

Inpatient Criteria for Use:

This medication has been determined to be high cost and would need to meet the following inpatient criteria for use prior to proceeding.

Note, if this is a medication that is requiring the 1st dose to be given inpatient to monitor for toxicity per administration standards, then it is okay to proceed without answering the following questions.

Pharmacists shall work with the care team to together assess the appropriateness of therapy while in the inpatient setting. All the following questions must be answered as indicated in order to meet inpatient criteria for use:

- 1) Is there an appropriate clinical alternative to the high cost drug?
 - a. Answer must be no
- 2) Can the schedule of the medication be adjusted so that it could be given after discharge?
 - a. Answer must be no 3)
- Will giving this treatment allow for earlier discharge or decrease their hospital stay?
 - a. Answer must be yes

If use does not meet the requirements, then supervisor or manager approval must be obtained in order to proceed.

Additionally, if the medication is part of ongoing treatment, outpatient coverage should also be determined to ensure treatment will be able to continue in the outpatient setting after discharge.