Clinical Policy: Lutetium Lu 177 Vipivotide Tetraxetan (Pluvicto)

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Coding Implications
Revision Log

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

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

Description

Lutetium Lu 177 vipivotide tetraxetan (Pluvicto®) is a radioligand therapeutic agent.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Pluvicto is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)-positive metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) who have been treated with androgen receptor (AR) pathway inhibition and:

- Are considered appropriate to delay taxane-based chemotherapy, or
- Have received prior taxane-based chemotherapy.

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 Pluvicto is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of metastatic CRPC;
2. Documentation of disease progression despite bilateral orchiectomy or other androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) (see *Appendix D*);
3. Documentation of PSMA-positive disease confirmed on a Ga-68-PSMA-11, F-18 piflufolastat, or F-18 flotufolastat positive emission tomography (PET) or computed tomography (CT) scan;
4. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or urologist;
5. Age ≥ 18 years;
6. Member will use a gondatropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analog concurrently or has had a bilateral orchiectomy;
7. Failure of both of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (a and b):
   a. A taxane-based regimen (e.g., docetaxel, cabazitaxel), unless member is considered appropriate to delay taxane-based chemotherapy;*
      **Prior authorization may be required for docetaxel and cabazitaxel*

b. Abiraterone (Zytiga®), unless member has previously failed Yonsa® (abiraterone) or Xtandi® (enzalutamide);*
**Prior authorization may be required for Zytiga, Yonsa, and Xtandi*

8. Pluvicto is not prescribed concurrently with cytotoxic chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radioligand therapy, or investigational therapy;
9. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. Dose does not exceed 7.4 GBq (200 mCi) every 6 weeks for up to 6 doses;
   b. 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: 6 months (up to a total of 6 doses)

B. 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
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. Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (must meet all)**:**
1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Pluvicto for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Member has not received ≥ 6 doses (infusions) of Pluvicto;
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. New dose does not exceed 7.4 GBq (200 mCi) every 6 weeks for up to 6 doses;
   b. 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: 6 months (up to a total of 6 doses)

B. 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
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.

Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less)

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 policies – LA.PMN.53.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ADT: androgen deprivation therapy
AR: androgen receptor
BSoC: best standard of care
CRPC: castration- resistant prostate cancer
CT: computed tomography
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
GnRH: gondatropin-releasing hormone
LHRH: luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone
NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network
PET: positive emission tomography
PSMA: prostate- specific membrane antigen

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
abiraterone (Zytiga®)	1,000 mg PO QD (given in combination with prednisone)	1,000 mg/day; 2,000 mg/day if taking a strong CYP3A4 inducer
docetaxel	Androgen-deprivation therapy with docetaxel 75 mg/m^2 for 6 cycles	Varies
Jevtana® (cabazitaxel)	20 mg/m^2 IV every 3 weeks	25 mg/m^2 once every 3 weeks

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

Appendix D: General Information

- Castration-resistant prostate cancer is prostate cancer that progresses clinically, radiographically, or biochemically despite castrate levels of serum testosterone (< 50 ng/dL).
- Per the NCCN, androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) should be continued in patients with metastatic CRPC while additional therapies, including secondary hormone therapies, chemotherapies, immunotherapies, radiopharmaceuticals, and/or targeted therapies are applied.
- Examples of ADT include:

- Bilateral orchiectomy (surgical castration)
- Luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) agonist given with or without an anti-androgen:
  - LHRH agonists: Zoladex® (goserelin), leuprolide (Lupron Depot®, Eligard®), and Trelstar® (triptorelin)
  - Anti-androgens: bicalutamide (Casodex®), flutamide (Eulexin®), nilutamide (Nilandron®), Xtandi® (enzalutamide), Erleada® (apalutamide), Nubeqa® (darolutamide)
- LHRH antagonists: Firmagon® (degarelix), Orgovyx® (relugolix)

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Metastatic CRPC	7.4 GBq (200 mCi) IV every 6 weeks for up to 6 doses	See dosing regimen

VI. Product Availability

Injection, single-dose vial: 1,000 MBq/mL (27 mCi/mL)

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Coding Implications

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HCPCS Codes	Description
A9607	Lutetium Lu 177 vipivotide tetraxetan, therapeutic, 1 millicurie

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
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Annual review: added clarification to approval duration is for up to a total of 6 doses; revised continued therapy approval duration from 12 to 6 months; for continued therapy added requirement that member has not received ≥ 6 doses (infusions) of Pluvicto; added piflufolastat F-18 as an additional radioactive diagnostic agent for identification of PSMA-positive disease; updated *Appendix D* examples of androgen deprivation therapy per NCCN; removed inactive HCPCS code A9699; references reviewed and updated.	03.25.24	06.20.24
Added F-18 flotufolastat as an additional option to confirm PSMA-positive disease; references reviewed and updated.	11.21.24	01.27.25
Revised FDA-approved indications to include use in those that are considered appropriate to delay taxane-based chemotherapy per updated prescribing information; updated criteria requiring use of taxane to allow bypass in those where delay may be appropriate; references reviewed and updated.	07.01.25	

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