

Ophthalmic Injections Corticosteroid Neurotoxin Antimetabolite Complement Inhibitors	Original Effective Date:	01/01/2020
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Scope: Guidance applies to various injection modalities of corticosteroids (macular edema), neurotoxin (spastic/muscle disorder), and antimetabolites (scarring) for the treatment of ophthalmic disorders.

Approval Process:

- A. **Medical Director approval required for the initial injection. Non-clinical team members may approve prior authorization requests for subsequent injections** when the request includes the same CPT code, same drug, and same diagnosis as the initial request approved by the Medical Director. Non-clinical team members will check member eligibility and injection frequency per table below prior to issuing prior authorization.
- B. **Medical Director approval is required if the prior authorization request does not meet above criteria.**

	Drug	Administration Code	Injection Frequency	Approval guideline (NCD, LCD, Apollo)
J1100	Dexamethasone (dexamethasone sodium phosphate, 1mg)	CPT 67028	4 to 8 weeks	OPT 191 https://eyewiki.aao.org/Intravitreal_Injections AAO – Clinical education/Current Insight 01/29/08 - When to Use Periocular and Intraocular Corticosteroid Injections in Uveitis
J3300	Triesence 40 units (Triamcinolone acetonide, preservative free, 1 mg)	CPT 67028 CPT 67515 CPT 11900	4 to 8 weeks	OPT 191 DRM 158 https://eyewiki.aao.org/Intravitreal_Injections AAO – Clinical education/Current Insight 01/29/08 - When to Use Periocular and Intraocular Corticosteroid Injections in Uveitis
J3301	Kenalog- 40 (Triamcinolone acetonide, 10 mg)	CPT 67028 CPT 67515 CPT 11900	4 to 8 weeks	OPT 191 DRM 158 https://eyewiki.aao.org/Intravitreal_Injections AAO – Clinical education/Current Insight 01/29/08 - When to Use Periocular and Intraocular Corticosteroid Injections in Uveitis

J7312	Ozurdex (Dexamethasone intravitreal implant)	CPT 67028	8 to 12 weeks	OPT 191 Review of Ophthalmology – September 2010, IV Triamcinolone and Ozurdex: The Evidence, Allen Chiang, MD, Julia A Haller, MD, Philadelphia https://www.reviewofophthalmology.com/article/iv-triamcinolone-and-ozurdex-the-evidence - Accessed 11/22/19
J0585	Botox (Onabotulinum toxin A, 1 unit)	CPT 64612	12 weeks or more	Clinical Uses of Botulinum Toxin in Ophthalmology https://www.aao.org/focalpointssnipetdetail.aspx?id=a22ec4bc-b1c7-40e3-8d62-e6e781e80039 L33274 DRM 120
J0588	Xeomin (Incobotulinum toxin a, 1 unit)	CPT 64612	12 weeks or more	Clinical Uses of Botulinum Toxin in Ophthalmology https://www.aao.org/focalpointssnipetdetail.aspx?id=a22ec4bc-b1c7-40e3-8d62-e6e781e80039 L33274 DRM 120
J9190	Fluorouracil injection (5-FU)	CPT 68200	1 to 4 weeks	2015 AAO PPP- Primary Open Angle Glaucoma
J3490 J2781 effective 10/01/23	Syfovre	CPT 67028	4 to 8 weeks	OPT 191 PMC Geographic atrophy: Mechanism of disease, pathophysiology, and role of the complement system, 2023 May 29, Sophie J Bakri, MD, MBA, Meryem Bektas, MBA, PhD, Darcie Sharp, PhD, Roger Luo, PhD, Sujata P Sarda, PhD, and Shahnaz Khan, MPH, https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10408405/ (Accessed 09/21/23)

Summary of Revisions:

Date	Revision
09/21/23	Added Syfovre



References:

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First Coast Service Options Part B - Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Botulinum Toxins (L33274) – effective 01/08/2019

AAO PPP (American Academy of Ophthalmology Preferred Practice Patterns) Diabetic Retinopathy 2019; <https://www.aao.org/preferred-practice-pattern/diabetic-retinopathy-ppp>

AAO PPP (American Academy of Ophthalmology Preferred Practice Patterns) Age-Related Macular Degeneration 2019; <https://www.aao.org/preferred-practice-pattern/age-related-macular-degeneration-ppp>

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American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Clinical Education, Essential Blepharospasm; <https://www.aao.org/bcscsnippetdetail.aspx?id=d3c7f81d-1789-4878-b23d-509ff6710b52>

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