

Clinical Policy: Durvalumab (Imfinzi)

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****Please note: This policy is for medical benefit****

Description

Durvalumab (Imfinzi[®]) is a programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) blocking antibody.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Imfinzi is indicated:

- In combination with platinum-containing chemotherapy as neoadjuvant treatment, followed by Iminfzi continued as a single agent as adjuvant treatment after surgery, for the treatment of adult patients with resectable (tumors ≥ 4 cm and/or node positive) non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and no known epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations or anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) rearrangements.
- As a single agent for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable, stage III NSCLC whose disease has not progressed following concurrent platinum-based chemotherapy and radiation therapy.
- In combination with tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo[®]) and platinum-based chemotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic NSCLC with no sensitizing EGFR mutations or ALK genomic tumor aberrations.
- As a single agent for the treatment of adult patients with limited-stage small cell lung cancer (LS-SCLC) whose disease has not progressed following concurrent platinum-based chemotherapy and radiation therapy.
- In combination with etoposide and either carboplatin or cisplatin as first-line treatment of adults patients with extensive-stage small cell lung cancer (ES-SCLC).
- In combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin, as treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic biliary tract cancer (BTC).
- In combination with tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo) for the treatment of adults patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC).
- In combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel followed by Imfinzi as a single agent for the treatment of adult patients with primary advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer that is mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) as determined by an FDA-approved test.
- In combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin as neoadjuvant treatment, followed by single agent Imfinzi as adjuvant treatment following radical cystectomy, for the treatment of adult patients with muscle invasive bladder cancer (MIBC).

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Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of Louisiana HealthCare Connections® that Imfinzi is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of NSCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Request meets one of the following (a, b, c, or d):
 - a. Disease is unresectable, stage II-III, and all of the following (i, ii, and iii):
 - i. Disease has not progressed following concurrent platinum-based chemotherapy and radiation therapy (RT);
 - ii. Prescribed as a single agent;
 - iii. Disease does not have EGFR exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R mutation;
 - b. Disease is recurrent, advanced, or metastatic, and Imfinzi is prescribed in combination with Imjudo and platinum-based chemotherapy as one of the following (i-ix):
 - i. First-line therapy for disease without EGFR exon 19 deletion, EGFR exon 21 L858R mutation, ALK, RET, or ROS1 rearrangement, or other actionable molecular biomarkers (e.g., KRAS, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET, RET, NRG1, ERBB2 (HER2) – note: may be KRAS G12C mutation positive) (see *Appendix E*);
 - ii. First-line therapy for EGFR exon 20 mutation positive disease;
 - iii. First-line or subsequent therapy for BRAF V600E mutation positive tumors;
 - iv. First-line or subsequent therapy for NRTK1/2/3 gene fusion positive tumors;
 - v. First-line or subsequent therapy for MET exon 14 skipping mutation positive tumors;
 - vi. First-line or subsequent therapy for RET rearrangement positive tumors;
 - vii. First-line therapy for ERBB2 (HER2) mutation positive tumors;
 - viii. First-line therapy for NRG1 gene fusion positive tumors;
 - ix. Subsequent therapy for EGFR S768I, L861Q, and/or G719X mutation positive tumors and prior afatinib, osimertinib, erlotinib, gefitinib, or dacomitinib therapy;
 - c. Prescribed as continuation maintenance therapy for recurrent, advanced, or metastatic disease that is negative for actionable molecular biomarkers (may be KRAS G12C mutation positive), and no contraindications to PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitors (see *Appendix D*) and performance status 0-2, that achieved tumor response or stable disease following initial systemic therapy with one of the following (i or ii):

