ODEFSEY (Emtricitabine/Rilpivirine/Tenofovir Alafendamide)	HIV-1 infection	Coordinate with provincial government program
OFEV (Nintedanib)	<ul> <li>Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis</li> <li>Systemic Sclerosis Interstitial Lung Disease (SSc-ILD)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial Criteria:         <ul> <li>For patients diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) as confirmed by clinical chest radiology (HRCT) or a lung biopsy with a Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) between 50-80% predicted, and a Percent Carbon Monoxide Diffusing Capacity (%DLCO) between 30-90% predicted</li> </ul> </li> <li>Renewal criteria:         <ul> <li>Stable disease, defined as FVC not decreased by ≥ 10% during the previous 12 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>Initial Criteria:         <ul> <li>For patients diagnosed with Systemic Sclerosis-associated Interstitial Lung Disease (SSc-ILD) as confirmed by central assessment of chest HRCT scan with at least 10% fibrosis, a Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) of at least 40% predicted, and a Percent Carbon Monoxide Diffusing Capacity (%DLCO) between 30 to 89% predicted</li> </ul> </li> <li>Renewal Criteria:         <ul> <li>Stable disease, defined as FVC not decreased by ≥ 10% during the previous 12 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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OLUMIANT (Baricitinib)	Rheumatoid Arthritis	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 15 mg/week AND Leflunomide for a period of 3 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
OMNITROPE (Somatropin)	<ul> <li>Growth Hormone         Deficiency ("GHD") in         children</li> <li>Small for gestational         age (SGA)</li> <li>Adult Growth Hormone         Deficiency ("Adult         GHD")</li> <li>Turner Syndrome</li> <li>Idiopathic Short Stature         (ISS)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of children and adolescents under 17 years of age with endogenous growth hormone deficiency or with renal failure resulting in slowed growth rate</li> <li>For the treatment of growth failure in children born with birth weight below 2.0 standard deviations of normal and who fail to achieve catch-up growth by 2-4 years of age and who have a height velocity &lt;0 standard deviations during the last year</li> <li>For adolescents/adults who were growth hormone-deficient during childhood and who have growth hormone deficiency syndrome confirmed as an adult. Use of growth hormone as a child must be documented</li> <li>For adults who have GHD (GH ≤ 5 mcg/L) due to multiple hormone deficiencies, as a result of pituitary disease (hypopituitarism); hypothalamic disease; surgery (pituitary gland tumour ablation); radiation therapy; or trauma.</li> <li>For the treatment of patients with Turner's syndrome in patients whose epiphyses are not closed</li> <li>For treatment of ISS which is defined as: (i) diagnostic evaluation that excludes other causes of short stature; and (ii) height at least 2.25 standard deviation scores below the mean for age and sex; and (iii) patients whose epiphyses are not closed</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ONGLYZA (Saxagliptin) KOMBOGLYZE (saxagliptin/metformin)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (>2000 mg)
ONRELTEA (Brimonidine 0.33% topical gel)	Facial erythema     (redness) of rosacea	For the treatment of rosacea in patients who have tried and failed at least one topical treatment (i.e. Noritate, MetroGel, Finacea)



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OPSUMIT (Macitentan)	Pulmonary     Hypertension	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients with a confirmed diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension functional class II or III AND who have tried and failed or cannot tolerate Revatio or Adcirca (minimum 3 months trial)</li> <li>For WHO FC III, patients must also have tried and failed or cannot tolerate Tracleer (bosentan)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program**</li> <li>May be used in conjunction with phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors (i.e. Revatio or Adcirca)</li> </ul>
ORALAIR (Grass Pollen Allergen Extract)	Treatment of moderate to severe seasonal grass pollen allergic rhinitis	For the treatment of allergic rhinitis in patients 5 to 50 years old, who are skin test positive to grass pollen and who are not adequately controlled by at least one drug in three of the four following classes: intranasal corticosteroids, oral antihistamines, leukotriene receptor antagonists, and allergen Specific ImmunoTherapy injections
ORENCIA IV (Abatacept)	<ul> <li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Moderate to Severe Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months, AND who have tried and failed Cimzia or Etanercept or Humira or Simponi or Actemra SC or Remicade or Orencia SC</li> <li>For patients ages 6 and older with a confirmed diagnosis of juvenile arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 15 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD, AND who have tried and failed Etanercept</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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ORENCIA SC (Abatacept)	<ul> <li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ORILISSA (Elagolix)	Pelvic pain associated with endometriosis	For the management of pelvic pain associated with endometriosis where the patient has tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to oral contraceptives
OTEZLA (Apremilast)	<ul><li>Plaque psoriasis</li><li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li></ul>	<ul> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
OXYTROL (Oxybutynin transdermal system)	Urinary incontinence	For individuals who have tried and failed oral anticholinergics (ex. Oxybutynin)
OZEMPIC (Semaglutide)	Diabetes Mellitus	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (≥2000 mg)
OZURDEX (Dexamethasone)	<ul> <li>Macular edema following Central Retinal Vein Occlusion</li> <li>Non-infectious Uveitis</li> <li>Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) who are pseudophakic</li> </ul>	Initial Authorization Approval for Macular Edema following Central Retinal Vein Occlusion (6 month approval):  Patient must meet the following criteria to receive 1 implant per affected eye(s) for six months:  For treatment of macular edema following Central Retinal Vein Occlusion  Validate site of administration  Coordinate with provincial government plan  Subsequent Authorization Approval for Macular Edema following Central Retinal Vein Occlusion (6 month approval):



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	DISEASE	Patient must have received a beneficial effect from the initial injection with a subsequent loss in visual acuity to receive an additional 1 implant per affected eye(s) for six months  Renewal will not be granted in the following circumstances:  Patient experienced vision deterioration without any beneficial effect from initial injection  Patient continues to benefit from initial injection and has not experienced a subsequent loss in visual acuity  Coordinate with provincial government plan  Maximum lifetime approval of 2 implants per affected eye  Initial Authorization Approval for Non-infectious Uveitis (6 month approval):  Patient must meet the following criteria to receive 1 implant per affected eye for 6 months:  For the treatment of non-infectious uveitis (posterior) in patients with inadequate response to corticosteroids OR as a corticosteroid-sparing treatment in corticosteroid-dependent patients.  Subsequent Authorization Approval for Non-Infectious Uveitis (6 month approval):  Stability or improvement of vision and control of ocular inflammation confirmed by physician.  Maximum lifetime approval of 2 implants per affected eye(s)  Initial Criteria for Diabetic Macular Edema:  For the treatment of Diabetic Macular Edema who are pseudophakic  Validate site of administration  Coordinate with available provincial programs  Maximum approval of 2 implants per affected eye(s)  Subsequent Authorization Approval for Diabetic Macular Edema:  Must demonstrate presence of macular edema after initial positive response with Ozurdex  Coordinate with available provincial programs  Maximum approval of 2 injections per affected eye for 1 year
PAXIL CR (Paroxetine controlled release)	• Depression	Patient must have tried and failed and/or had adverse side-effects to regular release SSRIs or extended release SNRIs or atypical antidepressants



