

Medical Policy

Ycanth

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Applicable Products

Ycanth (cantharidin)

Initial Approval Criteria

Coverage may be approved if all of the following are met:

- Diagnosis of molluscum contagiosum; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or pediatrician; **AND**
- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Must have one of the following:
 - An adequate trial of conventional therapy (cryotherapy or curettage) with an inadequate response or significant side effect/toxicity; **OR**
 - Patient has concomitant bacterial infection; **OR**
 - Patient has severe symptoms of itching or pain; **OR**
 - Patient is immunocompromised; **OR**
 - Risk of disease spread (e.g., school, daycare, etc.); **AND**
- Dose does not exceed 2 applicators per treatment every 3 weeks; **AND**
- If applicable: Trial and failure, intolerance, or a contraindication to the preferred products as listed in the medical drug list

Renewal Criteria

Coverage may be renewed if all of the following are met:

- Patient continues to meet the Initial Approval Criteria; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity; **AND**
- Patient has shown response to treatment evidenced by reduction in number or size of lesions but with some remaining; **AND**
- It has been at least 3 weeks since last application and patient has not exceeded 4 treatments

Length of Authorization

4 treatment cycles per infection (max of 8 applicators for approval duration)

This policy is designed to address medical guidelines that are appropriate for the majority of individuals with a particular disease, illness, or condition. Each person's unique clinical or other circumstances may warrant individual consideration, based on review of applicable medical records, as well as other regulatory, contractual and/or legal requirements.

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