

LUPRON DEPOT-PED[®]

(leuprolide acetate for depot suspension)

Medical Necessity Letter

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INDICATION¹

Central Precocious Puberty

LUPRON DEPOT-PED® (leuprolide acetate for depot suspension) 7.5 mg, 11.25 mg, and 15 mg for 1-month and 11.25 mg and 30 mg for 3-month administration are indicated for the treatment of pediatric patients with central precocious puberty (CPP).

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION¹

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Hypersensitivity to gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH), GnRH agonists, or any of the excipients in LUPRON DEPOT-PED. Anaphylactic reactions to synthetic GnRH or GnRH agonists have been reported.
- Pregnancy: LUPRON DEPOT-PED may cause fetal harm.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Initial Rise of Gonadotropins and Sex Steroid Levels

- During the early phase of therapy or after subsequent doses, gonadotropins and sex steroids may rise above baseline because of the initial stimulatory effect of the drug. Therefore, an increase in clinical signs and symptoms of puberty, including vaginal bleeding, may be observed during the first weeks of therapy or after subsequent doses.

Psychiatric Events

- Psychiatric events have been reported in patients taking GnRH agonists, including LUPRON DEPOT-PED. Postmarketing reports with this class of drugs include symptoms of emotional lability, such as crying, irritability, impatience, anger, and aggression. Monitor for development or worsening of psychiatric symptoms during treatment.

Convulsions

- Postmarketing reports of convulsions have been observed in patients receiving GnRH agonists, including LUPRON DEPOT-PED. These included patients with a history of seizures, epilepsy, cerebrovascular disorders, central nervous system anomalies or tumors, and patients on concomitant medications that have been associated with convulsions, such as bupropion and SSRIs. Convulsions have also been reported in patients in the absence of any of the conditions mentioned above.

Pseudotumor Cerebri (Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension)

- Pseudotumor cerebri (idiopathic intracranial hypertension) have been reported in pediatric patients receiving GnRH agonists, including LUPRON DEPOT-PED. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of pseudotumor cerebri, including headache, papilledema, blurred vision, diplopia, loss of vision, pain behind the eye or pain with eye movement, tinnitus, dizziness, and nausea.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

- The most common ($\geq 2\%$) adverse reactions in the LUPRON DEPOT-PED clinical studies were:
 - LUPRON DEPOT-PED 7.5 mg, 11.25 mg, and 15 mg for 1-month administration: injection site reactions including abscess, emotional lability, acne/seborrhea, vaginitis/vaginal bleeding/vaginal discharge, pain, rash including erythema multiforme, headache, and vasodilation.
 - LUPRON DEPOT-PED 11.25 mg and 30 mg for 3-month administration: injection site pain, increased weight, headache, altered mood, and injection site swelling.
- Diagnostic tests of pituitary gonadotropic and gonadal functions conducted during treatment and up to 6 months after discontinuation may be affected.
- The safety and effectiveness of LUPRON DEPOT-PED have not been established in pediatric patients less than 1 year old.
- LUPRON DEPOT-PED must be administered by a healthcare professional.

SAMPLE Letter of Medical Necessity

<VARIABLE DATE>

<VARIABLE PAYER NAME>

<VARIABLE PAYER ADDRESS>

<VARIABLE CITY, STATE>

<VARIABLE PAYER FAX NUMBER>

Attn: <VARIABLE ATTN>

Re: Coverage of LUPRON DEPOT-PED (leuprolide acetate for depot suspension) <VARIABLE STRENGTH AND DURATION>

<VARIABLE PATIENT NAME>

<VARIABLE PATIENT DATE OF BIRTH>

<VARIABLE PATIENT MEMBER ID>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request approval of LUPRON DEPOT-PED <VARIABLE STRENGTH> <VARIABLE DURATION> (leuprolide acetate for depot suspension) to treat my patient <VARIABLE PATIENT NAME> for Central Precocious Puberty (CPP). The full prescribing information for Lupron Depot-PED can be accessed at rxabbvie.com.

This product was denied on <VARIABLE DATE> for the following reason(s): <VARIABLE CONTENT>. <VARIABLE PATIENT NAME> is a <VARIABLE PATIENT AGE> year-old who has been diagnosed with central precocious puberty.

<VARIABLE PATIENT NAME>'s medical history includes the following:

<DESCRIBE THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL HISTORY, DIAGNOSIS, ETC.>

Prior Treatment History: <CONTENT>

Clinical Considerations (choose only one)

Clinical Consideration: Patient has a clinical diagnosis of CPP and is treatment naïve.

LUPRON DEPOT-PED is indicated for the treatment of pediatric patients with central precocious puberty (CPP).

Patient has not had hypersensitivity to GnRH, GnRH agonists or any of the excipients in LUPRON DEPOT-PED, and is not pregnant or planning to become pregnant.

