

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

North Carolina Marketplace

DRUG NAME	Xeomin (incobotulinumtoxinA)
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Xeomin is a neurotoxin produced from Clostridium botulinum serotype A. Xeomin works through the inhibition of acetylcholine release from peripheral nerve endings, causing neuromuscular blockage and muscle paralysis. Blepharospasm is the abnormal contraction of eyelids. Xeomin is indicated for the treatment or improvement of blepharospasm in adults.

Cervical dystonia (also known as spasmodic torticollis) involves the involuntary contractions of the neck that cause abnormal movements and postures of the neck and head. Xeomin is indicated for the treatment or improvement of cervical dystonia in adults.

Chronic sialorrhea, or excessive drooling, is a common symptom for patients with Parkinson's Disease or other neurological or cognitive impairments. Xeomin is indicated for the treatment or improvement of chronic sialorrhea in patients 2 years of age and older.

Xeomin is also indicated for the treatment or improvement of upper limb spasticity in adults and in pediatric patients 2 to 17 years of age, excluding spasticity caused by cerebral palsy.

Xeomin (incobotulinumtoxinA) will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

Blepharospasm

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is at least 18 years of age; AND
2. Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or ophthalmologist; AND
3. Member has a diagnosis of blepharospasm, characterized by spasms inducing narrowing or closure of the eyelids.
4. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:** Not to exceed 50 units per eye (100 units per treatment session) every 12 weeks.

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Chart notes show improved signs and symptoms (e.g., lessening of involuntary contraction).

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

Cervical Dystonia

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is at least 18 years of age; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or other specialist experienced with treating cervical dystonia; AND
3. Member has a documented diagnosis of moderate to severe cervical dystonia with dystonic symptoms

Spasticity (upper limb)

For

References:

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