

## **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICY**

**POLICY:** Oncology (Injectable) – Zaltrap Prior Authorization Policy

• Zaltrap® (ziv-aflibercept intravenous infusion – Regeneron/Sanofi-Aventis)

**REVIEW DATE:** 10/13/2021

### **OVERVIEW**

Zaltrap, a recombinant fusion protein, in combination with FOLFIRI (5-fluorouracil [5-FU], leucovorin, and irinotecan), is indicated for patients with **metastatic colorectal cancer** that is resistant to or has progressed following an oxaliplatin-containing regimen.<sup>1</sup>

#### Guidelines

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) colon cancer guidelines (version 3.2021 – September 10, 2021)<sup>2</sup> and rectal cancer guidelines (version 2.2021 – September 10, 2021)<sup>3</sup> recommend Zaltrap as 1) primary treatment for patients with unresectable metachronous metastases and previous adjuvant FOLFOX (5-FU, leucovorin, and oxaliplatin) or CapeOX (capecitabine and oxaliplatin) regimens within the past 12 months in combination with irinotecan OR with FOLFIRI, or 2) subsequent therapy after first progression of unresectable advanced or metastatic disease in combination with irinotecan or with FOLFIRI for disease not previously treated with an irinotecan-based regimen.<sup>2-4</sup> Both of these uses have a category 2A recommendation. In patients with advanced or metastatic disease, Zaltrap is not listed as an option for initial therapy. Zaltrap has a category 2B recommendation for use as adjuvant therapy, in combination with FOLFIRI or irinotecan, for unresectable metachronous metastases that convert to resectable disease after primary treatment.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Prior Authorization is recommended for prescription benefit coverage of Zaltrap. All approvals are provided for the duration noted below. Because of the specialized skills required for evaluation and diagnosis of patients treated with Zaltrap as well as the monitoring required for adverse events and long-term efficacy, approval requires Zaltrap to be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in the condition being treated.

Automation: None.

### RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

Coverage of Zaltrap is recommended in those who meet the following criteria:

## **FDA-Approved Indication**

- 1. Colon and Rectal Cancer. Approve for 1 year if the patient meets the following criteria (A, B, C, D, E, and F):
  - A) Patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age; AND
  - B) Patient has advanced or metastatic disease; AND
  - C) Patient has been previously treated with an oxaliplatin- or fluoropyrimidine-containing regimen; AND



Note: Fluoropyrimidines include 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) and capecitabine.

- **D)** Patient has not previously been treated with FOLFIRI; AND
  - Note: FOLFIRI includes 5-fluorouracil (5-FU), leucovorin, and irinotecan.
- E) Zaltrap will be used in combination with 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) or capecitabine, and/or irinotecan; AND
- F) The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist.

## CONDITIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Coverage of Zaltrap is not recommended in the following situations:

1. Coverage is not recommended for circumstances not listed in the Recommended Authorization Criteria. Criteria will be updated as new published data are available.

#### REFERENCES

- 1. Zaltrap® intravenous infusion [prescribing information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Regeneron/Sanofi-Aventis; June 2020.
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#### **HISTORY**

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Review Date
Annual Revision	No criteria changes.	09/23/2020
Annual Revision	<b>Colon and Rectal Cancer:</b> A requirement was added that the patient is $\geq 18$ years of age.	10/13/2021

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