

DEAR PHYSICIAN: This letter is being provided as a sample to help you with your payor interactions concerning reimbursement for the administration of XIAFLEX[®] (collagenase clostridium histolyticum). Use of this document does not guarantee coverage or reimbursement. As a healthcare professional, you are solely responsible for providing accurate information to third-party payors. If there is any information in this document that does not accurately reflect your practices, it should be modified to appropriately represent your particular circumstances.

INDICATION

XIAFLEX[®] is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with Dupuytren's contracture with a palpable cord.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR XIAFLEX[®]

- XIAFLEX[®] is contraindicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to XIAFLEX[®] or to collagenase used in any other therapeutic application or application method
- In the controlled and uncontrolled portions of clinical trials in Dupuytren's contracture, flexor tendon ruptures occurred after XIAFLEX[®] injection. Injection of XIAFLEX[®] into collagen-containing structures such as tendons or ligaments of the hand may result in damage to those structures and possible permanent injury such as tendon rupture or ligament damage. Therefore, XIAFLEX[®] should be injected only into the collagen cord with a MP or PIP joint contracture, and care should be taken to avoid injecting into tendons, nerves, blood vessels, or other collagen-containing structures of the hand. When injecting a cord affecting a PIP joint of the fifth finger, the needle insertion should not be more than 2 to 3 mm in depth and avoid injecting more than 4 mm distal to the palmar digital crease
- Other XIAFLEX[®]-associated serious local adverse reactions in the controlled and uncontrolled portions of the studies included pulley rupture, ligament injury, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), sensory abnormality of the hand, and skin laceration (tear). In a historically controlled post-marketing trial, the incidence of skin laceration (22%) was higher for subjects treated with two concurrent injections of XIAFLEX[®] compared with subjects treated with up to three single injections in the placebo-controlled premarketing trials (9%). Cases of skin laceration requiring skin graft after finger extension procedures have been reported post-marketing. Signs or symptoms that may reflect serious injury to the injected finger/hand should be promptly evaluated because surgical intervention may be required
- In the controlled portions of the clinical trials in Dupuytren's contracture, a greater proportion of XIAFLEX[®]-treated patients (15%) compared to placebo-treated patients (1%) had mild allergic reactions (pruritus) after up to 3 injections. The incidence of XIAFLEX[®]-associated pruritus increased after more XIAFLEX[®] injections in patients with Dupuytren's contracture
- Because XIAFLEX[®] contains foreign proteins, severe allergic reactions to XIAFLEX[®] can occur. Anaphylaxis was reported in a post-marketing clinical study in one patient who had previous exposure to XIAFLEX[®] for the treatment of Dupuytren's contracture. Healthcare providers should be prepared to address severe allergic reactions following XIAFLEX[®] injections
- In the XIAFLEX[®] trials in Dupuytren's contracture, 70% and 38% of XIAFLEX[®]-treated patients developed an ecchymosis/contusion or an injection site hemorrhage, respectively. Patients with abnormal coagulation (except for patients taking low-dose aspirin, eg, up to 150 mg per day) were excluded from participating in these studies. Therefore, the efficacy and safety of XIAFLEX[®] in patients receiving anticoagulant medications (other than low-dose aspirin, eg, up to 150 mg per day) within 7 days prior to XIAFLEX[®] administration is not known. In addition, it is recommended to avoid use of XIAFLEX[®] in patients with coagulation disorders, including patients receiving concomitant anticoagulants (except for low-dose aspirin)
- In the XIAFLEX[®] clinical trials for Dupuytren's contracture, the most common adverse reactions reported in ≥25% of patients treated with XIAFLEX[®] and at an incidence greater than placebo were edema peripheral (eg, swelling of the injected hand), contusion, injection site hemorrhage, injection site reaction, and pain in the injected extremity

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[Date]

[Insurance contact name]
[Insurance contact title]
[Name of insurance company]
[Insurance street address]
[City, state, ZIP code]

Re: Letter of Medical Necessity for XIAFLEX[®] (collagenase clostridium histolyticum)

Patient name: [First and last name]
Patient date of birth: [XX/XX/XXXX]
SS #: [XXX-XX-XXXX]
Insurance ID #: [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX]
Group #: [XXXXXXXXXX]

Dear [Insurance contact name]:

This letter provides clinical justification for [patient's name] to receive up to two injections in the same hand with the potential of up to 3 injections per cord, at approximately 4-week intervals, of XIAFLEX[®] for the treatment of [his/her] Dupuytren's contracture with a palpable cord.

XIAFLEX[®] is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with Dupuytren's contracture with a palpable cord. Up to two cords in the same hand may be injected at a treatment visit. Two palpable cords affecting two joints may be injected or one palpable cord affecting two joints in the same finger may be injected at two locations during a single treatment visit. If a patient has other cords with contractures, those cords are injected at another treatment visit.

[Patient's name] was diagnosed with Dupuytren's contracture on [date]. The patient has [specify number of cord(s) and degree(s) of contracture for MP joint release and/or PIP joint release]. The contracture(s) [has/have] resulted in [detail impact on patient's range of motion, including specific impact on joints and fingers]. By treating [patient's name] with XIAFLEX[®], I anticipate the following outcomes: [express the physician's professional opinion about the potential to reach the anticipated outcome]. [If appropriate, provide any past clinical experiences that the physician may have had with XIAFLEX[®].]

I will be using the following codes to bill for the XIAFLEX[®] and procedures:

Product Code (J code) designated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

J0775: represents 0.01 mg of XIAFLEX[®]

Procedure Codes (CPT[®] codes) designated by the American Medical Association (AMA)

20527: Injection, enzyme (eg, collagenase), palmar fascial cord (ie, Dupuytren's contracture)
20527-XX*: Injection, enzyme (eg, collagenase), palmar fascial cord (ie, Dupuytren's contracture)—distinct procedural service
26341: Manipulation, palmar fascial cord (ie, Dupuytren's cord), post enzyme injection (eg, collagenase), single cord (10-day global)
29130[†]: Application of finger splint; static
26341-XX*: Manipulation, palmar fascial cord (ie, Dupuytren's cord), post enzyme injection (eg, collagenase), single cord (10-day global)—distinct procedural service
29130-XX[†]: Application of finger splint; static—distinct procedural service

**The codes used to describe single-cord treatment of adult patients with Dupuytren's contracture with a palpable cord may also be used to describe treatment for up to 2 joints/cords in the same hand. Modifiers may be necessary to ensure services are processed and paid correctly.*

[†]Application of finger splint should be used only when the procedure is performed in a physician's office.

Modifier -59 Distinct Procedural Service for Medicare. Under certain circumstances, it may be necessary to indicate that a procedure or service was distinct or independent from other non-Evaluation and Management (E/M) services performed on the same day. Refer to full AMA coding guidance. Modifier -59 is necessary for the injection procedure.

Modifier -51 Multiple Procedures for Commercial Payors. When multiple procedures, other than E/M services, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation services or provision of supplies (eg, vaccines), are performed at the same session by the same individual, the primary procedure or service may be reported as listed. The additional procedure(s) or service(s) may be identified by appending modifier -51 to the additional procedure or service code(s). Note: This modifier should not be appended to designated "add-on" codes.

If you have any questions regarding the material that I have provided, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Physician's name and credentials]

[Title]

[Name of practice]

[Street address]

[City, state, ZIP code]

[Phone number]

Enclosures: [Patient medical records/chart notes]

[XIAFLEX[®] (collagenase clostridium histolyticum) full Prescribing Information]

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