



Prior Authorization Approval Criteria

Acanya (clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide topical gel)

Generic name:	Clindamycin 1.2% /benzoyl peroxide 2.5% topical gel
Brand name:	Acanya Gel
Medication class:	Topical anti-acne agent
FDA-approved uses:	Topical treatment of acne vulgaris
Available dosage forms:	Acanya gel is supplied as a kit containing benzoyl peroxide gel 2.5% (40 g) and clindamycin phosphate solution 1.2% (10 g)
Usual dose:	Applied once daily
Approximate monthly cost: (based on AWP 2009)	\$192.50
Duration of therapy:	12 weeks (use beyond this has not been evaluated)

Criteria for use (*bullet points below are all inclusive unless otherwise noted*):

- Clinically diagnosed acne vulgaris
 - Must be 12 years of age or older
 - Failed topical clindamycin alone.
 - Failed topical benzoyl peroxide alone.
 - Failed/intolerant treatment with benzamycin.
 - Intolerance to using clindamycin and benzoyl peroxide simultaneously.
- OR**
- Inability to use two separate medications.

Contraindications:

- The patient has a history of regional enteritis, ulcerative colitis, or antibiotic-associated colitis (contraindicated by the manufacturer).

Not approved if:

- The patient has any contraindications to the use of Acanya.
- The patient has not tried clindamycin and benzoyl peroxide as separate products.
- Patient was non-compliant using clindamycin and benzoyl peroxide as separate products simultaneously.
- Product is being used for convenience.

Special considerations:

- Benzaclin is benzoyl peroxide 5% and clindamycin 1%.
- Duac gel is benzoyl peroxide 5% and clindamycin 1%.
- Clindamycin gel 1% exists as a separate product.
- Benzoyl peroxide available in all different percent strengths including, but not limited to, 2.5%, 5%, and 10%.
- No studies have been done to show that Acanya is superior to clindamycin topical and benzoyl peroxide when used as separate products but applied at the same time.

FCHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee approval: _____

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