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PEGASYS (Peg interferon alfa-2b)	<ul><li>Hepatitis C</li><li>Hepatitis B</li></ul>	<ul> <li>For all Hepatitis C patients, an initial 16 weeks will be approved. For genotypes 2 and 3, an additional 8 weeks and for all other genotypes, an additional 32 weeks will be approved if they are responsive to the initial therapy as measured by Early Viral Response (EVR) protocol</li> <li>For chronic Hepatitis B patients with compensated liver disease, liver inflammation and evidence of viral replication (both cirrhotic and non-cirrhotic disease). An initial 16 weeks will be approved; an additional 32 weeks will be approved if there is response to the initial therapy as measured by HbeAg seroconversion or EVR protocol</li> </ul>
PENNSAID and generic DICLOFENAC 1.5% SOLUTION	Medical conditions requiring chronic NSAIDs	For the treatment of patients requiring chronic NSAIDs who have failed to respond or had intolerable side-effects to at least two Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID) OR for patients with a documented history of a clinically significant ulcer or GI bleed
PHEBURANE (Sodium phenybutyrate)	Urea cycle disorder	<ul> <li>Diagnosis of urea cycle disorders; AND</li> <li>For patients who weighs ≥ 20 kg WITH a BSA ≤ 1.5 m2 and prescribed with a usual recommended dose of 9.9-13.0 g/m2/day; AND</li> <li>Patient is currently on dietary protein restrictions; AND</li> <li>Initial request must indicate ammonia levels prior to starting therapy</li> </ul>
PIFELTRO (Doravirine)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
PLEGRIDY (Peg interferon beta-1a)	Multiple sclerosis,     relapsing remitting	<ul> <li>Diagnosis of Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis (RRMS)</li> <li>EDSS value with every application</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
POMALYST (Pomalidomide)	Multiple Myeloma	For the treatment of refractory or recurrent multiple myeloma, in combination with dexamethasone, in patients who have tried and failed at least two therapies including lenalidomide (Revlimid) AND bortezomib (Velcade) AND whose ECOG is 3 or less     Coordinate with provincial government program



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POSANOL DELAYED RELEASE TABLET (Posaconazole)	Invasive Aspergillosis / Candida	<ul> <li>For the prophylaxis of aspergillosis and/or candidiasis in high risk patients with prolonged neutropenia or hematopoietic stem cell transplant patients who have failed or cannot tolerate fluconazole OR</li> <li>For patients with invasive aspergillosis who have failed or cannot tolerate amphotericin B or itraconazole</li> </ul>
POSANOL SUSPENSION (Posaconazole)	<ul> <li>Invasive Aspergillosis /         Candida</li> <li>Oropharyngeal         Candidiasis (OPC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the prophylaxis of aspergillosis and/or candidiasis in high risk patients with prolonged neutropenia or hematopoietic stem cell transplant patients who have failed or cannot tolerate fluconazole OR</li> <li>For patients with invasive aspergillosis who have failed or cannot tolerate amphotericin B or itraconazole</li> <li>For the treatment of Oropharyngeal Candidiasis in patients who have failed treatment with two other antifungals (systemic or oral or combination)</li> </ul>
PRALUENT (Alirocumab)	<ul> <li>Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia</li> <li>Primary Hyperlipidemia</li> </ul>	Initial Request – 6 months approval:  • For use as adjunctive therapy to diet and maximally tolerated statin therapy for the treatment of adults (18 years and older) with a confirmed diagnosis of Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia* or clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (i.e. MI, PCI, CABG, stroke) who require additional lowering of LDL-C despite trial and failure of maximum tolerated statin therapy with at least 2 statins AND one other cholesterol lowering medication (i.e. Ezetrol or Fenofibrates) concomitantly for at least six months. Current LDL-C value required.  *Diagnosis must be confirmed either by genotyping or clinical criteria (Simon Broome criteria or World Health Organization/Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of >8 points)  Renewal Criteria – 1 year approval:  • Patient must provide LDL levels showing a decrease of 25%



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PREVACID FASTAB (Lansoprazole)	<ul> <li>Gastroesophageal         Reflux Disease</li> <li>Duodenal and Gastric         Ulcers</li> <li>Zollinger-Ellison         Syndrome</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of Moderate to Severe         Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease or Peptic Ulcers         unresponsive to two of the following: Rabeprazole,         Lansoprazole (regular formulation), Omeprazole         and/or Pantoprazole     </li> <li>For the treatment of H. Pylori positive (verified by         serology or endoscopy or breath-test) Peptic ulcers         unresponsive to two of the following: Rabeprazole,         Lansoprazole (regular formulation), Omeprazole         and/or Pantoprazole     </li> <li>For the treatment of pathological hypersecretory         conditions (i.e. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome)         unresponsive to two of the following: Rabeprazole,         Lansoprazole (regular formulation), Omeprazole         and/or Pantoprazole</li> </ul>
PREVYMIS (Letermovir)	Cytomegalovirus (CMV)     infection	For the prevention of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection in adult patients who underwent allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) AND have documentation of being CMV-seropositive
PREZCOBIX (Darunavir/Cobicistat)	Combination with other antiretroviral agents for the treatment of HIV infection in treatmentnaïve and in treatmentexperienced patients without DRV RAMS	<ul> <li>For the treatment of treatment-naïve HIV patients         OR</li> <li>For the treatment of treatment-experienced HIV         patients who have NOT tried and failed Prezista (i.e.         without Darunavir Resistance-Associated Mutations)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
PREZISTA and generic DARUNAVIR	HIV infection	<ul> <li>For patients who have tried and failed traditional PIs while receiving HAART</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>** Prezista 400mg and 800mg also indicated for treatment-naïve patients (once-daily dosing)</li> </ul>
PRISTIQ and generic DESVENLAFAXINE	Major Depressive     Disorder	For patients who have tried and failed (4 week trial minimum) or cannot tolerate or have a contraindication to Venlafaxine or other extended release SNRIs
PROBUPHINE (Buprenorphine hydrochloride)	Opioid Dependence	For management of opioid dependence in patients currently stable on Suboxone



