Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization	5-Hydroxytryptamine-3 Serotonin Receptor Antagonists (5-HT3
Group Description	RA), Substance P/Neurokinin 1 Receptor Antagonists (NK1
	RA), and Combination Agents
Drugs	Preferred (Step 1):
	5-HT3 RA: ondansetron (Zofran) IV solution, injection (IV/SQ)
	solution or granisetron (Kytril) IV solution
	NK1 RA: fosapreptiant (Emend) IV emulsion
	Preferred (Step 2):
	5-HT3 RA palonosetron (Aloxi) 0.25 mg/2 mL IV solution
	Non-Preferred:
	Sustol (granisetron ER) SQ injection, palonosetron (Aloxi) 0.25
	mg/5 mL IV solution, Cinvanti (aprepitant) IV emulsion, Varubi
	(rolapitant) IV emulsion, Akynzeo (palonosetron/netupitant), IV
	solution, Focinvez (fosaprepitant)
	Any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following
	sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex,
	American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States
	Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional
Exclusion Criteria	(USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI). None
Required Medical	See "Other Criteria"
Information	
Age Restrictions	None
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by a specialist in the field to treat the patient's respective
G P :	medical condition
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for up
	to 6 months or as long as recommended by the medical compendium
Other Criteria	and/or per the NCCN/ASCO standard of care guidelines.
Other Criteria	The medication is being requested for a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication or a medical
	condition that is supported by the medical compendium, the
	National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), and/or
	American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) standard of
	care guidelines for antiemetic therapy.
	• The requested dosing of the 5-HT3 RA and/or NK1 RA is
	within FDA approved, NCCN/ASCO or other medical
	compendia standard of care guidelines
	Patients meeting one of the following criteria may receive the
	generic 5-HT3 RA palonosetron hydrochloride 0.25 mg/2 mL
	without prior trial and failure of ondansetron/granisetron
	Adult patients receiving an antineoplastic agent with

- HIGH or MODERATE emetic risk per the NCCN Practice Guidelines
- Pediatric patients receiving an antineoplastic agent with HIGH emetic risk per the NCCN Practice Guidelines who are unable to receive dexamethasone
- For all other patients, if the medication request is for any 5-HT3 RA other than ondansetron, granisetron or an NK1-RA other than fosaprepitant IV emulsion:
 - The patient has a documented treatment failure after receiving an adequate trial of a preferred 5-HT3 RA and a preferred NK1 RA and/or has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not utilizing these medications to treat their medical condition.

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Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.