

Commercial/Healthcare Exchange PA Criteria

Effective: June 2007

Prior Authorization: Cesamet

Products Affected: Cesamet (nabilone) oral capsules

Medication Description: Cesamet (nabilone) is a synthetic cannabinoid for oral administration. Antiemetic activity may be due to effect on cannabinoid receptors (CB1) within the central nervous system.

Covered Uses: Treatment of the nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy in patients who have failed to respond adequately to conventional antiemetic treatments.

Exclusion Criteria:

1. Patients who has a history of hypersensitivity to any cannabinoid.
2. Use of Cesamet on as needed basis or as a first antiemetic product prescribed for a patient.

Required Medical Information:

1. Diagnosis
2. History of previous medications tried/failed

Age Restrictions: N/A

Prescriber Restrictions: N/A

Coverage Duration: 3 months

Other Criteria:

- A. Patient is being treated for nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy; AND
- B. Patient has an intolerance to, or treatment failure of at least TWO previous antiemetic therapies, one of which must be a serotonin 5HT3 antagonist (i.e. ondansetron).

References:

1. Cesamet prescribing information Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Costa Mesa, CA

Policy Revision history

Rev #	Type of Change	Summary of Change	Sections Affected	Date
1	New Policy	New Policy	All	June 2007
2	Policy Update	<p>Updated Template from CCI to EH</p> <p>Updated exclusion criteria in the FDA labeled contraindications: Patients who has a history of hypersensitivity to any cannabinoid, Use of Cesamet on as needed basis or as a first antiemetic product prescribed for a patient.</p>	All	2/4/2020