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PROLIA (Denosumab)	Osteoporosis     Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis     Treatment to increase bone mass in men with non-metastatic prostate cancer receiving androgen deprivation therapy     Treatment to increase bone mass in women with non-metastatic breast cancer receiving aromatase inhibitor therapy	<ul> <li>For patients who have failed treatment with oral bisphosphonates (alendronate, etidronate, risedronate) or have had intractable intolerance or adverse effects to Bisphosphonate therapy</li> <li>Approval duration: 2 injections per calendar year</li> </ul>
PROSCAR and generic FINASTERIDE	Benign Prostatic     Hyperplasia	For the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia
PULMOZYME (Dornase alfa)	Cystic fibrosis	For treatment in patients, aged 5 years or older, diagnosed with cystic fibrosis and who have a forced vital lung capacity more than 40%
QUINSAIR (Levofloxacin)	Cystic Fibrosis	<ul> <li>For patients aged 18 or over with confirmed Cystic Fibrosis and pulmonary infection with Pseudomonas aeruginosa, who have tried and failed or did not tolerate prior therapy with TOBI inhaled solution or TOBI Podhaler</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial programs</li> </ul>
RAGWITEK (Standardized allergen extract, Short Ragweed)	Moderate to severe seasonal short ragweed allergic rhinitis	<ul> <li>For the treatment of allergic rhinitis in patients 18 years of age and older, who are         <ul> <li>Skin test positive to short ragweed pollen</li> <li>Symptomatic for at least 2 pollen seasons</li> </ul> </li> <li>Not adequately controlled by at least one drug in three of the four following classes: intranasal corticosteroids, oral antihistamines, leukotriene receptor antagonists, and allergen Specific ImmunoTherapy injections</li> </ul>
RAPAFLO (Silodosin)	Benign prostatic hyperplasia	For the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia in patients who have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least two of the following medications: Flomax CR, Hytrin, Cardura, Xatral
RELISTOR (Methylnaltrexone bromide)	Opioid-Induced     Constipation (OIC)	For patients with Opiod-Induced Constipation (OIC) receiving palliative care, who have tried and failed traditional laxatives and/or enemas



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REMICADE (Infliximab)	<ul> <li>Crohn's Disease</li> <li>Moderate to severe         active Ulcerative Colitis</li> <li>Moderate to Severe         Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing spondylitis</li> <li>Moderate to severe         chronic plaque psoriasis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with fistulizing Crohn's disease or patients with moderate to severe Crohn's disease who have failed to respond to corticosteroids AND an immunosuppressant agent (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>Patients with active ulcerative colitis who failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy and a 5-ASA product OR immunosuppressants (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is greater than or equal to 4</li> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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RENFLEXIS (Infliximab)	<ul> <li>Crohn's Disease</li> <li>Moderate to severe active Ulcerative Colitis</li> <li>Moderate to Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing spondylitis</li> <li>Moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with fistulizing Crohn's disease or patients with moderate to severe Crohn's disease who have failed to respond to corticosteroids AND an immunosuppressant agent (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>Patients with active ulcerative colitis who failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy and a 5-ASA product OR immunosuppressants (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is greater than or equal to 4</li> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed phototherapy AND who have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
REPATHA (Evolocumab)	<ul> <li>Familial         Hypercholesteremia         Atherosclerotic         Cardiovascular Disease         (ASCVD)     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial Authorization (6 months):         <ul> <li>Familial Hypercholesterolemia with or without ASCVD. Diagnosed with Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia or Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia as confirmed by genotyping or clinical criteria (Simon Broome criteria or World Health Organization/Dutch Lipid Network criteria)</li> <li>Must be greater than 18 years of age for Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (greater than 12 years of age for Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia)</li> <li>Statin use:</li></ul></li></ul>



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		three months  Current LDL-C value required  Renewal Criteria (1 year approval)  Document evidence of LDL-C level reduction of at least 25% from initial baseline
		Maximum approval dosage is 140mg every two weeks or 420 mg once monthly
		Initial Authorization (6 months):  ASCVD - In patients with clinical Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD) without Familial Hypercholesterolemia. Diagnosed with clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (i.e. prior MI, prior stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA), symptomatic peripheral arterial disease, acute coronary syndrome or unstable angina, chronic coronary artery disease, coronary or other arterial revascularization):  Must be greater than 18 years of age  Statin use:  1. As adjunct to diet and statin therapy in patients who are unable to reach LDL-C target despite adherence to high-dose statin (e.g. atorvastatin 80 mg or rosuvastatin 40 mg) for at least 3 months OR  2. Statin intolerant: Tried and failed compliant therapy with at least 2 statins at maximum tolerated dose, used concomitantly with one other cholesterol lowering medication (i.e. Ezetrol or Fenofibrates) plus lifestyle modifications for at least three months
		Renewal Criteria (1 year approval)     Achieving LDL-C target goal - less than 2     mmol/L or evidence of LDL-C level reduction of at least 25% from initial baseline  Maximum approval dosage is 140mg every two weeks or
		420 mg once monthly
RESOTRAN and generic prucalopride	Chronic idiopathic constipation	For adult female patients who have tried and failed dietary and lifestyle measures (i.e. high fibre diet, increased water intake, physical exercise) and at least one medication in at least two of the following classes: stool softeners (docusate), osmotic agents (magnesium citrate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate, polyethylene glycol 3350, sodium enema), hyperosmotic agents (glycerin suppositories, lactulose) and stimulants (bisacodyl, senna, castor oil)



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RESTASIS and generic cyclosporine	Moderate to moderately severe dry eyes	For the treatment of moderate to moderately severe dry eye disease and for patients who have tried and failed artificial tears
RETISERT (Fluocinolone acetonide)	For treatment of chronic Non-Infectious Posterior Uveitis	For the treatment of chronic Non-Infectious     Posterior Uveitis in patients who have tried and     failed oral prednisone or an equivalent     corticosteroid alone and/or an immunosuppressive     agent (cyclosporine, azathioprine, methotrexate     etc.)
RETROVIR (Zidovudine)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
REVATIO and generic SILDENAFIL (low dose	Pulmonary     Hypertension	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension functional class II or III who do not respond to optimal conventional therapy (i.e. calcium channel blockers, anticoagulation with warfarin, diuretics, digoxin, supplemental oxygen)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
REVLIMID (Lenalidomide)	Multiple Myeloma	<ul> <li>For the treatment of refractory or recurrent multiple myeloma, in combination with dexamethasone, in patients who have tried and failed at least two therapies (e.g. Bortezomib, Melphalan + Prednisone, Thalomide) and whose ECOG is of 2 or less.</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
REVOLADE (Eltrombopag Olamine)	Chronic Immune     (idiopathic)     Thrombocytopenic     Purpura (ITP)	<ul> <li>For adult patients who are splenectomised and have tried and failed corticosteroids and immunoglobulins</li> <li>For adult patients who are non-splenectomised (where surgery is contraindicated) and have tried and failed corticosteroids and immunoglobulins</li> <li>For pediatric patients 1 year of age or older who have tried and failed corticosteroids and immunoglobulins</li> <li>Platelet counts less than 30 x 109/L</li> <li>Adults: Maximum approval is 1 year of continuous treatment where therapy should be discontinued thereafter should platelet count exceed 400 x 109/L</li> <li>Pediatrics: Maximum approval is 9 months of continuous treatment where therapy should be discontinued thereafter should platelet count exceed 400 x 109/L</li> </ul>
REYATAZ (Atazanavir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program



