

Prior Authorization DRUG Guidelines

Cuvposa (glycopyrrolate, oral)

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Cuvposa is a muscarinic anticholinergic agent that does not cross the blood-brain barrier.

Pre-Authorization: to reduce chronic severe drooling in patients with neurologic conditions associated with problem drooling (e.g. cerebral palsy)

Off-Label: adjunct with acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (eg, neostigmine, edrophonium, pyridostigmine) to antagonize cholinergic effects

Dosing: Initiate at 0.02 mg/kg orally three times daily and titrate in increments of 0.02 mg/kg every 5-7 days based on therapeutic response and adverse reactions. The maximum recommended dosage is 0.1 mg/kg three times daily not to exceed 1.5-3 mg per dose based upon weight. Administer at least one hour before or two hours after meals.

PRECAUTIONS: High fat food reduces the oral bioavailability. Constipation. Heat stroke in susceptible individuals. Drowsiness. Blurred vision. Dry mucus membranes.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: anticholinergic drugs (e.g. ipratropium), drugs with anticholinergic side effects, cholinergic drugs (e.g. pyridostigmine [Mestinon])

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