

Clinical Policy: Rucaparib (Rubraca)

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Description

Rucaparib (Rubraca[®]) is a poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Rubraca is indicated for the treatment of patients with deleterious BRCA (breast cancer susceptibility gene) mutation (germline and/or somatic) associated advanced ovarian cancer who have been treated with two or more chemotherapies. Select patients for therapy based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Rubraca.

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (which may include office chart notes and lab results) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that Rubraca is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Ovarian Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of ovarian cancer including endometrioid ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal carcinoma;
2. Age ≥ 18 years;
3. Deleterious or suspected deleterious germline and/or somatic BRCA mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test (e.g., FoundationFocus);
4. Failure or clinically significant adverse effects to two or more prior chemotherapy regimens;
5. Dose does not exceed 1200 mg/day.

Approval duration:

Medicaid/Health Insurance Marketplace – 6 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

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): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Ovarian Cancer (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Rubraca and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy (e.g., no disease progression, no significant toxicity, etc.);
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 1200 mg/day.

Approval duration:

Medicaid/Health Insurance Marketplace – 12 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

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): CP.CPA.09 for commercial 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 – CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

BRCA: Breast cancer susceptibility gene

PARP: Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase

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 and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
carboplatin (Paraplatin [®]) containing regimen	Varies	Varies
cisplatin (Platinol-AQ [®]) containing regimen	Varies	Varies
Docetaxel (Taxotere [®])	Varies	Varies
Etoposide (Toposar [®])	Varies	Varies
Gemcitabine (Gemzar [®])	Varies	Varies
Doxorubicin (Doxil [®] , Lipodox [®] 50) ± Avastin [®] (bevacizumab)	Varies	Varies

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Paclitaxel ± Avastin (bevacizumab) or Votrient® (pazopanib)	Varies	Varies
Topotecan (Hycamtin®) ± Avastin (bevacizumab)	Varies	Varies

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

Appendix C: General Information

- Information on the FDA approved test for the detection of a tumor BRCA mutation in patients with ovarian cancer is available at: <http://www.fda.gov/CompanionDiagnostics>.
- Rubraca is being evaluated in clinical trials for pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, and solid tumors.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Ovarian Cancer	600 mg PO BID	600 mg PO BID

VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 200 mg, 300 mg

VII. References

1. Rubraca Prescribing Information. Boulder, CO: Clovis Oncology, Inc.; February 2017. Available at: <http://clovisoncology.com/files/rubraca-prescribing-info.pdf>. Accessed November 13, 2017.
2. NCCN Clinical Practice Guideline: Ovarian Cancer Version 4.2017. Available at: https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/ovarian.pdf. Accessed November 13, 2017.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
New policy created. Clarified two prior chemo regimens; added examples of specific ovarian cancer types. Revised general formatting and updated therapeutic alternatives	1.5.17	02.17
Updated BRCA testing to allow for somatic mutations	3.10.17	05.17
Minor changes to verbiage and grammar. References updated.	06.17	11.17
1Q18 annual review: - No significant clinical changes - Added Age ≥18 years per PI - Updated Appendix B with additional acceptable prior treatment regimens based on NCCN Ovarian Cancer guidelines. - References reviewed and updated	11.13.17	02.18

Important Reminder

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Note:

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