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RILUTEK and generic RILUZOLE	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)	For the treatment of ALS in patients with symptoms of less than 5 years and who still have a vital lung capacity of 60% or more in the absence of tracheotomy
RINVOQ (Upadacitinib)	Rheumatoid Arthritis	For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months
RISPERIDAL CONSTA (Risperidone injection)	For the management of the manifestations of schizophrenia and related psychotic disorders	Reserved for patients who are non-compliant or non- adherent with conventional oral therapy, resulting in multiple relapses/hospitalizations
RITUXAN (Rituximab)	<ul> <li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Granulomatosis with         Polyangiitis (GPA, also         known as Wegener's         Granulomatosis)</li> <li>Microscopic Polyangiitis         (MPA)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients with RA who have tried and failed or could not tolerate at least one or more anti-TNF treatment i.e. Cimzia or Etanercept or Humira or Simponi or Actemra SC or Remicade or Orencia SC</li> <li>For the treatment of adult patients with severe GPA or MPA:         <ul> <li>In combination with glucorticoids</li> <li>Trial and failure, intolerance or contraindicated to use cyclophosphamide (Ex: Cytoxan or Procytox or generic cyclophosphamide).</li> <li>Approval for 1 year</li> <li>Dose: 375 MG/M2 body surface area, administered as an IV infusion once weekly for 4 weeks</li> </ul> </li> <li>Renewal criteria: 1 year</li> <li>Evidence of beneficial clinical effect</li> <li>Renewal no less than 6 months after the last dose of Rituxan.</li> <li>Dose: 2 doses of 500 mg IV infusions separated by 2 weeks, followed by a 500 mg IV infusion every 6 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ROSIVER (Ivermectin)	• Rosacea	For the treatment of rosacea in patients who have tried and failed at least one topical treatment (i.e. Noritate, MetroGel, Finacea)
RYBELSUS (Semaglutide)	Diabetes Mellitus	<ul> <li>For patients who tried and failed, or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (≥ 2000 mg daily)</li> </ul>



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RYDAPT (Midostaurin)	Newly diagnosed FLT3- mutated acute myeloid leukemia (AML)	For adult patients with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) who are FLT3-mutation positive AND one of the following:     a) In combination with cytarabine and daunorubicin induction chemotherapy (one-time induction approval: 112 capsules)     b) In combination with cytarabine consolidation (post-induction) chemotherapy (one-time consolidation approval: 224 capsules)
SAIZEN (Somatropin)	<ul> <li>Dwarfism</li> <li>Turner's syndrome</li> <li>Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency ("Adult GHD")</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of children and adolescents under 17 years of age with endogenous growth hormone deficiency or with renal failure resulting in slowed growth rate</li> <li>For the treatment of patients with Turner's syndrome under 14 years of age</li> <li>For adolescents/adults who were growth hormone-deficient during childhood and who have growth hormone deficiency syndrome confirmed as an adult. Use of growth hormone as a child must be documented</li> <li>For adults who have GHD (GH ≤ 5 mcg/L) due to multiple hormone deficiencies as a result of pituitary disease (hypopituitarism); hypothalamic disease; surgery (pituitary gland tumour ablation); radiation therapy; or trauma</li> </ul>
SANDOSTATIN SANDOSTATIN LAR OCPHYL (Octreotide)	<ul> <li>Metastatic Carcinoid Syndrome</li> <li>Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide-Secreting Tumour (VIPoma)</li> <li>Acromegaly</li> <li>Emergency management for the bleeding of Gastro- esophageal varices</li> <li>Prevention of complications following pancreatic surgery</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For treatment of severe diarrhea and flushing in patients with carcinoid or VIP secreting tumours who are adequately controlled with subcutaneously administered Sandostatin</li> <li>For acromegalic patients are adequately controlled with subcutaneously administered Sandostatin OR those in whom surgery, radiotherapy or dopamine agonist treatment is inappropriate or ineffective, or in the interim period until radiotherapy becomes fully effective</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
SATIVEX (Tetrahydro-cannabinol and cannabidiol buccal spray)	For symptomatic relief     of spasticity in adults     with multiple sclerosis	For adult MS patients with spasticity who have tried other medications such as analgesics, opioids, antidepressants or anticonvulsants, with little or no effect



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SAXENDA (Liraglutide)	• Anti-Obesity	<ul> <li>Initial Authorization Approval (6 months):         <ul> <li>Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 OR a BMI of 27-29 with one of the following disease conditions that is also being treated with medication: hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, and/or coronary artery disease AND trial and failure of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) for at least three months prior to starting Saxenda AND</li> <li>trial and failure of therapy with Xenical for at least 6 months prior to Saxenda AND continuation of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) while using Saxenda</li> <li>Weight prior to initiation of treatment</li> <li>Maximum Lifetime Coverage to be in line with antiobesity coverage of the plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>Subsequent Authorization Approval (6 months):         <ul> <li>Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 OR a BMI of 27-29 with one of the following disease conditions that is also being treated with medication: hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, and/or coronary artery AND a minimum reduction of 6% of initial body weight and continuation of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) while using Saxenda</li> <li>Maximum Lifetime Coverage to be in line with antiobesity coverage of the plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SEBIVO (Telbivudine)	Chronic hepatitis B	<ul> <li>For chronic hepatitis B patients who develop resistance to Lamivudine or who have severe liver disease (e.g. cirrhosis)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
SENSIPAR and generic CINACALCET	Hyperparathyroidism secondary to Chronic Kidney Disease ("CKD")	For patients with hyperparathyroidism secondary to CKD with parathyroid hormone levels greater than 33pmol/L or 300pg/mL
SILENOR (Doxepin Hydrochloride)	• Insomnia	For patients 18 years and older who have failed to respond or have had intolerable side effects to at least one of the following: benzodiazepines, sedating antidepressants (e.g. trazodone) and hypnotic agents (e.g. Imovane)
SILIQ (Brodalumab)	Plaque psoriasis	For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are being treated by a dermatologist



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SIGNIFOR/ SIGNIFOR LAR (Pasireotide)	Cushing's Disease	Initial Criteria  • For the treatment of Cushing's Disease in adult patients:  • Who have tried and failed or are experiencing recurrent disease despite prior surgical intervention OR  • Whose condition or who have comorbidities that render surgery inappropriate  • Baseline urinary free cortisol levels  • 6 months approval  Renewal Criteria  • Documentation of clinical benefits with Signifor  • Normalization of urinary free cortisol OR  • More than 50% decrease in urinary free cortisol  • Coordinate with provincial government program
SIMPONI IV (Golimumab)	<ul> <li>Moderate to Severe         Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing spondylitis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDs and the BASDAI score is greater than or equal to 4</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> </ul>



