

## DOJOLVI (triheptanoin)

#### RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION IN PA PROGRAM

#### Background

Dojolvi (triheptanoin) is a medium-chain triglyceride consisting of three odd-chain 7-carbon length fatty acids (heptanoate) that provide a source of calorie and fatty acids to bypass the long-chain fatty acid oxidation disorder (FAOD) enzyme deficiencies for energy production and replacement (1).

## Regulatory Status

FDA-approved indication: Dojolvi is a medium-chain triglyceride indicated as a source of calories and fatty acids for the treatment of pediatric and adult patients with molecularly confirmed long-chain fatty acid oxidation disorders (LC-FAOD) (1).

Patient metabolic requirements should be determined by their daily caloric intake (DCI) prior to calculating the dose of Dojolvi. For patients receiving another medium-chain triglyceride (MCT) product, the product should be discontinued prior to the first dose of Dojolvi (1).

Dojolvi should be administered mixed with semi-solid food or liquids orally or enterally via a silicone or polyurethane feeding tube. Dojolvi should not be administered alone to avoid gastrointestinal upset (1).

Pancreatic enzymes hydrolyze triheptanoin and release heptanoate as medium-chain fatty acids in the small intestine. Low or absent pancreatic enzymes may result in reduced absorption of heptanoate subsequently leading to insufficient supplementation of medium-chain fatty acids.

Administration of Dojolvi in patients with pancreatic insufficiency should be avoided (1).

The most common adverse reactions to Dojolvi reported in the pooled safety population of Study 1 and Study 2 were gastrointestinal (GI)-related, and included abdominal pain (abdominal discomfort, abdominal pain, abdominal distention, abdominal pain upper, GI pain; 60%), diarrhea (44%), vomiting (44%), and nausea (14%). If a patient experiences a gastrointestinal (GI) adverse reaction, a dose reduction should be considered until the symptoms resolve (1).

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## **Summary**

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Prior approval is required to ensure the safe, clinically appropriate, and cost-effective use of Dojolvi while maintaining optimal therapeutic outcomes.

### References

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