

Division of Workers' Compensation Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

July 20, 2022
12:30pm to 2:30pm



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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**

George Parisotto, Administrative Director, DWC

- **Approval of Minutes from the April 20, 2022 Meeting**

Dr. Raymond Meister, Executive Medical Director, DWC

- **Discussion:**

- Artificial Tears Utilization - *Kevin Gorospe Pharm D, DWC Consultant*
- Topical Analgesic - *Kevin Gorospe Pharm D, DWC Consultant*
- MTUS Listings – Categories - *Kevin Gorospe Pharm D, DWC Consultant*

- **Additional Public Comments**

- **Review of Committee Recommendations**

- **Adjourn**

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Artificial Tears Utilization

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Artificial Tears Background

- Committee previously discussed artificial tears
- Committee wanted to see utilization data and pricing
- 611 potential NDCs for Artificial Tears products were provided to DWC for data capture
- DWC staff pulled data for both pharmacy and physician-dispensed products during the period February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022
- Only 85 of the 611 NDCs showed utilization during the period
- 22 of the NDCs do not have current effective prices in reference pricing file (marked with a termination date prior to today)

Artificial Tears NDC List (sample)

NDC11	Label Name	Generic Name	Legend Ind
00006338060	LACRISERT 5 MG EYE INSERT	HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE	Y
00023004515	LACRIL 0.5% EYE DROPS	HYPROMELLOSE	N
00023016515	TEARS PLUS EYE DROPS	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL/POVIDONE	N
00023016530	TEARS PLUS EYE DROPS	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL/POVIDONE	N
00023040330	REFRESH PLUS 0.5% EYE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	N
00023040350	REFRESH PLUS 0.5% EYE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	N
00023040370	REFRESH PLUS 0.5% EYE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	N
00023050601	REFRESH CLASSIC EYE DROPS	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL/POVIDONE/PF	N
00023050650	REFRESH CLASSIC EYE DROPS	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL/POVIDONE/PF	N
00023079801	REFRESH TEARS 0.5% EYE DROP	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	N
00023079802	REFRESH TEARS 0.5% EYE DROP	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	N
00023079815	REFRESH TEARS 0.5% EYE DROP	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	N
00023079830	REFRESH TEARS 0.5% EYE DROP	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	N
00023182212	REFRESH CONTACTS EYE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	N
00023324001	REFRESH OPTIVE EYE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOS/GLYCERIN	N
00023324010	REFRESH OPTIVE EYE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOS/GLYCERIN	N
00023324015	REFRESH OPTIVE EYE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOS/GLYCERIN	N
00023324030	REFRESH OPTIVE EYE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOS/GLYCERIN	N
00023341630	REFRESH OPTIVE SENSITIVE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELL/GLYCERIN/PF	N
00023341660	REFRESH OPTIVE SENSITIVE DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYLCELL/GLYCERIN/PF	N

Artificial Tears Utilization (sample)

NDC	Description	Claim Count	Total Paid	Label Name	Generic Name	Package Size	Unit Price	Price/Pkg	Average Paid/Claim
17478006012	ARTIFI TEARS SOL 1.4% OP	133	\$885.62	ARTIFICIAL TEARS 1.4% DROPS	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL	15	0.39553	5.93295	\$6.66
50804011001	ARTIFICIAL SOL TEARS	123	\$574.76	GS ARTIFICIAL TEARS EYE DROPS	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL/POVIDONE	15	0.07066	1.0599	\$4.67
00536197072	ARTIFI TEARS SOL OP	101	\$460.12	ARTIFICIAL TEARS 1.4% DROPS	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL	15	0.12837	1.92555	\$4.56
00904501735	LIQUITEARS SOL	50	\$258.30	LIQUITEARS 1.4% DROPS	POLYVINYL ALCOHOL	15	0.12895	1.93425	\$5.17
00023079815	REFRESH TEAR DRO 0.5% OP	49	\$504.20	REFRESH TEARS 0.5% EYE DROP	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	15	0.20289	3.04335	\$10.29
00023449130	REFRESH SOL OPTIVE	28	\$686.07	REFRESH OPTIVE ADVANCED DROPS	CARBOXYMETHYL/GLY/POLY 80/PF	30	0.42582	12.7746	\$24.50
00023455430	REFRESH CELL GEL 1% OP	24	\$536.66	REFRESH CELLUVISC 1% EYE GEL	CARBOXYMETHYLCELLULOSE SODIUM	30	0.32991	9.8973	\$22.36