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SIMPONI SC (Golimumab)	<ul> <li>Moderate to Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing spondylitis</li> <li>Moderate to severe active Ulcerative Colitis</li> <li>Severe active non- radiographic axial spondyloarthritis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDS and the BASDAI score is greater than or equal to 4</li> <li>Patients with active ulcerative colitis who failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy AND 5-ASA products AND/OR immunosuppressants (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of severe active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDs</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
SKYRIZI (Risankizumab)	Plaque psoriasis	<ul> <li>For patients 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
SOLIQUA (Insulin glargine/lixisenatide)	Diabetes mellitus	For adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are inadequately controlled on basal insulin
SOMATULINE (Lanreotide)	<ul> <li>Acromegaly</li> <li>Enteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of acromegaly in patients who have tried and failed or are ineligible for surgery and/or radiation therapy and other medical therapies</li> <li>For the treatment enteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors characterized as Grade 1 or Grade 2 (equivalent to Ki67 &lt; 10%) that are unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic</li> </ul>
SOMAVERT (Pegvisomant)	Treatment of     Acromegaly	For patients who have tried and failed surgery and/or radiation therapy and other medical therapies OR are ineligible for surgery and/or radiation therapy and other medical therapies



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SOVALDI (Sofosbuvir)	• Hepatitis C	<ul> <li>For adults with chronic hepatitis C with:         <ul> <li>Fibrosis stage F2 or greater (Metavir scale or equivalent)</li> <li>No diagnosis of cirrhosis OR cirrhosis with a Child Pugh Score = A (5-6)</li> </ul> </li> <li>For genotype 1, must use in combination with peginterferon/ribavirin</li> <li>For genotype 2 &amp; 3, must use in combination with ribavirin only after failure to standard peginterferon/ribavirin therapy</li> <li>For genotype 4, must use in combination with peginterferon/ribavirin after failure to standard peginterferon/ribavirin therapy</li> <li>Have failed or have a true contraindication to Maviret</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
SPRYCEL and generic DASATINIB	<ul> <li>Chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)</li> <li>Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of adults with any phase of Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (chronic, accelerated, or blast phase) for patients who have tried and failed imatinib</li> <li>For the treatment of adults with Philadelphia chromosome positive (Ph+) Acute Lymphoblatic Leukemia (ALL) resistant or intolerant to prior therapy</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
STEGLATRO (Ertugliflozin)  SEGLUROMET (Ertugliflozin/metformin)	Diabetes mellitus	For treatment of type-2 diabetic persons where metformin and a sulfonylurea are contraindicated, not tolerated or ineffective
STEGLUJAN (Ertugliflozin/Sitagliptin)	Diabetes mellitus	For treatment of type-2 diabetic persons where metformin and a sulfonylurea are contraindicated, not tolerated or ineffective
STELARA (Ustekinumab)	<ul> <li>Plaque psoriasis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> <li>Crohn's Disease</li> <li>Ulcerative Colitis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are being treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For maintenance treatment for patients with confirmed diagnosis of Crohn's Disease who have failed to respond to corticosteroids AND an immunosuppressant agent (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine) AND who have received their IV induction dose and</li> </ul>



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		are registered with Bioadvance  For patients with active Ulcerative Colitis who failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy and a 5-ASA OR immunosuppressants (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine)  AND who have received their IV induction dose and are registered with BioAdvance  Coordinate with provincial government program
STIVARGA (Regorafenib)	Metastatic Colorectal     Cancer     Metastatic and/or     unresectable     gastrointestinal stromal     tumors (GIST)	<ul> <li>For patients with a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC) AND</li> <li>Treated previously with all of the following: fluoropyrimidine-based chemotherapy, oxaliplatin, irinotecan, an anti-VEGF therapy (bevacizumab), AND</li> <li>If KRAS wild type, an anti-EGFR therapy (cetuximab, panitumumab)</li> <li>For metastatic and/or unresectable GIST patients who have tried and failed or is intolerable to imatinib and sunitinib therapy</li> <li>ECOG ≤ 1</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
STRIBILD (Cobicistat/Tenofovir/Emtricitabine/ Elvitegravir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with available provincial government programs
SUBLINOX and generic ZOLPIDEM	• Insomnia	For patients 18 years and older who have failed to respond or have had intolerable side effects to at least one of the following: benzodiazepines, sedating antidepressants (e.g. trazodone) and hypnotic agents (e.g. Imovane)
SUBLOCADE (Buprenorphine)	Opioid Dependence	For management of opioid dependence in patients clinically stable on generic Suboxone at a daily dose greater than 8 mg (buprenorphine) or who have had inadequate response to Probuphine
SUSTIVA and generic EFAVIRENZ	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
SUTENT (Sunitinib)	<ul> <li>Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumour (GIST)</li> <li>First-line treatment of metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma ("RCC")</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For GIST patients who have tried and failed or had no response to Gleevec (imatinib)</li> <li>Diagnosis of metastatic RCC. ECOG of two or less must be documented</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
SYMTUZA (Darunavir/Cobicistat/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with available provincial government programs



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TALTZ (lxekizumab)	<ul> <li>Plaque Psoriasis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> <li>Ankylosing Spondylitis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients who are 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement AND who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND who are treated by a dermatologist</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis where symptoms are uncontrolled by NSAIDs and the BASDAI score is ≥ 4</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
TARCEVA and generic ERLOTINIB	Second or Third-line treatment of locally advanced or metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer ("NSCLC")     Maintenance treatment of locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC	<ul> <li>For patients who have tried and failed first-line and second-line chemotherapy or are ineligible for second-line therapy. Treatment with cisplatin or carboplatin must be documented. ECOG performance status must be three or less</li> <li>Maintenance treatment in patients with stable disease after 4 cycles of standard platinum based first line chemotherapy. ECOG performance status must be one or less</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
TASIGNA (Nilotinib)	Chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)	<ul> <li>For adult patients with newly diagnosed         Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (Ph+ CML) in chronic phase (CP)     </li> <li>For adult patients with accelerated phase         Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (Ph+CML) resistant to OR intolerant of at least one prior therapy including imatinib     </li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
TECFIDERA (Dimethyl Fumarate)	Multiple sclerosis,     relapsing remitting	<ul> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> </ul>
TELZIR (Fosamprenavir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
TEMODAL and generic TEMOZOLOMIDE	Tumours, Brain, Primary     Treatment     (Astrocytoma)	<ul> <li>For the second-line treatment of glioblastoma multiforme or astrocytoma</li> <li>For the treatment of newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme concurrently with radiation and post radiation.</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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THALOMID (Thalomide)	Multiple myeloma	<ul> <li>For patients ≥ 65 years of age who are not eligible for autologous stem cell transplantation</li> <li>For use in combination with dexamethasone OR melphalan and prednisone</li> <li>ECOG ≤ 2</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
THYROGEN (Thyrotropin alpha Injection)	• Thyroid cancer •	<ul> <li>Adjunctive therapy to radioiodine ablation of thyroid cancer</li> <li>Adjunctive diagnostic tool in the follow-up of patients with thyroid cancer</li> <li>Validate site of administration and coordinate with provincial program/cancer agency</li> </ul>
TIVICAY (Dolutegravir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
TOBI and generic TOBRAMYCIN  TOBI PODHALER (Tobramycin for inhalation)	Cystic fibrosis	<ul> <li>For management of cystic fibrosis patients, aged 6 years or older, with chronic pulmonary Pseudomonas aeruginosa infections</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government</li> </ul>
TOCTINO (Alitretinoin)	Chronic Hand Eczema (CHE)	<ul> <li>Diagnosis of severe CHE characterized by fissures, vesicles, bumps, edema, exudation, scaling or lichenification</li> <li>Trial of at least 2 of the following high potency topical steroids: amcinonide (Cyclocort), desoximetasone (Topicort), fluocinonide (Lyderm, Tiamol), betamethasone dipropionate (Diprosone), clobetasol propionate (Clobex)</li> </ul>
TOUJEO (Insulin glargine)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who are at high risk for hypoglycemia
TRACLEER and generic BOSENTAN	Pulmonary     Hypertension	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients with a confirmed diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension functional class III AND who have tried and failed or cannot tolerate Revatio or Adcirca (miminum 3 months trial)</li> <li>For the treatment of patients with a confirmed diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension functional class IV</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
TRAJENTA (Linagliptin)  JENTADUETO (Linagliptin/Metformin)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (>2000 mg)



