

# Antiemetics

**Goal(s):**

- Promote use of preferred antiemetics.
- Restrict use of costly antiemetic agents for appropriate indications.

**Length of Authorization:**

- Up to 6 months

**Requires PA:**

- Non-preferred drugs (oral and topical) will be subject to PA criteria.

**Covered Alternatives:**

- Current PMPDP preferred drug list per OAR 410-121-0030 at [www.orpdl.org](http://www.orpdl.org)
- Searchable site for Oregon FFS Drug Class listed at [www.orpdl.org/drugs/](http://www.orpdl.org/drugs/)

Approval Criteria		
1. What is the diagnosis being treated?	Record ICD10 Code.	
2. Will the prescriber consider a change to the preferred product? Message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred products do not require a PA.</li> <li>• Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness and safety by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&amp;T) Committee.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Inform prescriber of covered alternatives in class.	<b>No:</b> Go to #3
3. Is the request for doxylamine/pyridoxine (Diclegis® or Bonjesta) for pregnancy-related nausea or vomiting?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #4	<b>No:</b> Go to #5
4. Has the patient failed a trial of pyridoxine? Message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred vitamin B products do not require a PA.</li> <li>• Preferred products are evidence-based reviewed for comparative effectiveness and safety by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&amp;T) Committee.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 3 months	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPh; deny and recommend a trial of pyridoxine.
5. Is the request for dronabinol (Marinol®)?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #6	<b>No:</b> Go to #7
6. Does the patient have anorexia associated with HIV/AIDS?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 6 months.*	<b>No:</b> Go to #7
7. Does the patient have a cancer diagnosis AND receiving chemotherapy or radiation?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 6 months.	<b>No:</b> Go to #8

8. Does patient have refractory nausea/vomiting that has resulted in hospitalizations or ED visits?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 6 months.*	<b>No:</b> Go to #9
9. Has the patient tried and failed, or have contraindications, to at least 2 preferred antiemetics?	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 6 months.*	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness. Must trial at least 2 preferred antiemetics
* If the request is for dronabinol (Marinol®) do not exceed 3 doses/day for 2.5 mg and 5 mg strengths and 2 doses/day for the 10 mg strength.		

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