

## Medical Policy:

### Aphexda (motixafortide) subcutaneous injection

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## Definitions

Aphexda is indicated in combination with filgrastim (G-CSF) to mobilize hematopoietic stem cells to the peripheral blood for collection and subsequent autologous transplantation in patients with multiple myeloma.

## Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for two doses only.

## Dosing Limits [Medical Benefit]

- Aphexda 62mg single dose vial 2 vials per dose for two doses only
- Max Units per dose and over time: 124mg (2 vials) per dose up to two doses.

## Guideline

### I. Initial

1. **Multiple Myeloma.** Approve if the patient meets the following (A, B, C, **AND** D):
  - A. Patient is  $\geq$  18 years of age; **AND**
  - B. The agent is utilized for mobilization of hematopoietic stem cells for subsequent autologous transplantation; **AND**
  - C. Use is in combination with filgrastim; **AND**  
*Note: Examples of filgrastim products include Granix (tbo-filgrastim subcutaneous injection) and Neupogen (filgrastim subcutaneous injection and intravenous infusion), as well as related biosimilars.*
  - D. Medication is prescribed by a hematologist and/or a stem cell transplant specialist physician.

## II. Renewal

**Coverage cannot be renewed.**

### Dosage/Administration

Indication	Dose
Peripheral mobilization of stem cells for autologous transplantation	<p>Administer filgrastim 10 mcg/kg subcutaneously once daily for 4 days prior to the first dose of Apherexda and on each day prior to each apheresis.</p> <p>The recommended dosage of Apherexda is 1.25 mg/kg administered via slow (approximately 2 minutes) subcutaneous injection 10 to 14 hours prior to the initiation of the first apheresis (Day 5).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If cell collection goal was not achieved, another dose of filgrastim may be administered on Day 6 within 1 hour prior to the second apheresis.</li> <li>• If cell collection goal was still not achieved, a second dose of Apherexda can be administered 10 to 14 hours before a third apheresis (preceded by filgrastim) on Day 7, if necessary.</li> </ul> <p>– Monitor patients for one hour after administration.</p>

### Applicable Procedure Codes

Code	Description
J3490	Unclassified drugs

### Applicable NDCs

Code	Description
82737-0073-01	Apherexda 62 mg One single-dose vial

### ICD-10 Diagnoses

Code	Description
Z52.011	Autologous donor, stem cells
Z52.091	Other blood donor, stem cells

Z94.84	Stem cells transplant status
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## Revision History

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