

Division of Workers' Compensation Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

January 17, 2024
12:30pm to 2:30pm



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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**

George Parisotto, Administrative Director, DWC

- **Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2023 Meeting**

Dr. Raymond Meister, Executive Medical Director, DWC

- **MTUS Drug List v11**

Dr. Raymond Meister, Executive Medical Director, DWC

- **Discussion:**

- Opioid Guidelines – *Dr. Raymond Meister, Executive Medical Director, DWC*
- MTUS List v11 with RxCUI – *Kevin Gorospe Pharm D, DWC Consultant*
- MTUS Drug Lookup – *Kevin Gorospe Pharm D, DWC Consultant*

- **Additional Public Comments**

- **Review of Committee Recommendations**

- **Adjourn**

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MTUS Opioid Guidelines and Formulary Update

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MTUS v11 with RxCUI

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Items to note

- Lists Drug Class to match primary MTUS List
 - Will update based on committee decision of categories and design
- Some listings different than primary MTUS List
 - Some drugs may have been discontinued
 - Drug ingredients may differ (FDA used as reference)
- For adalimumab (HUMIRA®)
 - Nine biosimilars are listed, in addition to HUMIRA
 - RxCUIs covers all injectable dosage forms and strength

Humira Biosimilars

Drug Ingredient	Brand Name
adalimumab	HUMIRA
adalimumab-afzb	ABRILADA
adalimumab-atto	AMJEVITA
adalimumab-adbm	CYLEZO
adalimumab-bwwd	HADLIMA

Drug Ingredient	Brand Name
adalimumab-fkjp	HULIO
adalimumab-adaz	HYRIMOZ
adalimumab-aacf	IDACIO
adalimumab-aaty	YUFLYMA
adalimumab-aqvh	YUSIMRY

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MTUS Drug Lookup

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Committee Drug Lookup Request

- Committee requested a test drug lookup process that is more user friendly than the large spreadsheet
- Committee recommended MeSHPA categorization was preferred over other lists and to test on drugs to treat pain
- Current limitations
 - Developers not available as they are working on many other critical DWC implementations, therefore more complex Web based lookup not possible at this time
 - Use of Excel workbook is currently only option which has limitations
 - MeSHPA is no longer listed on NIH RxCLASS site and search of MeSH did not return a functional lookup process; more research is needed

Drug Lookup Tool

- A tool was developed in an Excel workbook
- To test functionality, the condition category of “Chronic Pain” was chosen
- The tool incorporates the four conditions under this category
 - Chronic Persistent Pain
 - Complex Regional Pain Syndrome
 - Fibromyalgia
 - Neuropathic
- Due to Excel naming issues, items like Drug Class will appear different than normal naming
 - For example, “Alternative Medicines” appears as “Fibromyalgia_Alternative_Medicines”
 - Adding condition to name is necessary to differentiate lists
 - The “_” is needed because Excel data validation doesn’t function with blanks in names

Drug Lists

- The Drug Class lists are based on those currently listed in MTUS for this test; changes can be made if necessary to update the list to the desired classifications
- The Drugs listed in the tool are only those that have a “Yes” recommendation in the guidelines
 - The lists can be expanded to include “No” and “No Recommendation”
- Drug Classes and Drugs in those classes are tied to the specific conditions
 - For example, Antidepressants (SSRI) for Neuropathic pain will only list those recommended in the guidelines as “Yes” and not all SSRIs

Drug List Lookup

- Looks up drugs based on condition chosen

Choose a **CONDITION** from the drop down list to see a list of recommended drugs in the drop down **DRUG LIST**

CONDITION

Chronic_Pain_Complex_Regional_Pain_Syndrome

DRUG LIST

Please Select...

Drug Class Lookup

- Allows lookup of all drugs for a specific condition that are within a selected Drug Class

Choose a CONDITION (DRUG CLASS) from the drop down list. Choose a CLASS from the DRUG CLASSES drop down list , then find a drug in the DRUG LIST drop down.

CONDITION (DRUG CLASS)

Neuropathic Class

DRUG CLASSES

Please Select...

DRUG LIST

Please Select...

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