

Specialty Guideline Management

Imfinzi

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
Imfinzi	durvalumab

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

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

- Imfinzi, in combination with platinum-containing chemotherapy as neoadjuvant treatment, followed by Imfinzi continued as a single agent as adjuvant treatment after surgery, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with resectable (tumors ≥ 4 cm and/or node positive) NSCLC and no known epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations or anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) rearrangements.
- Imfinzi, as a single agent, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable, Stage III NSCLC whose disease has not progressed following concurrent platinum-based chemotherapy and radiation therapy.
- Imfinzi, in combination with tremelimumab-actl and platinum-based chemotherapy, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic NSCLC with no sensitizing EGFR mutations or ALK genomic tumor aberrations.

Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)

- Imfinzi, as a single agent, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with limited-stage SCLC (LS-SCLC) whose disease has not progressed following concurrent platinum-based chemotherapy and radiation therapy.
- Imfinzi, in combination with etoposide and either carboplatin or cisplatin, is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with extensive-stage SCLC (ES-SCLC).

Biliary Tract Cancer (BTC)

- Imfinzi, in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic BTC.

Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)

- Imfinzi, in combination with tremelimumab-actl, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable HCC (uHCC).

Endometrial Cancer

- Imfinzi, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel followed by Imfinzi as a single agent, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with primary advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer that is mismatch repair deficient (dMMR).

Bladder Cancer

- Imfinzi in combination with Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with BCG-naïve, high-risk non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC).
- Imfinzi in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin as neoadjuvant treatment, followed by single agent Imfinzi as adjuvant treatment following radical cystectomy, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with muscle invasive bladder cancer (MIBC).

Gastric or Gastroesophageal Junction Adenocarcinoma (GC/GEJC)

- Imfinzi in combination with fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel (FLOT) as neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment, followed by single-agent Imfinzi, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with resectable GC/GEJC.

Compendial Uses²⁻⁶

- Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
- Small Cell Lung Cancer
- Biliary Tract Cancer
- Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- Endometrial Carcinoma
- Bladder Cancer
- Gastric, Gastroesophageal Junction, and Esophageal Adenocarcinoma
- Ampullary Adenocarcinoma
- Cervical Cancer
- Colorectal Adenocarcinoma

- Pleural Mesothelioma
- Small Bowel Adenocarcinoma

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:

- Documentation of the absence of EGFR exon 19 deletion and exon 21 L858R mutations, where applicable.
- Documentation of the absence of ALK, RET, and ROS1 gene fusions, where applicable.
- Documentation of laboratory report confirming microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H), mismatch repair deficient (dMMR), or polymerase epsilon/delta (POLE/POLD1) with ultra-hypermutated tumor mutational burden [TMB] (greater than 50 mutations/megabase [mut/Mb]) tumor status, where applicable.
- Documentation of programmed death ligand 1 (PD-L1) tumor expression, where applicable.

Exclusions

Coverage will not be provided for members who have experienced disease progression while on PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor therapy.

Coverage Criteria

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of NSCLC when any of the following criteria are met:

- The member has unresectable stage II or III NSCLC that has not progressed following concurrent platinum-based chemotherapy and radiation therapy and meets all of the following criteria:
 - The tumor is negative for EGFR exon 19 deletion and exon 21 L858R mutations (unless testing is not feasible due to insufficient tissue).
 - The requested medication will be used as a single agent.
- The member has recurrent, advanced, or metastatic NSCLC negative for EGFR exon 19 deletion and exon 21 L858R mutations and ALK, RET, and ROS1 gene fusions (unless testing is not feasible due to insufficient tissue) and meets either of the following criteria:
 - The requested medication will be used in combination with tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo) and platinum-based chemotherapy.
 - The requested medication will be used as maintenance therapy as a single agent or in combination with pemetrexed.
- The member has resectable NSCLC and meets all of the following criteria:
 - The requested medication will be used as neoadjuvant treatment in combination with platinum-containing chemotherapy and continued as adjuvant treatment after surgery as a single agent.
 - The tumor is negative for EGFR exon 19 deletion and exon 21 L858R mutations and ALK, RET, and ROS1 gene fusions (unless testing is not feasible due to insufficient tissue).

Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)^{1,2,5}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of SCLC when any of the following criteria is met:

- The requested medication will be used for first-line treatment of extensive-stage SCLC in combination with etoposide and either carboplatin or cisplatin followed by single agent maintenance.
- The requested medication will be used for adjuvant consolidation therapy as a single agent for treatment of limited stage SCLC and the member did not experience disease progression after systemic therapy with concurrent radiation therapy.
- The requested medication will be used for subsequent therapy for progression or relapse in combination with etoposide and either carboplatin or cisplatin followed by single agent maintenance.