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- i. Imfinzi/Imjudo/pemetrexed with either carboplatin or cisplatin for nonsquamous cell histology, and Imfinzi for maintenance therapy is prescribed in combination with pemetrexed (off-label);
 - ii. Imfinzi/Imjudo plus chemotherapy, and Imfinzi for maintenance therapy is prescribed a single agent (off-label);
- d. Prescribed as neoadjuvant therapy in combination with platinum-containing chemotherapy, followed by use as adjuvant therapy as a single agent after surgery for disease that meets both of the following (a and b):
 - i. Resectable (tumors \geq 4 cm and/or node positive);
 - ii. No known EGFR or ALK mutations;
- 5. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
- 6. Request meets one of the following (a, b, c, or d):*
 - a. For unresectable, stage II-III disease (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks or 1,500 mg every 4 weeks;
 - b. For metastatic disease (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: Dose does not exceed Imfinzi 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with Imjudo 1 mg/kg and platinum-based chemotherapy, and then Imfinzi 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent with histology-based pemetrexed therapy every 4 weeks, and a fifth dose of Imjudo 1 mg/kg in combination with Imfinzi dose 6 at Week 16;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed Imfinzi 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with Imjudo 75 mg and platinum-based chemotherapy for 4 cycles, and then Imfinzi 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent with histology-based pemetrexed maintenance therapy every 4 weeks, and a fifth dose of Imjudo 75 mg in combination with Imfinzi dose 6 at Week 16;
 - c. For resectable disease (i and ii):
 - i. Neoadjuvant therapy (1 or 2):
 - 1) For body weight < 30 kg: Dose does not exceed Imfinzi 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for up to 4 cycles prior to surgery;
 - 2) For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed Imfinzi 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for up to 4 cycles prior to surgery;
 - ii. Adjuvant therapy (1 or 2):
 - 1) For body weight < 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 12 cycles after surgery;
 - 2) For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 12 cycles after surgery;
 - d. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

*Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

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Approval duration: 6 months

B. Limited-Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of LS-SCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed as a single agent;
5. Disease has not progressed following concurrent platinum-based chemotherapy and radiation therapy;
6. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
7. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. For body weight $<$ 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks;
 - b. For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 4 weeks;
 - c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

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C. Extensive-Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of ES-SCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed as first-line treatment with etoposide and either carboplatin or cisplatin, followed by maintenance with Imfinzi as a single agent;
5. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. For body weight $<$ 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for 4 cycles, then 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks as a single agent;
 - b. For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for 4 cycles, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
 - c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

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D. Biliary Tract Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of locally advanced, unresectable, resected gross residual (R2), recurrent ($>$ 6 months after surgery with curative intent and/or completion of adjuvant therapy), or metastatic BTC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;

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3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin;
5. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. For body weight $<$ 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy, then 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
 - b. For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
 - c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

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E. Hepatocellular Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of unresectable, liver-confined, or extrahepatic/metastatic HCC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. For body weight $<$ 30 kg: Dose does not exceed Imfinzi 20 mg/kg in combination with Imjudo 4 mg/kg as a single dose at Cycle 1/Day 1, followed by Imfinzi as a single agent every 4 weeks;
 - b. For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed Imfinzi 1,500 mg in combination with Imjudo 300 mg as a single dose at Cycle 1/Day 1, followed by Imfinzi as a single agent every 4 weeks;
 - c. Dose supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).*

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F. Endometrial Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of primary advanced, recurrent, metastatic, stage III, or stage IV endometrial cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for the first 6 cycles;
5. Disease is dMMR;
6. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
7. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*

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- a. For body weight < 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6 cycles, then 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
- b. For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 1,120 mg every 3 weeks in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6 cycles, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
- c. Dose supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).*

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G. Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of MIBC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed as neoadjuvant therapy in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin, followed by use as adjuvant therapy as a single agent after radical cystectomy;
5. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. For body weight < 30 kg: Dose does not exceed (i and ii):
 - i. Neoadjuvant: Imfinzi 20 mg/kg in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin every 3 weeks for 4 cycles prior to surgery;
 - ii. Adjuvant: Imfinzi 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 8 cycles after surgery;
 - b. For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed (i and ii):
 - i. Neoadjuvant: Imfinzi 1,500 mg in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin every 3 weeks for 4 cycles prior to surgery;
 - ii. Adjuvant: Imfinzi 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 8 cycles after surgery;
 - c. Dose supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).*

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H. Cervical Cancer (off-label) (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of persistent, recurrent, or metastatic small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma of the cervix (NECC);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with etoposide and either cisplatin or carboplatin, then continued as a single agent for maintenance therapy;
5. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;

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6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed the FDA approved maximum recommended dose;
 - b. Dose supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).*

