

UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT MEDICAL POLICY

POLICY: Oncology (Injectable) – Mylotarg Utilization Management Medical Policy

- Mylotarg™ (gemtuzumab ozogamicin intravenous infusion – Pfizer)

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OVERVIEW

Mylotarg, an antibody-drug conjugate directed towards the CD33 antigen, is indicated for the following:¹

- **CD33-positive acute myeloid leukemia (AML)**, newly diagnosed, in adults and pediatric patients ≥ 1 month of age; AND
- **CD33-positive AML**, relapsed or refractory, in adults and pediatric patients ≥ 2 years of age.

Guidelines

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines for **AML** (version 3.2026 – November 24, 2025) recommend Mylotarg for induction or consolidation therapy, post-remission therapy, and for relapsed/refractory CD33-positive AML.^{2,3} Mylotarg can be used as a single agent or in combination with cytarabine and daunorubicin. The NCCN guidelines for AML also recommend Mylotarg in patients ≥ 18 years of age for induction and consolidation therapy for acute promyelocytic leukemia, and for relapsed disease. Mylotarg can be used in combination with tretinoin and/or arsenic trioxide.

Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia – Dosing in First Morphologic or Molecular Relapse

In a pilot study, the safety and efficacy of Mylotarg in patients with acute promyelocytic leukemia in molecular relapse (n = 16) was assessed.⁴ In this study, patients received up to 6 doses of Mylotarg 6 mg/m². Fourteen of 16 patients achieved molecular remission, seven patients achieved a sustained response lasting for a median of 15 months, and seven patients relapsed between 3 and 15 months. In a second pilot study, eight patients with acute promyelocytic leukemia in first relapse were treated with arsenic trioxide, all-trans retinoic acid, and Mylotarg.⁵ Patients received Mylotarg 9 mg/m² given intravenously (IV) once monthly for 10 months. After consolidation, patients received maintenance therapy which included idarubicin, all-trans retinoic acid, 6-mercaptopurine, and methotrexate. Three patients completed consolidation; the other five patients received between two and seven cycles of consolidation. All patients achieved complete response. After a median of 36 months of follow-up, six patients were alive in complete response, and two died while in complete response.

POLICY STATEMENT

Prior Authorization is recommended for medical benefit coverage of Mylotarg. Approval is recommended for those who meet the **Criteria** and **Dosing** for the listed indications. Extended approvals are allowed if the patient continues to meet the Criteria and Dosing. Requests for doses outside of the established dosing documented in this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis by a clinician (i.e., Medical Director or Pharmacist). All approvals are provided for the duration noted below. In cases where the approval is authorized in months, 1 month is equal to 30 days. Because of the specialized skills required for evaluation and diagnosis of patients treated with Mylotarg, as well as the monitoring required for adverse events and long-term efficacy, approval requires Mylotarg to be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in the condition being treated.

Automation: None.

RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

Coverage of Mylotarg is recommended in those who meet one of the following criteria:

FDA-Approved Indication

1. **Acute Myeloid Leukemia.** Approve for the duration noted if the patient meets ONE of the following (A or B):

Note: If the patient has acute promyelocytic leukemia, see the Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia criteria.

- A) Newly diagnosed CD33-positive disease: Approve for 1 year if the patient meets BOTH of the following (i and ii):
 - i. Patient is ≥ 1 month of age; AND
 - ii. The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist; OR
- B) Relapsed or refractory CD33-positive disease: Approve for 1 month if the patient meets BOTH of the following (i and ii):
 - i. Patient is ≥ 2 years of age; AND
 - ii. The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist.

Dosing. Approve ONE of the following dosing regimens (A or B):

- A) Newly diagnosed CD33-positive acute myeloid leukemia: Approve ONE of the following (i or ii):
 - i. Adult patients ≥ 18 years of age and meets ALL of the following (a, b, and c):
 - a) Approve up to 6 mg/m² administered intravenously; AND
 - b) Approve no more than 3 doses of the medication during the initial (induction) cycle; AND
 - c) Approve 1 dose of the medication during each subsequent (consolidation) cycle.
 - ii. Pediatric patients 1 month to < 18 years of age and meets ALL of the following (a, b, and c):
 - a) Patient meets ONE of the following [(1) or (2)]:
 - (1) Approve up to 3 mg/m² administered intravenously for patients with body surface area ≥ 0.6 m²; OR
 - (2) Approve up to 0.1 mg/kg for patients with body surface area < 0.6 m²; AND
 - b) Approve 1 dose of the medication during the initial (induction) cycle; AND
 - c) Approve 1 dose during the intensification phase; OR
- B) Relapsed or refractory CD33-positive acute myeloid leukemia: Approve up to 4.5 mg administered intravenously for no more than 3 doses.

Other Uses with Supportive Evidence

2. **Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia.** Approve for 6 months if the patient meets BOTH of the following (A and B):

- A) Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND
- B) The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist.

Dosing. Approve up to 9 mg/m² administered intravenously no more frequently than once every 28 days.

CONDITIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Coverage of Mylotarg is not recommended in the following situations:

1. Coverage is not recommended for circumstances not listed in the Recommended Authorization Criteria. Criteria will be updated as new published data are available.

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HISTORY

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Review Date
Annual Revision	No criteria changes.	07/17/2024
Annual Revision	No criteria changes.	07/02/2025
Annual Revision	Acute Myeloid Leukemia: The Note “If the patient has acute promyelocytic leukemia, see the Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia criteria” was added. The requirement that the medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist was modified to the medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist. Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia: The requirement that the medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist was modified to the medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist.	06/10/2026