LUPRON DEPOT-PED 7.5 mg, 11.25 mg, or 15 mg for 1-month administration

- During the treatment period, LUPRON DEPOT-PED suppressed gonadotropins and sex steroids to prepubertal levels. Suppression of peak stimulated LH concentrations to < 1.75 mIU/mL was achieved in 96% of subjects by month 1.
- In females, suppression of breast development ranged from 66.7 to 90.6% of subjects during the first 5 years of treatment. The mean stimulated estradiol was 15.1 pg/mL at baseline, decreased to the lower level of detection (5.0 pg/mL) by Week 4 and was maintained there during the first 5 years of treatment.
- In males, suppression of genitalia development ranged from 60% to 100% of subjects during the first 5 years of treatment. The mean stimulated testosterone was 347.7 ng/dL at baseline and was maintained at levels no greater than 25.3 ng/dL during the first 5 years of treatment.
- The mean ratio of bone age to chronological age decreased from 1.5 at baseline to 1.1 by end of treatment. The mean height standard deviation z-score changed from 1.6 at baseline to 0.7 at the end of the treatment phase

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LUPRON DEPOT-PED 11.25 mg or 30 mg for 3-month administration

- The percentage of overall subjects with suppression of peak-stimulated LH to < 4.0 mIU/mL, as determined by assessments at months 2, 3 and 6 is 78.6% in the 11.25 mg dose and 95.2% in the 30 mg dose.
- The percentage of treatment naïve subjects with suppression of peak-stimulated LH to < 4.0 mIU/mL, as determined by assessments at months 2, 3 and 6 is 76.2 % in the 11.25 mg dose and 90.5% in the 30 mg dose.
- For the LUPRON DEPOT-PED 11.25 mg dose for 3-month administration, 93% (39/42) of subjects and for LUPRON DEPOT-PED 30 mg dose for 3-month administration 100% (42/42) of subjects had sex steroid (estradiol or testosterone) suppressed to prepubertal levels at all visits.
- Clinical suppression of puberty in female patients was observed in 29 of 32 (90.6%) and 28 of 34 (82.4%) of patients in the 11.25 mg and 30 mg groups, respectively, at month 6.
- Clinical suppression of puberty in males was observed in 1 of 2 (50.0%) and 2 of 5 (40.0%) patients in the 11.25 mg and 30 mg groups, respectively, at month 6.
- In subjects with complete data for bone age, 29 of 33 (87.9 %) in the 11.25 mg group and 30 of 40 in the 30 mg group (75.0%) had a decrease in the ratio of bone age to chronological age at month 6 compared to screening.

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Clinical Consideration: Patient treatment intolerance or previous treatment failure

LUPRON DEPOT-PED is indicated for the treatment of pediatric patients with central precocious puberty (CPP).

Patient does not have hypersensitivity to GnRH, GnRH agonists or any of the excipients in LUPRON DEPOT-PED, and is not pregnant or planning to become pregnant.

LUPRON DEPOT-PED 11.25 mg or 30 mg for 3-month administration

- The percentage of overall subjects with suppression of peak-stimulated LH to < 4.0 mIU/mL, as determined by assessments at months 2, 3 and 6 is 78.6% in the 11.25 mg dose and 95.2% in the 30 mg dose.
- The percentage of treatment experienced subjects with suppression of peak-stimulated LH to < 4.0 mIU/mL, as determined by assessments at months 2, 3 and 6 is 81.0 % in the 11.25 mg dose and 100% in the 30 mg dose.
- For the LUPRON DEPOT-PED 11.25 mg dose for 3-month administration, 93% (39/42) of subjects and for LUPRON DEPOT-PED 30 mg dose for 3-month administration 100% (42/42) of subjects had sex steroid (estradiol or testosterone) suppressed to prepubertal levels at all visits.
- Clinical suppression of puberty in female patients was observed in 29 of 32 (90.6%) and 28 of 34 (82.4%) of patients in the 11.25 mg and 30 mg groups, respectively, at month 6.
- Clinical suppression of puberty in males was observed in 1 of 2 (50.0%) and 2 of 5 (40.0%) patients in the 11.25 mg and 30 mg groups, respectively, at month 6.
- In subjects with complete data for bone age, 29 of 33 (87.9 %) in the 11.25 mg group and 30 of 40 in the 30 mg group (75.0%) had a decrease in the ratio of bone age to chronological age at month 6 compared to screening.

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Clinical Consideration: Patient is currently taking Lupron Depot-PED and needs to continue therapy until the appropriate time to resume normal puberty

- LUPRON DEPOT-PED is indicated for the treatment of pediatric patients with central precocious puberty (CPP).
- LUPRON DEPOT-PED should be discontinued at the appropriate age of onset of puberty at the discretion of the physician.
- Patient has not experienced hypersensitivity to GnRH, GnRH agonists or any of the excipients in LUPRON DEPOT-PED, and is not pregnant or planning to become pregnant.

LUPRON DEPOT-PED 7.5 mg, 11.25 mg, or 15 mg for 1-month administration

- In an open-label study, 55 CPP subjects (49 females and 6 males, naïve to previous GnRH α treatment), were treated with LUPRON DEPOT-PED 1-month formulations until age appropriate for entry into puberty.

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- The mean \pm SD age at the start of treatment was 7 ± 2 years and the duration of treatment was 4 ± 2 years.
- The following effects have been noted with the chronic administration of leuprolide: cessation of menses (in girls), normalization and stabilization of linear growth and bone age advancement, stabilization of clinical signs and symptoms of puberty.

LUPRON DEPOT-PED 11.25 mg or 30 mg for 3-month administration

- The percentage of overall subjects with suppression of peak-stimulated LH to < 4.0 mIU/mL, as determined by assessments at months 2, 3 and 6 is 78.6% in the 11.25 mg dose and 95.2 in the 30 mg dose.

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If I can provide any additional information, please contact me at **<VARIABLE PHONE/FAX NUMBER>** to ensure the prompt approval of this course of treatment.

Regards,

<VARIABLE PHYSICIAN NAME>