



Division: Pharmacy Policy	Subject: Prior Authorization Criteria
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## **MARINOL® (dronabinol)**

**LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION:** SIX MONTHS

**REVIEW CRITERIA:**

**A. Anorexia due to AIDS:**

- a. Member has tried and failed (or has a contraindication/intolerance to) megestrol acetate

**B. Treatment of refractory chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting**

- a. Member has a current diagnosis of cancer or a history of cancer diagnosis within the previous 365 days
- b. Member is currently receiving chemotherapy or has a history of chemotherapy within the previous 365 days
- c. Member has failed to respond to conventional antiemetic therapies from the following classes:
  - i. **Corticosteroids:** dexamethasone
  - ii. **Serotonin (5-HT<sub>3</sub>) Receptor Antagonists:** ondansetron
  - iii. **Neurokinin-1 Receptor Antagonists:** aprepitant (Emend®)

**DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION:**

**Anorexia due to AIDS:**

2.5mg by mouth twice daily before lunch and dinner, may reduce to 2.5mg/day at bedtime if intolerable; maximum of 20mg per day

**Treatment of refractory chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting:**

5mg/m<sup>2</sup> by mouth given 1-3 hours before chemotherapy, then 5mg/m<sup>2</sup> by mouth every 2-4 hours after chemotherapy for a total of 4-6 doses/day; may increase the dose by increments of 2.5mg/m<sup>2</sup>; maximum of 15mg/m<sup>2</sup> per dose