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I. Gastric, Esophageal, and Esophagogastric Junction Cancer (off-label) (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of gastric, esophageal, or esophagogastric junction adenocarcinoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with Imjudo as neoadjuvant therapy;
5. Disease is microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or dMMR;
6. Provider attestation that member is medically fit for surgery;
7. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
8. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed the FDA approved maximum recommended dose;
 - b. Dose supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).*

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J. Ampullary Adenocarcinoma (off-label) (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of ampullary adenocarcinoma (pancreatobiliary or mixed type);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin;
5. Disease is metastatic;
6. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
7. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed the FDA approved maximum recommended dose;
 - b. Dose supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).*

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

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K. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255

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2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53

II. Continued Therapy

A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or member has previously met initial approval criteria, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Imfinzi for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. For unresectable, stage II-III NSCLC requests, member has not received more than 12 months of Imfinzi therapy;
3. For resectable NSCLC requests, member has not received more than 12 cycles of Imfinzi therapy following surgery;
4. For LS-SCLC requests, member has not received more than 24 months of Imfinzi therapy;
5. For MIBC requests, member has not received more than 8 cycles of Imfinzi therapy following surgery;
6. Member is responding positively to therapy;
7. For brand Imfinzi requests, member must use generic durvalumab, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
8. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, or i):*
 - a. For unresectable, stage II-III NSCLC (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks or 1,500 mg every 4 weeks;
 - b. For metastatic NSCLC (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with Imjudo and platinum-based chemotherapy for 4 cycles, then 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks with histology-based pemetrexed maintenance therapy;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with Imjudo and platinum based chemotherapy for 4 cycles, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks with histology-based pemetrexed maintenance therapy;
 - c. For MIBC or resectable NSCLC (i and ii):
 - i. Neoadjuvant therapy (1 or 2):
 - 1) For body weight < 30 kg: Dose does not exceed Imfinzi 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for up to 4 cycles prior to surgery;
 - 2) For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed Imfinzi 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for up to 4 cycles prior to surgery;
 - ii. Adjuvant therapy (1 or 2):

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- 1) For body weight < 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 8 (MIBC) or 12 (resectable NSCLC) cycles after surgery;
 - 2) For body weight \geq 30 kg: Dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 8 (MIBC) or 12 (resectable NSCLC) cycles after surgery;
- d. For LS-SCLC (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 4 weeks;
 - e. For ES-SCLC (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for 4 cycles, then 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks as a single agent;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for 4 cycles, and then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
 - f. For BTC (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy, then 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
 - g. For HCC (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 20 mg/kg in combination with Imjudo, then 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 1,500 mg in combination with Imjudo, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks;
 - h. For endometrial cancer (i or ii):
 - i. For body weight < 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6 cycles, then 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
 - ii. For body weight \geq 30 kg: New dose does not exceed 1,120 mg every 3 weeks in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6 cycles, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent;
 - i. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration: 12 months (up to a total duration of 12 months for unresectable, Stage II-II NSCLC; up to a total of 16 cycles for resectable NSCLC; up to a total duration of 24 months for LS-SCLC; up to a total of 12 cycles for MIBC)

Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

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1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policy LA.PMN.53

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ALK: anaplastic lymphoma kinase

BTC: biliary tract cancer

dMMR: mismatch repair deficient

ES-SCLC: extensive-stage small cell lung cancer

EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

LS-SCLC: limited-stage small cell lung cancer

MIBC: muscle invasive bladder cancer

NECC: neuroendocrine carcinoma of the cervix

NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer

PD-L1: programmed death-ligand

RT: radiotherapy

uHCC: unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
NSCLC (examples of concurrent platinum-containing/radiotherapy regimens)		
cisplatin, etoposide, RT	Varies	Varies
carboplatin/cisplatin, pemetrexed, RT		
paclitaxel, carboplatin, RT		
LS-SCLC (regimen examples as included in the NCCN SCLC guidelines)		
cisplatin and etoposide	Varies	Varies
carboplatin and etoposide	Varies	Varies

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

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Appendix D: General Information