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TREMFYA (Guselkumab)	Moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis	For patients 18 years and older with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with at least 10% body involvement who have tried and failed phototherapy AND have tried and failed or are intolerant to at least 2 systemic therapies AND are being treated by a dermatologist
TRESIBA (Insulin degludec)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who are at high risk for hypoglycemia
TRINTELLIX (Vortioxetine Hydrobromide)	Major depressive disorder	For individuals diagnosed with major depressive disorder and who have previously tried and failed therapy with any other antidepressant
TRIUMEQ (Dolutegravir/Abacavir/ Lamivudine)	HIV infection in adults	Coordinate with provincial government program
TRIZIVIR (Abacavir/Lamivudine/Zidovudine)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
TRULICITY (Dulaglutide)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (>2000 mg)
TRUSOPT (Dorzolamide preservative-free ophthalmic solution)	Treatment of elevated intra-ocular pressure in open angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension	For patients who are allergic to or cannot tolerate the formulation with the preservative
TRUVADA and generics (Emtricitabine/Tenofovir)	<ul> <li>HIV anti-viral</li> <li>Pre-Exposure</li> <li>Prophylaxis (PrEP) of</li> <li>HIV-1 infection</li> </ul>	Coordinate with provincial government program
TRUXIMA (Rituximab)	Rheumatoid Arthritis	For the treatment of patients with rheumatoid arthrits who have tried and failed or could not tolerate at least one or more anti-TNF treatment (i.e. Cimzia or Etanercept or Humira or Simponi or Actemra SC or Remicade or Orencia SC)
TYKERB (Lapatinib)	Advanced or metastatic breast cancer	<ul> <li>In combination with Xeloda, for patients with tumours over-expressing ErbB2 (HER2) who have tried and failed taxanes, anthracyclines and trastuzumab</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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TYSABRI (Natalizumab)	Treatment of Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis (RRMS) in patients who have had an inadequate response to, or are unable to tolerate other MS therapies	<ul> <li>For RRMS - patients have had an inadequate response to, or are unable to tolerate, other therapies, i.e. Aubagio, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, Plegridy, Rebif, Tecfidera AND have evidence of lesions on their MRI scan, an EDSS value less than 6 and have had at least one relapse in previous year         <ul> <li>EDSS value required with every application</li> </ul> </li> <li>For patients with rapidly evolving severe MS, they must have had two or more disabling relapses in one year and at least nine T2-hyperintense lesions in their cranial MRI or at least one gadolinium-enhancing (Gd-enhancing) lesion</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ULORIC and generic FEBUXOSTAT	To lower serum uric acid levels in patients with gout	For patients who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to allopurinol
ULTIBRO BREEZHALER (Indacaterol/Glycopyrronium)	Chronic Obstructive     Pulmonary Disease     (COPD)	For patients diagnosed with COPD, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema who have tried and failed on long-acting bronchodilator monotherapy
UPTRAVI (Selexipag)	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) WHO functional class (FC) II–III (idiopathic, heritable, or associated with connective tissue disease or congenital heart disorders)	<ul> <li>For patients who have tried and failed or cannot tolerate at least one ERA (i.e. Tracleer, Volibris, Opsumit) or PDE-5 inhibitor (i.e. Revatio, Adcirca)</li> <li>May be used as monotherapy OR an add-on to existing ERA/PDE-5 inhibitor OR triple combination therapy</li> </ul>
UROCIT-K (Potassium citrate)	Kidney Stones	For patients with renal tubular acidosis (RTA) with calcium stones, hypocitraturic calcium oxalate nephrolithiasis of any etiology, and uric acid lithiasis with or without calcium stone
VALCYTE and generic VALGANCICLOVIR	<ul> <li>Cytomegalovirus         Retinitis</li> <li>Prevent CMV in solid         organ transplant         patients</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of retinitis caused by the cytomegalovirus (CMV) in HIV or immunocompromised patients</li> <li>For the prevention of CMV disease in solid organ transplant patients at risk (i.e. risk is defined as donor +ve/recipient -ve for CMV, or recipient +ve post-active treatment of CMV disease with IV ganciclovir, or recipient +ve in patients receiving antilymphocyte antibody [ALA]).</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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VASCEPA (Icosapent ethyl)	Hypertriglyceridemia	• For patients with established Cardiovascular Disease OR Diabetes Mellitus with at least one other cardiovascular risk factor (e.g. hypertension, renal dysfunction, retinopathy), who are stable on a cholesterol lowering agent (e.g. statin, fenofibrate, ezetimibe) and have a triglyceride level of ≥1.53 mmol/L
VEMLIDY (Tenofovir alafenamide)	Chronic Hepatitis B	<ul> <li>For adult patients with a confirmed diagnosis of chronic Hepatitis B infection with compensated liver disease</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
VERKAZIA (Cyclosporine)	<ul> <li>Severe vernal keratoconjunctivitis (VKC)</li> </ul>	For the treatment of severe VKC in children from 4 years of age through adolescence (12-18 years) with trial and failure of, intolerance, or contraindication to two of the following: topical antihistamines (e.g. pheniramine), topical mast cell stabilizers (e.g. sodium cromoglycate), topical dualaction drugs (e.g. olopatidine), topical vasoconstrictors (e.g. naphazoline), topical corticosteroids (e.g. prednisolone)
VERZENIO (Abemaciclib)	Advanced or metastatic breast cancer	Initial Criteria (6 month duration):  For postmenopausal women with estrogen receptor-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative (ER+/HER2-) advanced or metastatic breast cancer AND  Endocrine-naïve/sensitive AND  No active or uncontrolled metastases to the brain AND  No resistance to prior (neo-) adjuvant aromatase-inhibitor therapy AND  No previous systemic treatment including chemotherapy for their advanced disease AND  In combination with an aromatase inhibitor (e.g. Anastrozole, Letrozole)  Renewal (6 month duration):  Continue until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression  Initial Criteria (6 month duration)  In combination with generic Faslodex for the treatment of postmenopausal women with HR-positive, HER2- negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer following disease progression on endocrine therapy AND must be CDK 4/6 inhibitor treatment naïve  Renewal Criteria (6 month duration)  Continue until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression



