

Case Number:	CM15-0008202		
Date Assigned:	01/23/2015	Date of Injury:	08/20/2005
Decision Date:	03/13/2015	UR Denial Date:	01/13/2015
Priority:	Standard	Application Received:	01/14/2015

HOW THE IMR FINAL DETERMINATION WAS MADE

MAXIMUS Federal Services sent the complete case file to an expert reviewer. He/she has no affiliation with the employer, employee, providers or the claims administrator. He/she has been in active clinical practice for more than five years and is currently working at least 24 hours a week in active practice. The expert reviewer was selected based on his/her clinical experience, education, background, and expertise in the same or similar specialties that evaluate and/or treat the medical condition and disputed items/Service. He/she is familiar with governing laws and regulations, including the strength of evidence hierarchy that applies to Independent Medical Review determinations.

The Expert Reviewer has the following credentials:

State(s) of Licensure: New York

Certification(s)/Specialty: Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Disease

CLINICAL CASE SUMMARY

The expert reviewer developed the following clinical case summary based on a review of the case file, including all medical records:

This 48 year old male sustained an industrial injury on 8/20/05. He sustained an injury while operating a forklift causing multiple areas of trauma to the upper and lower body. He subsequently reports difficulties associated with neurogenic bladder. Prior treatments include epidural injections and physical therapy. Medications include Lyrica, OxyContin and Vesicare. The UR decision dated 1/13/15 non-certified Treatment: S5001, Botox Injections in the Bladder Quantity requested: 1 Non-Certified; 2. Treatment: 52000, Cystoscopy Quantity requested: 1 Non-Certified. The Botox Injections in the Bladder and Cystoscopy were denied based on the lack of indications in the MTUS 2009, Chronic Pain Medical Treatment Guidelines.

IMR ISSUES, DECISIONS AND RATIONALES

The Final Determination was based on decisions for the disputed items/services set forth below:

Botox injections in the bladder: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: Decision based on MTUS Chronic Pain Treatment Guidelines Botulinum Toxin Page(s): 25.

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Corcus J, Schick, E. Textbook of Neurogenic Bladder 2008

Decision rationale: There are no MTUS, ACOEM or ODG recommendations for this issue. The patient is a 49 year old male with a forklift pinned injury to back, pelvis, neck, shoulders, arms on 08/25/2005 but a neurogenic bladder from a motor vehicle accident. Bladder is not a covered body part for the injury of 08/25/2005. He does not hesitate to urinate. There is no straining to urinate. There is no nocturnal incontinence. At times he has to hurry to the bathroom to urinate. He does not wear pads. He has had urinary tract infections. He does not have diabetes or hypertension. He has normal erections. He tried Detrol but gets blurred vision from that medication. Myrbetriq is effective treatment. However, this was not authorized as an industrial injury medication for the 08/25/2005 injury. There is no indication for Botox since Myrbetriq is effective treatment as noted on 01/06/2015.

Cystoscopy: Upheld

Claims Administrator guideline: The Claims Administrator did not cite any medical evidence for its decision.

MAXIMUS guideline: The Expert Reviewer did not base their decision on the MTUS. Decision based on Non-MTUS Citation Corcus J, Schick E. Textbook of Neurogenic bladder. 2008

Decision rationale: There are no MTUS, ACOEM or ODG guidelines on this topic. The patient is a 49 year old male with a forklift pinned injury to back, pelvis, neck, shoulders, arms on 08/25/2005 but a neurogenic bladder from a motor vehicle accident. Bladder is not a covered body part for the injury of 08/25/2005. He does not hesitate to urinate. There is no straining to urinate. There is no nocturnal incontinence. At times he has to hurry to the bathroom to urinate. He does not wear pads. He has had urinary tract infections. He does not have diabetes or hypertension. He has normal erections. He tried Detrol but gets blurred vision from that medication. Myrbetriq is effective treatment. However, this was not authorized as an industrial injury medication for the 08/25/2005 injury. There are no symptoms of urinary tract obstruction that would warrant a cystoscopy at this time.