- On February 22, 2021, AstraZeneca announced the voluntary withdrawal of the indication for Imfinzi for second-line treatment of locally advanced or metastatic bladder cancer. Imfinzi was approved for this indication under the accelerated pathway in 2017, based on study results that showed positive tumor response rates and duration of response. In its announcement, AstraZeneca pointed to results from the DANUBE confirmatory trial, in which Imfinzi failed to meet its key primary endpoint of overall survival.
- For NSCLC, actionable molecular biomarkers include EGFR, KRAS, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET, RET, NRG1, and ERBB2 (HER2). If there is insufficient tissue to allow testing for all of EGFR, KRAS, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET, RET, and ERBB2 (HER2), repeat biopsy and/or plasma testing should be done. If these are not feasible, treatment is guided by available results and, if unknown, these patients are treated as though they do not have driver oncogenes.
- Contraindications for treatment with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors may include active or previously documented autoimmune disease and/or current use of immunosuppressive agents, and some oncogenic drivers (i.e., EGFR exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R mutation; ALK, RET, or ROS1 rearrangements) have been shown to be associated with less benefit from PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors.
- SCLC stage definitions per NCCN:
 - Limited stage: Stage I-III (T any, N any, M0) that can be safely treated with definitive radiation doses. Excludes T3-4 due to multiple lung nodules that are too extensive or have tumor/nodal volume that is too large to be encompassed in a tolerable radiation plan
 - Extensive stage: Stage IV (T any, N any, M 1a/b/c), or T3-4 due to multiple lung nodules that are too extensive or have tumor/nodal volume that is too large to be encompassed in a tolerable radiation plan

Appendix E: Recommended Combination Regimens for Metastatic NSCLC

Tumor Histology	Patient Weight	Imfinzi Dosage	Tremelimumab-actl Dosage	Platinum-based Chemotherapy Regimen
Non-squamous	≥ 30 kg	1,500 mg	75 mg	carboplatin & nab-paclitaxel OR
	< 30 kg	20 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	carboplatin or cisplatin & pemetrexed
Squamous	≥ 30 kg	1,500 mg	75 mg	carboplatin & nab-paclitaxel OR
	< 30 kg	20 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	carboplatin or cisplatin & gemcitabine

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
NSCLC	<u>Unresectable stage III:</u>	Stage III:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight \geq 30 kg: 10 mg/kg IV every 2 weeks or 1,500 mg every 4 weeks • Weight < 30 kg: 10 mg/kg IV every 2 weeks <p><u>Metastatic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight \geq 30 kg: 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with Imjudo 75 mg and platinum-based chemotherapy for 4 cycles, and then administer Imfinzi 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent with histology-based pemetrexed maintenance therapy every 4 weeks, and a fifth dose of Imjudo 75 mg in combination with Imfinzi dose 6 at week 16* • Weight < 30 kg: 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with Imjudo 1 mg/kg and platinum-based chemotherapy, and then administer Imfinzi 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent with histology-based pemetrexed therapy every 4 weeks, and a fifth dose of Imjudo 1 mg/kg in combination with Imfinzi dose 6 at week 16* <p><u>Resectable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neoadjuvant therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weight < 30 kg: 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with platinum-based chemotherapy for up to 4 cycles prior to surgery ○ Weight \geq 30 kg: 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with platinum-based chemotherapy for up to 4 cycles prior to surgery • Adjuvant therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weight < 30 kg: 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 12 cycles after surgery ○ Weight \geq 30 kg: 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 12 cycles after surgery 	<p>See regimen; maximum duration of 12 months</p> <p>Metastatic: See regimen</p> <p>Resectable: See regimen; maximum duration of 12 cycles after surgery</p>
LS-SCLC	<p>Following concurrent platinum-based chemotherapy and radiation therapy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight \geq 30 kg: 1,500 mg IV every 4 weeks • Weight < 30 kg: 20 mg/kg IV every 4 weeks 	See regimen; maximum duration of 24 months
ES-SCLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight \geq 30 kg: 1,500 mg IV in combination with chemotherapy† every 3 weeks (21 days) for 4 cycles, followed by 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent 	See regimen

