



Prior Authorization Approval Criteria

Celebrex (celecoxib)

Generic name:	Celecoxib
Brand name:	Celebrex
Medication class:	COX II inhibitor
FDA-approved uses:	Rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis
Usual dose range:	Osteoarthritis: 100 mg b.i.d. or 200 mg q.d. Rheumatoid arthritis: 200 mg b.i.d. Injection
Duration of therapy:	Indefinite

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

- diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis, or other chronic diseases associated with pain
- not currently on aspirin*(see note)
- At least one of the following
 - failed/intolerant to two NSAIDs
 - documented history of GI bleed
 - documented history of peptic ulcer disease
 - chronic corticosteroid use
 - documented history of NSAID-induced gastritis
 - predisposition to GI bleed
 - anticoagulant use. Exercise caution due to ulcer potential

Note: Use of ASA with a Cox-II negates the positive effect of any GI protection of Cox-II over first-generation NSAIDs. The risk of serious and non-serious GI complications remains the same. Use of first generation NSAIDs with PPIs is recommended if patient is on ASA.

Cautions:

- Not recommended for patients with ESRD, severe renal impairment, or severe gastrointestinal disease.
- Patient using Byetta with D-phenylalanine derivatives, meglitinides, or alpha-glucosidase inhibitors has not been studied and is generally not recommended.

Contraindications:

- Known hypersensitivity to exenatide or any of its components.

Not approved if:

- Patient has any contraindications to the use of celecoxib

Drug interactions:

Celecoxib is metabolized by the CP450 and 2C9 enzymes; therefore, the following medications could cause a drug interaction:

- Amiodarone
- Fluconazole
- Omeprazole

- Zafirlukast

Other issues:

- Lithium levels could be increased
- Celecoxib could impair the antihypertensive actions of ACE inhibitors and furosemide
- Pregnancy Category C

FCHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee approval: _____

Date: _____

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