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VFEND and generic VORICONAZOLE	<ul> <li>Treatment of invasive aspergillosis</li> <li>Treatment of Candidemia in nonneutropenic patients and Candida infections</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of invasive aspergillosis for post-hospital discharge only</li> <li>For patients with candidemia who cannot tolerate Amphotericin B and Fluconazole or who have infections with Fluconazole-resistant Candida species</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
VIBERZI (Eluxadoline)	Irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D)	For treatment of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) in adult patients who have tried and failed dietary and lifestyle measures and standard therapy (i.e. Imodium)
VICTOZA (Liraglutide)	Diabetes mellitus	For patients who have tried and failed or did not tolerate maximum doses of metformin (>2000 mg)
VIDEX (Didanosine)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
VIIBRYD (Vilazodone)	Major depressive disorder	For individuals diagnosed with major depressive disorder and who have previously tried and failed therapy with any other antidepressant
VIMOVO XR and generic NAPROXEN/ESOMEPRAZOLE	Chronic medical conditions requiring NSAIDs (i.e.     Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis)	For patients who have failed to respond or had intolerable side-effects with the concomitant use of an NSAID with at least two of the following proton pump inhibitors: Rabeprazole, Lansoprazole, Omeprazole, and/or Pantoprazole
VIMPAT and generic LACOSAMIDE	Monotherapy or     Adjunctive therapy for     partial onset seizures	For patients with a diagnosis of partial onset seizures who have tried, failed or have experienced intolerant side effects to 2 or more standard care drugs i.e. carbamazepine, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, topiramate, phenytoin, valproic acid/divalproex, gabapentin, Phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, clobazam, primidone, vigabatrin
VIRACEPT (Nelfinavir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
VIREAD and generic TENOFOVIR	<ul><li>HIV anti-viral</li><li>Hepatitis B</li></ul>	Coordinate with provincial government program
VISANNE and generic DIENOGEST	Pelvic pain associated with endometriosis	For patients who have failed to respond or have had intolerable side-effects to oral contraceptives



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VISUDYNE (Verteprofine)	<ul> <li>Age related macular degeneration</li> <li>Pathological myopia</li> </ul>	For the treatment of age-related macular degeneration in patients with neovascularization of 50% or more on the macular surface AND no provincial coverage is available
VIZIMPRO (Dacomitinib)	Locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of unresectable locally advanced or metastatic nonsmall cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with confirmed epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R substitution mutations who have tried and failed at least one EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor (e.g. Iressa, Tarceva, or Giotrif)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
VOLIBRIS and genericAmbrisentan	Pulmonary     Hypertension	For the treatment of patients with a confirmed diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension functional class II or III AND who have tried and failed or cannot tolerate Revatio or Adcirca (minimum 3 months trial)     For WHO FC III, patients must also have tried and failed or cannot tolerate Tracleer (bosentan)     Coordinate with provincial government program
VOSEVI (Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir)	• Hepatitis C	For adult patients with chronic hepatitis C infection, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis, who have: Genotypes 1 – 6 and previously treated with an NS5A inhibitor OR Genotypes 1 – 4 and previously treated with sofosbuvir but not an NS5A inhibitor OR Quantitative Hepatitis C Virus Ribonucleic Acid (HCV RNA) value within the last 6 months Fibrosis stage F2 or greater (Metavir scale or equivalent) Retreatment due to re-infection will not be considered Coordinate with provincial government program
VOTRIENT (Pazopanib Hydrochloride)	Metastatic renal cell     (clear cell) carcinoma     (mRCC)	<ul> <li>For patients who have received no prior systemic therapies OR who have documented failure to first line cytokine based therapy</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
VYVANSE (Lisdexamfetamine)	<ul> <li>Attention deficit         hyperactivity disorder</li> <li>Binge Eating Disorder         (BED)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients who have tried and failed or had intolerable side effects to generic Ritalin, Concerta, Adderall XR, Dexedrine or Strattera</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of Binge Eating Disorder (BED)</li> </ul>



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WELLBUTRIN SR/XL and generic BUPROPION	<ul> <li>Depression</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of depression</li> </ul>
XELJANZ (Tofacitinib)	<ul> <li>Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> <li>Psoriatic Arthritis</li> <li>Ulcerative colitis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND at least one other DMARD (i.e. hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide and/or sulfasalazine) for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis with persistent active disease where the patient has not adequately responded to Methotrexate at a dose equal to or greater than 20 mg/week AND Leflunomide or Sulfasalazine for a period of 3 months</li> <li>For patients with active ulcerative colitis who have failed or are intolerant to oral corticosteroid therapy AND a 5-ASA product or immunosuppressant (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or cyclosporine) AND who have failed or have patient-specific contraindication(s) to at least 2 of the following: infliximab, Humira, Simponi SC, and Entyvio</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
XELODA and generic CAPECITABINE	<ul> <li>Adjuvant treatment of stage III (Dukes' stage C) colon cancer</li> <li>Metastatic colorectal cancer</li> <li>Metastatic breast cancer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the first-line treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer</li> <li>For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer in combination with oxaliplatin after failure of irinotecan-containing combination chemotherapy</li> <li>For treatment of advanced or metastatic breast cancer after failure of standard therapy including a taxane unless contraindicated OR in combination with docetaxel after failure of prior anthracycline containing chemotherapy</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>