Committee Discussion

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Topical Analgesics

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Topical Analgesics

- Committee asked DWC reach out to ACOEM regarding any research/recommendations regarding the strength of drug ingredients used in “sports creams”.
- ACOEM indicated that they have not studied or have any recommendation regarding the individual strengths of the various ingredients in topical analgesic sports creams
- Additionally, the Committee requested updated product utilization data
- To ensure DWC captured as many products as possible to review, NDCs for products from a variety of therapeutic categories were captured.
- 3316 NDCs were provided to DWC for data capture

Topical Analgesic NDC List (sample)

NDC	Label Name	Generic Name
00002182205	ANALGESIC BALM	METHYL SALICYLATE/MENTHOL
00002182267	ANALGESIC BALM	METHYL SALICYLATE/MENTHOL
00002251005	CAMPHOR SPIRIT	CAMPHOR
00003017540	COUNTERPAIN RUB BALM	METHYL SALICYLATE/MENTHOL
00013540460	MYOFLEX 10% CREAM	TROLAMINE SALICYLATE
00013540461	MYOFLEX 10% CREAM	TROLAMINE SALICYLATE
00013540462	MYOFLEX 10% CREAM W/PUMP	TROLAMINE SALICYLATE
00013540465	MYOFLEX 10% CREAM	TROLAMINE SALICYLATE
00013540474	MYOFLEX 10% CREAM	TROLAMINE SALICYLATE
00018037616	AMERICAINE LUBRICANT	BENZOCAINE

Topical Analgesics

- DWC staff pulled data for both pharmacy and physician-dispensed products during the period February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022
- DWC found 328 NDCs, however only 287 showed an amount paid
- The Zero paid NDCs were excluded from the review
- Irritants / Counter-Irritants account for 151 NDCs
 - Trolamine Salicylate, Local Anesthetics, Other provided as additional info
- Data such as package size and unit price were pulled from pricing extract provided by Medi-Cal through their vendor Magellan
- Some of the NDCs do not have current effective prices in reference pricing file
- Unable to verify the ingredient strengths of some products

Topical Analgesic Utilization (sample)

NDC	Description	Claim Count	Total Paid	Label Name	Generic Name	Ingredient Strengths	Package Size	Unit Price	Price/Pkg	Average Paid/Claim
00536111825	ARTH PAIN CRE 0.075%	16	\$153.10	ARTHRITIS PAIN RLF 0.075% CRM	CAPSAICIN	capsaicin 0.075%	57.00	0.07691	\$4.38	\$9.57
00536126456	CAPSAICIN CRE 0.1%	26	\$341.74	CAPSAICIN 0.1% CREAM	CAPSAICIN	capsaicin 0.1%	42.50	0.27670	\$11.76	\$13.14
00536252525	CAPSAICIN CRE 0.025%	577	\$6,854.71	CAPSAICIN 0.025% CREAM	CAPSAICIN	capsaicin 0.025%	60.00	0.09106	\$5.46	\$11.88
11917009588	CAPSAICIN CRE 0.1%	11	\$174.82	ARTHRITIS PAIN RELIEF 0.1% CRM	CAPSAICIN	capsaicin 0.1%	42.50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	\$15.89
24385067729	ARTHRITIS CRE 0.1%	27	\$579.15	ARTHRITIS PAIN RELIEF 0.1% CRM	CAPSAICIN	capsaicin 0.1%	43.00	0.10534	\$4.53	\$21.45
41167075142	CAPZASIN-HP CRE 0.1%	61	\$1,353.40	CAPZASIN-HP 0.1% CREAM	CAPSAICIN	capsaicin 0.1%	42.50	0.20470	\$8.70	\$22.19
46581070001	SALONPAS-HOT PAD	11	\$303.67	SALONPAS-HOT 0.025% PATCH	CAPSAICIN	capsaicin 0.025%	1.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	\$27.61
46581070003	SALONPAS-HOT DIS 0.025%	22	\$1,303.49	SALONPAS-HOT 0.025% PATCH	CAPSAICIN	capsaicin 0.025%	3.00	1.05000	\$3.15	\$59.25

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MTUS Listings – Categories

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Potential Recategorization

- There are concerns that the categorization currently used might be confusing as it differs in some areas to what prescribers may be use to
- For discussion purposes, the MTUS List has been separated into multiple Excel spreadsheets, roughly grouped into similar therapeutic classifications
- Separating the drugs will make it easier to review
- The current ACOEM classifications are listed for each drug ingredient with potential new Therapeutic and Pharmacological categories

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Review of Recommendations

Adjournment