

## **Clinical Policy: Enzalutamide (Xtandi)**

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### **Description**

Enzalutamide (Xtandi<sup>®</sup>) is an androgen receptor inhibitor.

### **FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Xtandi is indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC)
- Metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer (CSPC)

### **Policy/Criteria**

*Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation<sup>®</sup> that Xtandi is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### **I. Initial Approval Criteria**

##### **A. Prostate Cancer** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a or b):
  - a. CRPC, as evidenced by disease progression despite bilateral orchiectomy or other androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) (*see Appendix D*);
  - b. Metastatic CSPC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or urologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. For members with metastatic disease, failure of generic abiraterone, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. For Xtandi requests, member must use generic enzalutamide, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Prescribed concurrently with a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analog or member has had a bilateral orchiectomy;
7. Request meets one of the following (a, b, c, or d):\*
  - a. If prescribed concomitantly with a strong CYP2C8 inhibitor (e.g., gemfibrozil): Dose does not exceed 80 mg (2 capsules or 1 tablet) per day;
  - b. Dose does not exceed 160 mg (4 capsules or 2 tablets) per day;
  - c. If prescribed concomitantly with a strong CYP3A4 inducer (e.g., phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, and phenobarbital): Dose does not exceed 240 mg (6 capsules or 3 tablets) per day;

- d. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

*\*Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications**

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Prostate Cancer (must meet all):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Xtandi for prostate cancer and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. For Xtandi requests, member must use generic enzalutamide, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, c, or d):\*
  - a. If prescribed concomitantly with a strong CYP2C8 inhibitor (e.g., gemfibrozil): New dose does not exceed 80 mg (2 capsules or 1 tablet) per day;
  - b. New dose does not exceed 160 mg (4 capsules or 2 tablets) per day;
  - c. If prescribed concomitantly with a strong CYP3A4 inducer (e.g., phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, and phenobarbital): New dose does not exceed 240 mg (6 capsules or 3 tablets) per day;
  - d. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

*\*Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

**Approval duration: 12 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.  
**Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less);** or
2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:**

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

ADT: androgen deprivation therapy

CRPC: castration-resistant prostate cancer

CSPC: castration-sensitive prostate cancer

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

GnRH: gonadotropin-releasing hormone  
LHRH: luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
abiraterone (Zytiga <sup>®</sup> )	1,000 mg (four 250 mg tablets) PO QD in combination with prednisone 5 mg PO BID (CRPC) or prednisone 5 mg PO QD (CSPC)	1,000 mg QD; 1,000 mg BID if taking a strong CYP3A4 inducer

*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name<sup>®</sup> (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name<sup>®</sup>) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

None reported

*Appendix D: General Information*

- CRPC is prostate cancer that progresses clinically, radiographically, or biochemically despite castrate levels of serum testosterone (< 50 ng/dL). Per the NCCN, ADT should be continued in the setting of CRPC while additional therapies are applied.
  - Examples of ADT include:
    - Bilateral orchiectomy (surgical castration)
    - Luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) agonist given with or without an anti-androgen:
      - LHRH agonists: Zoladex<sup>®</sup> (goserelin), Vantas<sup>®</sup> (histrelin), leuprolide (Lupron Depot<sup>®</sup>, Eligard<sup>®</sup>), and Trelstar<sup>®</sup> (triptorelin)
      - Anti-androgens: bicalutamide (Casodex<sup>®</sup>), flutamide (Eulexin<sup>®</sup>), nilutamide (Nilandron<sup>®</sup>), Xtandi<sup>®</sup> (enzalutamide), Erleada<sup>®</sup> (apalutamide)
    - LHRH antagonist: Firmagon<sup>®</sup> (degarelix), Orgovyx<sup>®</sup> (relugolix)

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
CRPC, metastatic CSPC	160 mg (two 80 mg tablets) PO QD. Patients receiving Xtandi should also receive a GnRH analog concurrently or should have had bilateral orchiectomy	160 mg/day; 240 mg/day if taking a strong CYP3A4 inducer

**VI. Product Availability**

- Capsule: 40 mg
- Tablets: 40 mg, 80 mg

**VII. References**

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
3Q 2018 annual review: added HIM line of business; specialist requirement was added; off-label use in castration-naïve prostate cancer removed per NCCN guidelines; references reviewed and updated.	05.15.18	08.18
Criteria added for new FDA indication: non-metastatic CRPC; removed requirement for metastatic disease as Xtandi is now approved for non-metastatic prostate cancer; added requirement for non-metastatic disease that Xtandi be used with a GnRH analog or member has had a bilateral orchiectomy; added urologist prescriber option; references reviewed and updated.	08.28.18	02.19
2Q 2019 annual review: added maximum dose restriction for concomitant strong CYP2C8 inhibitor use; no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	03.05.19	05.19
1Q 2020 annual review: criteria added for new FDA indication: metastatic CSPC; modified to require that a GnRH analog should always be prescribed concurrently with Xtandi unless member has had a bilateral orchiectomy (regardless of metastatic or non-metastatic disease) per FDA labeling and NCCN guidelines; references reviewed and updated.	01.14.20	02.20
RT4: Added new dosage form of 40 and 80 mg tablets	08.25.20	

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1Q 2021 annual review: oral oncology generic redirection language added; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	11.10.20	02.21
1Q 2022 annual review: per November SDC and prior clinical guidance, removed HIM line of business (separated to new policy HIM.PA.##); added redirection to generic abiraterone for members with metastatic disease; references reviewed and updated.	11.30.21	02.22

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**Note:**

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