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XENICAL (Orlistat)	• Obesity	<ul> <li>Initial Authorization Approval (6 months):         <ul> <li>Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 OR a BMI of 27-29 with one of the following disease conditions that is also being treated with medication: hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, and/or coronary artery</li> <li>trial and failure of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) for at least three months prior to starting Xenical AND ccontinuation of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) while using Xenical</li> <li>Weight prior to initiation of treatment</li> <li>Maximum Lifetime Coverage to be in line with antiobesity coverage of the plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>Subsequent Authorization Approval (6 months):         <ul> <li>Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 OR a BMI of 27-29 with one of the following disease conditions that is also being treated with medication: hhypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, and/or coronary artery AND a minimum reduction of 6% of initial body weight and continuation of prescribed lifestyle therapy (diet and exercise) while using Xenical</li> <li>Maximum Lifetime Coverage to be in line with antiobesity coverage of the plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
XEOMIN (Incobotulinumtoxin A)	<ul> <li>Blepharospasm</li> <li>Cervical dystonia (spasmodic torticollis)</li> <li>Post-stroke spasticity of the upper limbs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the treatment of blepharospasm in patients 18 years of age or older</li> <li>For the treatment of torticollis in adult patients</li> <li>For the treatment of post-stroke spasticity of the upper limbs in adult patients</li> </ul>
XGEVA and generic DENOSUMAB	Bone metastases	For patients with bone metastases from breast cancer, prostate cancer, non-small cell lung cancer and other solid tumors AND have tried and failed or experienced intolerable side effects with bisphosphates (Clasteon or Zometa)
XIAFLEX (Collagenase Clostridium Histolyticum)	<ul> <li>Dupuytren's         <ul> <li>Contracture with a</li> <li>Palpable Cord</li> </ul> </li> <li>Peyronie's disease</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a confirmed diagnosis of Dupuytren's Contracture with a palpable cord         <ul> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> <li>Maximum lifetime approval: 3 injections/vials per finger</li> </ul> </li> <li>For the treatment of patients with Peyronie's disease with a palpable plaque and curvature deformity of at least 30 degrees         <ul> <li>Maximum lifetime approval of 8 injections/vials</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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XIIDRA (Lifitegrast)	Moderate to     moderately severe dry     eyes	For the treatment of moderate to moderately severe dry eye disease and for patients who have tried and failed artificial tears
XOLAIR Pre-Filled Syringes (PFS) (Omalizumab)	<ul> <li>Severe allergic asthma</li> <li>Chronic idiopathic urticaria</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For allergic asthma, Xolair vials will only be considered if patient has a latex allergy or contraindication to Xolair PFS</li> <li>For the treatment of patients 12 years or older who have moderate to severe asthma and who are skin test positive or have in-vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen with a baseline IgE level within 30-700IU/ml and who are not adequately controlled by a concomitant high-dose or maximum tolerated doses of ICS with two or more of the following drug classes: LABA, LTRA, and theophylline</li> <li>For pediatric patients age 6-11 with moderate-severe persistent allergic asthma, with uncontrolled symptoms despite high doses of an inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) and/or a leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA)         <ul> <li>Documentation of positive skin test or in vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen</li> <li>Documentation of weight and pretreatment serum IgE</li> </ul> </li> <li>For the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 12 years and older who remain symptomatic despite an adequate trial of a maximum-tolerated dose of H-1 antihistamine for at least 3 months. Prescriber must clearly specify the severity of symptoms (i.e. impact on quality of life, and the extent of the lesions etc.)</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
XTANDI (Enzalutamide)	<ul> <li>Metastatic castration- resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC)</li> <li>Non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (nmCRPC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For patients with a diagnosis of metastatic CRPC who received prior chemotherapy containing docetaxel</li> <li>In combination with Androgen depriviation Therapy (ADT) for the treatment of men with nonmetastatic castrate resistant prostate cancer (nmCRPC) in patients who are at high risk of developing metastases (i.e. prostate-specific antigen (PSA) doubling time of 10 months or less during continuous ADT) AND ECOG 0-1</li> <li>Renewal criteria: Absence of disease progression</li> <li>Initial and renewal duration: 6 months</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
XULTOPHY (Insulin degludec/Liraglutide)	Diabetes mellitus	<ul> <li>Trial and failure with a basal insulin (i.e. Levemir, Basaglar, Lantus, Toujeo, Tresiba) OR</li> <li>Trial and failure with a GLP-1 agonist (i.e. Ozempic, Victoza, Byetta, Trulicity)</li> </ul>



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XYREM (Sodium oxybate)	Treatment of cataplexy (sudden loss of muscle strength) in narcoleptic patients	Diagnosis of narcolepsy with chronic symptoms of cataplexy
ZAXINE (Rifaximin)	<ul> <li>Irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D)</li> <li>For reduction in risk of overt hepatic encephalopathy</li> </ul>	For treatment of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) in adult patients who have tried and failed dietary and lifestyle measures and standard therapy (i.e. Imodium)     Lifetime approval maximum of 126 tablets     For adult patients susceptible to overt hepatic encephalopathy AND have tried lactulose (unless severe intolerance or contraindication)     Coordinate with provincial government program
ZEPATIER (Elbasvir/Grazoprevir)	Hepatitis C Infection	For treatment-naïve or treatment-experienced* adult patients with or without cirrhosis diagnosed with chronic hepatitis C genotype 1 and genotype 4 with:  Quantitative Hepatitis C Virus Ribonucleic Acid (HCV RNA) value within the last 6 months  Fibrosis stage F2 or greater (Metavir scale or equivalent)  Have failed or have a true contraindication to Maviret  Retreatment requests will not be considered  Coordinate with provincial government program  Maximum approval 12 weeks  *Treatment relapse or failure to standard peginterferon/ribavirin OR peginterferon/ribavirin/boceprevir, simeprevir, or telaprevir.
ZERIT (Stavudine)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
ZIAGEN (Abacavir)	HIV anti-viral	Coordinate with provincial government program
ZUACTA (Zucapsaicin cream)	<ul> <li>Osteoarthritis</li> </ul>	A confirmed diagnosis of osteoarthritis, where the patient failed to respond OR had intolerable side-effects to Meloxicam AND at least one Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAID)



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ZYDELIG (Idelalisib)	Treatment of patients     with relapsed Chronic     Lymphocytic Leukemia     (CLL)	<ul> <li>For the treatment of patients with who have relapsed CLL</li> <li>Who failed or are experiencing recurrent disease despite 1 prior therapy (e.g. bendamustine + rituximab, fludarabine + cyclophosphamide + rituximab, single-agent rituximab, fludarabine + rituximab, chlorambucil, fludarabine, ofatumumab, chlorambucil, etc.)</li> <li>Must be taken in combination with rituximab</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>
ZYTIGA (Abiraterone acetate)	<ul> <li>Metastatic prostate         cancer (castration         resistant prostate         cancer – CRPC)</li> <li>Hormone-sensitive         high-risk metastatic         prostate cancer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For treatment of CRPC in combination with prednisone in patients who have received prior chemotherapy containing docetaxel</li> <li>For treatment of CRPC in combination with prednisone in patients who are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic after failure of androgen deprivation therapy</li> <li>For the treatment of newly diagnosed patients with hormone-sensitive metastatic (or castration resistant) prostate cancer in combination with prednisone</li> <li>Coordinate with provincial government program</li> </ul>