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Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight < 30 kg: 20 mg/kg IV in combination with chemotherapy† every 3 weeks (21 days) for 4 cycles, following by 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks as a single agent 	
BTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight ≥ 30 kg: 1,500 mg IV every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy†, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent Weight < 30 kg: 20 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy†, then 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent 	See regimen
uHCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight ≥ 30 kg: Imfinzi 1,500 mg in combination with Imjudo 300 mg as a single dose at Cycle 1/Day 1, followed by Imfinzi as a single agent every 4 weeks Weight < 30 kg: Imfinzi 20 mg/kg in combination with Imjudo 4 mg/kg as a single dose at Cycle 1/Day 1, followed by Imfinzi as a single agent every 4 weeks 	See regimen
Endometrial cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight < 30 kg: 15 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6 cycles, then 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent Weight ≥ 30 kg: 1,120 mg IV every 3 weeks in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6 cycles, then 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent 	See regimen
MIBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neoadjuvant therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight < 30 kg: 20 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin for up to 4 cycles prior to surgery Weight ≥ 30 kg: 1,500 mg every 3 weeks in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin for up to 4 cycles prior to surgery Adjuvant therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight < 30 kg: 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 8 cycles after surgery Weight ≥ 30 kg: 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent for up to 8 cycles after surgery 	See regimen; maximum duration of 8 cycles after surgery

* Optional pemetrexed therapy may be initiated from week 12 until disease progression or intolerable toxicity for patients with nonsquamous disease who received treatment with pemetrexed and carboplatin/cisplatin.

† Administer Imfinzi prior to chemotherapy on the same day. Refer to the Prescribing Information for the agent administered in combination with Imfinzi for recommended dosage information, as appropriate.

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VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vials: 120 mg/2.4 mL, 500 mg/10 mL

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Coding Implications

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HCPCS Codes	Description
J9173	Injection, durvalumab, 10 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
Converted corporate to local policy	04.22	07.23.22
Added criteria for new FDA approved indication of BTC; added off-label criteria for hepatocellular carcinoma per NCCN 2A recommendation. For NSCLC and ES-SCLC added age ≥ 18 years to be consistent with prescribing information. Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications.	06.02.23	10.05.23
Added criteria for newly FDA-approved indications for metastatic NSCLC and HCC; HCC converted from off-label to FDA approved		

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<p>status. For NSCLC per NCCN Compendium added recurrent or advanced disease and additional actionable molecular biomarkers that could be negative for use in combination with Imjudo and platinum therapy, added off-label continuation maintenance therapy; added off-label use for cervical cancer; clarified maximum 12 month continued approval duration applies only to stage II-III NSCLC.</p> <p>References reviewed and updated.</p>		
<p>Annual review: per NCCN – for NSCLC, added recommended uses when actionable molecular biomarkers are present; for BTC, added resected gross residual (R2) disease; added off-label uses for gastric, esophageal, esophagogastric junction, and ampullary adenocarcinoma; for all indications, added redirection to generic if available; references reviewed and updated.</p>	05.07.24	07.29.24
<p>Added criteria for newly FDA-approved indication of dMMR endometrial cancer; added criteria for newly FDA-approved indication for use as neoadjuvant/adjuvant therapy in resectable NSCLC.</p>	09.23.24	01.02.25
<p>Added criteria for newly FDA-approved indication of LS-SCLC.</p>	04.25.25	07.14.25
<p>Annual review: per NCCN – for NSCLC, added that Imfinzi must be prescribed as a single agent and that disease does not have EGFR exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R mutation if stage II-III; added use as first-line therapy for NRG1 gene fusion positive tumors; removed use as subsequent therapy for EGFR exon 19 deletion, exon 21 deletion, exon 21 L858R tumors, ALK1 rearrangement, and ROS1 rearrangement positive tumors; for HCC; added additional qualifier of extrahepatic; for endometrial cancer, added additional qualifiers of metastatic, stage III, and stage IV; for cervical cancer, added that Imfinzi can be used as a single agent for maintenance therapy following combination use; for ampullary adenocarcinoma, removed qualifiers of unresectable localized and stage IV resected; for BTC, added “with curative intent” for recurrent definition to align with NCCN compendium wording; updated FDA approved indication for dMMR endometrial cancer to include FDA approved testing language; references reviewed and updated;. Added criteria for newly FDA-approved indication of MIBC; under continued approval duration, revised maximum number of cycles for resectable NSCLC from 12 to 16 to include neoadjuvant treatment.</p>	01.12.26	

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