

Specialty Guideline Management

Yuviwel

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
Yuviwel	navepegritide

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 Indications¹

Yuviwel is indicated to increase linear growth in pediatric patients 2 years of age and older with achondroplasia with open epiphyses.

This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on an improvement in annualized growth velocity. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trial(s).

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

Documentation

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

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- Chart notes or medical record documentation of symptoms (i.e., short stature with marked shortening of extremities due to rhizomelia, a characteristic facial configuration, trident hand) (if applicable)
- Laboratory report of X-ray findings consistent with achondroplasia or laboratory report of genetic test for FGFR3 variant
- Growth chart, chart notes, or medical record documentation showing heights and growth velocities
- For continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation confirming benefit from therapy (e.g., growth chart showing improvement or stabilization of annualized growth velocity [centimeters per year])

Prescriber Specialties

This medication must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist, pediatric endocrinologist, geneticist, or neurologist.

Coverage Criteria

Achondroplasia¹⁻⁶

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of achondroplasia in members 2 years of age or older when BOTH of the following criteria are met:

- The diagnosis of achondroplasia was confirmed by EITHER of the following:
 - Symptoms (i.e., short stature with marked shortening of extremities due to rhizomelia, a characteristic facial configuration, trident hand) AND X-ray findings consistent with achondroplasia
 - Genetic testing for FGFR3 variant
- Epiphyses are open.

Continuation of Therapy

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continuation of therapy in members 2 years of age or older when BOTH of the following criteria are met:

- Member meets all requirements in the coverage criteria.
- Member is experiencing benefit from therapy (e.g., improvement or stabilization of annualized growth velocity [centimeters per year] from baseline).

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