

Clinical Policy: Dexrazoxane (Zinecard, Totect)

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Description

Dexrazoxane (Zinecard[®], Totect[®]) is a cytoprotective agent.

FDA Approved Indications

Totect and Zinecard are indicated for reducing the incidence and severity of cardiomyopathy associated with doxorubicin in women with metastatic breast cancer who have received a cumulative doxorubicin dose of 300 mg/m² and will continue receiving doxorubicin to maintain tumor control.

Totect is indicated for the treatment of extravasation resulting from intravenous anthracycline chemotherapy.

Policy/Criteria

Prior Authorization is required. 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 Zinecard and Totect are medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiomyopathy (must meet all):

1. Prescribed to reduce the incidence or severity of cardiomyopathy associated with doxorubicin;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist;
3. One of the following:
 - a. Age \geq 18 years and member has received a cumulative doxorubicin dose of \geq 300 mg/m²;
 - b. Request is for Ph-negative ALL as part of the DFCI ALL Protocol 11-001 or 16-001 in members with an anticipated cumulative anthracycline dose \geq 250 mg/m² of doxorubicin equivalent or radiation with potential impact to the heart (e.g., radiation to chest, abdomen, spine, or total body irradiation) (off-label);
 - c. Request is for pediatric aggressive mature B-cell lymphomas or Hodgkin lymphoma (off-label);
 - d. Request is for Wilms Tumor (nephroblastoma) and member has a planned cumulative dose of doxorubicin \geq 150 mg/m² (off-label);
4. Will be used concurrently with doxorubicin;
5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*

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- a. Dose does not exceed 10 times the dose of doxorubicin (e.g., dexrazoxane 500 mg/m² for member receiving doxorubicin 50 mg/m²) given with each doxorubicin dose;
- 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: 12 months or duration of doxorubicin therapy, whichever is less

B. Anthracycline-Induced Extravasation (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of anthracycline-induced extravasation;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Dose does not exceed 2,000 mg per day on days 1 and 2, and 1,000 mg on day 3.

Approval duration: 3 days

C. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiomyopathy (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member continues to receive doxorubicin;
3. Member is responding positively to therapy;
4. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 10 times the dose of doxorubicin (e.g., dexrazoxane 500 mg/m² for member receiving doxorubicin 50 mg/m²) given with each doxorubicin dose;
 - 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: 12 months or duration of doxorubicin therapy, whichever is less

B. Anthracycline-Induced Extravasation

1. Re-authorization is not permitted. Member must meet the initial approval criteria.

Approval duration: Not applicable

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.

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

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2. Refer to the off-label use policy if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

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 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ALL: acute lymphoblastic leukemia

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - Zinecard: should not be used with non-anthracycline chemotherapy regimens
 - Totect: none reported
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
dexrazoxane (Totect, Zinecard)	Doxorubicin-induced cardiomyopathy	Give dexrazoxane at a ratio of 10:1 with the doxorubicin dose as an IV infusion over 15 minutes and within 30 minutes before doxorubicin is given.	Not applicable
dexrazoxane (Totect)	Anthracycline-induced extravasation	Day 1: 1,000 mg/m ² Day 2: 1,000 mg/m ² Day 3: 500 mg/m ² Give Totect as an IV infusion over 1-2 hours and within 6 hours of extravasation. Treatment on days 2 and 3 should start at the same hour (+/- 3 hours) as day 1.	Day 1: 2,000 mg Day 2: 2,000 mg Day 3: 1,000 mg

VI. Product Availability

Drug Name	Availability
dexrazoxane (Zinecard)	Single-dose vial, IV powder for solution: 250 mg, 500 mg

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Drug Name	Availability
dexrazoxane (Totect)	Single-dose vial, IV powder for solution: 500 mg

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HCPCS Codes	Description
J1190	Injection, dexrazoxane, 250 mg

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