Biliary Tract Cancer^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of locally advanced, unresectable, gross residual (R2) disease, or metastatic biliary tract cancer when the requested medication will be used in combination with cisplatin or carboplatin and gemcitabine.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for adjuvant treatment of biliary tract cancer when the requested medication will be used in combination with cisplatin or carboplatin and gemcitabine.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of resectable locoregionally advanced gallbladder cancer when the requested medication will be used in combination with cisplatin or carboplatin and gemcitabine as neoadjuvant therapy.

Hepatocellular Carcinoma^{1,2,7}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for first-line treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma when all of the following criteria are met:

- The disease is unresectable or extrahepatic/metastatic.
- The member is ineligible for transplant.
- The requested medication will be used as a single agent or in combination with tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo).

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for subsequent treatment of unresectable or extrahepatic/metastatic hepatocellular carcinoma when either of the following criteria are met:

- The requested medication will be used as a single agent.
- The requested medication will be used in combination with tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo) and the member has not been previously treated with an anti-CTLA4-based regimen.

Endometrial Carcinoma^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of advanced or recurrent endometrial carcinoma when all of the following criteria are met:

- The tumor is deficient mismatch repair (dMMR).
- The requested medication will be used in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel followed by use as a single agent.

Bladder Cancer^{1,2,6}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for perioperative/sandwich treatment of stage II or IIIA bladder cancer when the requested medication will be used in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin prior to cystectomy followed by single agent therapy after surgery.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG)-naïve, high-risk non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) when the requested medication will be used in combination with BCG.

Gastric, Gastroesophageal Junction (GEJ), and Esophageal Adenocarcinoma^{1,2,4}

Authorization of 3 months for a total of 3 doses may be granted for treatment of gastric, GEJ, or esophageal adenocarcinoma when all of the following criteria are met:

- The tumor is microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or deficient mismatch repair (dMMR).

- The member is medically fit for surgery.
- The requested medication will be used in combination with tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo) for neoadjuvant treatment.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted as perioperative therapy in combination with fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin, and docetaxel (FLOT) for members with gastric, GEJ, or esophageal adenocarcinoma with PD-L1 ≥ 1 or clinical node negative tumor.

Ampullary Adenocarcinoma²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for first-line treatment of metastatic ampullary adenocarcinoma when both of the following criteria are met:

- The disease is pancreatobiliary or mixed type.
- The requested medication will be used in combination with cisplatin and gemcitabine.

Cervical Cancer²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of persistent, recurrent, or metastatic small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma of the cervix (NECC) when the requested medication will be used in combination with etoposide and either cisplatin or carboplatin and continued as single agent maintenance therapy.

Colorectal Adenocarcinoma²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of resectable, locally unresectable, medically inoperable, or metastatic colorectal adenocarcinoma when all of the following criteria are met:

- The tumor is mismatch repair deficient/microsatellite instability-high (dMMR/MSI-H) or polymerase epsilon/delta POLE/POLD1) mutation with ultra-hypermutated phenotype (TBM > 50 mut/Mb).
- The requested medication will be used as a single agent.

Pleural Mesothelioma³

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for first-line treatment of unresectable pleural mesothelioma when the requested medication will be used in combination with pemetrexed and either cisplatin or carboplatin.

Small Bowel Adenocarcinoma²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of resectable, locally unresectable, medically inoperable, advanced, or metastatic small bowel adenocarcinoma when all of the following criteria are met:

- The tumor is mismatch repair deficient/microsatellite instability-high (dMMR/MSI-H) or polymerase epsilon/delta POLE/POLD1) mutation with ultra-hypermutated phenotype (TBM > 50 mut/Mb).
- The requested medication will be used as a single agent.

Continuation of Therapy

NSCLC

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for NSCLC when any of the following criteria are met:

- The member has unresectable stage II or III NSCLC and there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen (up to 12 months total).
- The member has recurrent, advanced, or metastatic NSCLC and there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.
- The member has resectable NSCLC and there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen (up to 12 cycles after surgery).

Limited Stage SCLC

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for limited stage SCLC when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen (up to 24 months total).

Gastric, Gastroesophageal Junction (GEJ), and Esophageal Adenocarcinoma

Authorization of 3 months for a total of 3 doses may be granted for neoadjuvant treatment of gastric, GEJ, or esophageal adenocarcinoma when used in combination with tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo).

Reauthorization may be granted only when the member did not receive a total of 3 doses from the initial approval.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued perioperative treatment in members requesting reauthorization for gastric, GEJ, or esophageal adenocarcinoma when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity, disease progression, or recurrence while on the current regimen (up to 12 cycles after surgery).

Bladder Cancer

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for perioperative/sandwich treatment of bladder cancer when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen (up to 12 cycles).

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG)-naïve, high-risk non-muscle invasive bladder cancer when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen (up to 13 cycles).

All Other Indications

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for an indication listed in the coverage criteria when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.

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