



## Prior Authorization Approval Criteria

### *Nucynta (tapentadol)*

<b>Generic name:</b>	tapentadol
<b>Brand name:</b>	Nucynta
<b>Medication class:</b>	opioid analgesic
<b>FDA-approved uses:</b>	relief of moderate to severe pain
<b>Available dosage forms:</b>	50mg, 75mg, and 100mg tablets
<b>Usual dose:</b>	50-100mg every 4-6 hours as needed for pain. Maximum daily dose is 600mg/day (700mg maximum dose on day one)
<b>Approximate daily cost:</b> (based on AWP 2009)	\$8.16-\$19.08 based on the range of 50 mg q6hr up to the max of 100mg q 4hr
<b>Duration of therapy:</b>	to be determined based on patients pain

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

- The indicated diagnosis (including any applicable labs and /or tests) and medication usage must be supported by documentation from the patient's medical records.
  - Must be 18 years of age or older.
  - Failed /intolerant to tramadol.
  - Failed at least 2 FCHP preferred opioids including morphine sulfate, methadone, fentanyl patches.
- Or
- Intolerant (with GI side effects) to at least 1 FCHP preferred opioids including morphine sulfate, methadone, fentanyl patches.

**Contraindication:**

- Impaired pulmonary function (significant respiratory depression, acute or severe bronchial asthma or hypercapnia in unmonitored settings or the absence of resuscitative equipment)
- Paralytic ileus
- Concomitant use with monoamine oxidase inhibitors or use within 14 days.

**Not approved if:**

- Does not meet the above stated criteria
- Has any contraindications to the use of Nucynta

**Special considerations:**

- Nucynta has not been studied in patients at risk for seizures, so it doesn't have the same warnings as tramadol. So use in these patients must be done with caution.
- Nucynta is as effective as morphine or oxycodone.
- High potential for abuse like hydromorphone

FCHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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