

## **Clinical Policy: Olaratumab (Lartruvo)**

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### **Description**

Olaratumab (Lartruvo<sup>®</sup>) is a platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha (PDGFR- $\alpha$ ) blocking antibody.

### **FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Lartruvo is indicated, in combination with doxorubicin, for the treatment of adult patients with soft tissue sarcoma (STS) with a histologic subtype for which an anthracycline-containing regimen is appropriate and which is not amenable to curative treatment with radiotherapy or surgery.

Limitation(s) of use: This indication is approved under accelerated approval. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in the confirmatory trial.

### **Policy/Criteria**

*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 health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation<sup>®</sup> that Lartruvo is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### **I. Initial Approval Criteria**

##### **A. Soft Tissue Sarcoma** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of STS;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with doxorubicin;\*  
*\*Prior authorization may be required*
5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):\*
  - a. Dose does not exceed 15 mg/kg on Days 1 and 8 of each 21-day cycle;
  - 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: 6 months**

##### **B. Other diagnoses/indications**

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is

NOT authorized): HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Soft Tissue Sarcoma** (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Lartruvo for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):\*
  - a. New dose does not exceed 15 mg/kg on Days 1 and 8 of each 21-day cycle;
  - b. New 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**

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.  
**Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less);** or
2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace and CP.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 policies – HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration  
NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

PDGFR- $\alpha$ : platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha  
STS: soft tissue sarcoma

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

*This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.*

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/Maximum Dose
doxorubicin HCL (Adriamycin <sup>®</sup> )	Labeled dosing regimen for metastatic STS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a single agent: 60 to 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV every 21 days.</li> </ul>	Varies

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In combination with other chemotherapy drugs: 40 to 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV every 21 to 28 days.</li> <li>Consider use of the lower doxorubicin dose in the recommended dose range or longer intervals between cycles for heavily pretreated patients, elderly patients, or obese patients.</li> <li>Cumulative doses above 550 mg/m<sup>2</sup> are associated with an increased risk of cardiomyopathy.</li> </ul>	

*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name<sup>®</sup> (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name<sup>®</sup>) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Black Box Warnings*

None reported

*Appendix D: STS Subtypes*

- Sarcomas are divided into STS and sarcomas of bone.
- More than 50 STS histologic subtypes have been identified. Common subtypes include undifferentiated sarcoma, gastrointestinal stromal tumor, liposarcoma, and leiomyosarcoma.
- The most common anatomic STS locations are extremities, trunk, visceral, retroperitoneum, and head and neck. Rhabdomyosarcoma is the most common STS of children and adolescents and is less common in adults.
- NCCN no longer recommends Lartruvo in combination with doxorubicin as a treatment option for:
  - Soft tissue sarcoma subtypes with non-specific histologies (soft tissue sarcoma [version 2.2019]). The following language has been deleted from the guideline: For use in STS histologies for which an anthracycline-containing regimen is appropriate.
  - Uterine sarcoma (uterine neoplasms [version 3.2019])

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
STS	15 mg/kg IV over 60 minutes on Days 1 and 8 of each 21-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. For first 8 cycles, Lartruvo is administered with doxorubicin. Refer to doxorubicin prescribing information for dosing, and dose modifications.	15 mg/kg per infusion

**VI. Product Availability**

Single-dose vial: 500 mg/50 mL, 190 mg/19 mL

**VII. References**

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**Coding Implications**

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J9285	Injection, olaratumab, 10 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy split from CP.PHAR.182 Excellus Oncology. NCCN off-label recommended uses added.	02.17	03.17
Policy converted to new template. Safety criteria was applied according to the safety guidance discussed at CPAC and endorsed by Centene Medical Affairs. Added criteria for NCCN 2A and above recommended off-label use: Uterine sarcoma. Authorization limits extended from 3 and 6 months to 6 and 12 months for initial and continued approval, respectively.	08.30.17	11.17
4Q 2018 annual review: no significant changes; NCCN and FDA-approved uses summarized for improved clarity; specialist involvement in care and continuation of care added; references reviewed and updated.	08.07.18	11.18
4Q 2019 annual review: removed uterine sarcoma from criteria; updated Appendix D to state NCCN guidelines' removal of doxorubicin and olaratumab as a combination therapy for STS and uterine sarcoma; references reviewed and updated.	08.09.19	11.19
4Q 2020 annual review: modified HIM-Medical Benefit to HIM line of business; no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	08.17.20	11.20

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