

Clinical Policy: Mifepristone (Korlym)

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Description

The intent of the criteria is to ensure that patients follow selection elements established by Centene® clinical policy for mifepristone (Korlym®).

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Korlym is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Cushing's Syndrome (must meet all):

1. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist;
2. Diagnosis of endogenous Cushing's syndrome and all of the following:
 - a. Current uncontrolled hyperglycemia (diagnosed as type 2 diabetes or impaired glucose tolerance/pre-diabetes by fasting plasma glucose, an oral glucose tolerance test, or hemoglobin A1c);
 - b. The hyperglycemia is secondary to hypercortisolism;
 - c. Surgery to treat Cushing's syndrome was insufficient or member is not a candidate for surgery;
 - d. Adherence to an anti-diabetic regimen;
3. Prescribed dose of Korlym does not exceed 1200 mg/day or 20 mg/kg per day, whichever is less;
4. At the time of request, member does not have any of the following contraindications:
 - a. Pregnancy;
 - b. Concurrent use of simvastatin, lovastatin, or CYP3A substrates with narrow therapeutic ranges (example: cyclosporine, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, fentanyl, pimozide, quinidine, sirolimus, or tacrolimus);
 - c. Concurrent long term corticosteroid use;
 - d. History of unexplained vaginal bleeding;
 - e. Endometrial hyperplasia with atypia or endometrial carcinoma;

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications: Refer to CP.PHAR.57 - Global Biopharm Policy.

II. Continued Approval

A. Cushing's Syndrome (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria;

- Evidence of improved glycemic control by fasting plasma glucose, an oral glucose tolerance test, or hemoglobin A1c.

Approval duration: 12 months

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

- Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy; or
- Refer to CP.PHAR.57 - Global Biopharm Policy.

Background

Description/Mechanism of Action:

Korlym (mifepristone), a cortisol receptor blocker for oral administration, acts as a selective antagonist of the progesterone receptor at low doses and blocks the glucocorticoid receptor (GR-II) at higher doses. Mifepristone has high affinity for the GR-II receptor but little affinity for the GR-I (MR, mineralocorticoid) receptor. In addition, mifepristone appears to have little or no affinity for estrogen, muscarinic, histaminic, or monoamine receptors.

Formulations:

Tablets: 300mg

FDA Approved Indication:

Korlym (mifepristone) is a cortisol receptor blocker/oral tablet indicated to:

- Control hyperglycemia secondary to hypercortisolism in adult patients with endogenous Cushing's syndrome who have type 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance and have failed surgery or are not candidates for surgery.

Limitations of use:

- Do not use for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus unrelated to endogenous Cushing's syndrome.

Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
S0190	Mifepristone, oral, 200 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	Approval Date
Clinical background updated	06/13	06/13
Added adrenal insufficiency question to Figure 2 Added hypersensitivity to mifepristone to App. B	06/14	06/14

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	Approval Date
Added Appendix D: Special Populations Safety Background updates Figure 1: removed gender question to simplify line of questioning to reduce duplication of questions and prospective pregnancy testing question; added hepatic impairment question and exceeded dose question	04/15	05/15
Policy converted to new template. Age requirement added per PI; specialist requirement retained per 2015 Endocrine Society guideline recommendations; max dosing added per PI; dose adjustments removed; contraindications edited per PI; continuing therapy approval duration reduced to 6 months. Initial therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edited requirement that members be on anti-diabetic therapy prior to initiation of Korlym to a requirement that includes lifestyle modification but not necessarily anti-diabetic medication. • Edited requirement that uncontrolled glucose intolerance/type 2 diabetes prior to starting Korlym be evidenced by HbA1c to a requirement that it be evidenced by fasting plasma glucose, an oral glucose tolerance test, or HbA1c per the ADA 2013 guidelines. • Added definition of hypokalemia to hypokalemia contraindication. Continuing therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed the 25% reduction requirement by an oral glucose tolerance test and replaced it with the requirement that there is an improvement in glycemic control evidenced by fasting plasma glucose, an oral glucose tolerance test, or HbA1c. 	03/16	04/16
Removed age restriction. Removed lifestyle modification requirement. Duration of approval on re-auth changed from 6 months to 12 months.	03/17	04/17

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