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Specialty Guideline Management
Lucentis and Biosimilars

Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over-the-counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name
Lucentis	ranibizumab
Byooviz	ranibizumab-nuna
Cimerli	ranibizumab-eqrn
Nufymco	ranibizumab-leyk
Ranluspec	ranibizumab-hkdz

Indications

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-approved Indications[1,5,6,7,8]

Lucentis, Byooviz, Cimerli, Nufymco and Ranluspec are indicated for:

- Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration
- Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion
- Myopic choroidal neovascularization

Lucentis, Cimerli, Nufymco and Ranluspec are also indicated for:

- Diabetic macular edema
- Diabetic retinopathy

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

Prescriber Specialties

This medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist.

Coverage Criteria

Diabetic Macular Edema[1,3,6,7,8]

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of diabetic macular edema.

Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration[1,2,5,6,7,8]

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration.

Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion[1,4,5,6,7,8]

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of macular edema following retinal vein occlusion.

Diabetic Retinopathy[1,3,6,7,8]

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of diabetic retinopathy.

Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization[1,5,6,7,8]

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of myopic choroidal neovascularization.

Continuation of Therapy

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for an indication listed in the criteria coverage section when the member has demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy (e.g., improvement or maintenance in best corrected

visual acuity [BCVA] or visual field, or a reduction in the rate of vision decline or the risk of more severe vision loss).

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