



Prior Authorization Approval Criteria
Department of Pharmacy Services

Generic Name: biscalcitrates/ metronidazole/ tetracycline hydrochloride

Brand Name: Pylera

Medication Class: antibiotic/antidiarrheal – H. pylori treatment

FDA Approved Uses: In combination with omeprazole for the treatment of patients with part Helicobacter pylori (H. Pylori) infection and duodenal ulcer disease to eradicate H. Pylori. The eradication of H. Pylori to reduce the risk of duodenal ulcer recurrence.

Available Dosage Forms: Capsule containing 140mg biscalcitrates, 125 mg metronidazole, and 125 mg tetracycline

Usual Dose: Three capsules 4 times daily

Duration of Therapy: 10 days

Approximate cost for 10 days of treatment (based on AWP 2007): \$266.40

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

- Must have a confirmed H. pylori infection
- Must be used in combination with omeprazole.
- Patient must have an inability (other than non-compliance) to use the individual agents (bismuth, metronidazole, and tetracycline) at the same time.

Not Approved if:

- Patient has any contraindications to the use of biscalcitrates, metronidazole, or tetracycline
- Patient does not meet above criteria
- Patient is non-compliant with multiple drug regimens.

Note:

- Pylera is considered convenience packaging. It is not a covered benefit if used for reasons of preference or convenience.

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