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# Lisocabtagene Maraleucel (Breyanzi<sup>®</sup>)

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**Note: For Medicare members/enrollees, to ensure consistency with the Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), all applicable NCDs, LCDs, and Medicare Coverage Articles should be reviewed prior to applying the criteria set forth in this clinical policy. Please refer to the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov> for additional information.**

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### Lisocabtagene Maraleucel (Breyanzi): Discussion

Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas (NHL) are the seventh leading site of new cancer cases, accounting for 4%-5% of new cancer cases and 3% to 4% of cancer-related deaths. Diffuse large B-Cell lymphoma (DLBCL) accounts for 32% and follicular lymphoma (FL) accounts for 17% of lymphomas.

High-Grade B-cell Lymphomas are LBCL's with translocations of MYC and BCL2 or BCL6 as detected by FISH or standard cytogenetics. These are known as "double hit" lymphomas or if all three are rearranged, they are referred to as "triple hit" lymphomas. These HGBL often present with poor prognostic parameters, such as elevated LDH, bone marrow and CNS involvement, and a high international prognostic index (IPI) score.

Follicular lymphoma treatment is based on grades. Follicular lymphoma grade 3B receives the same treatment as DLBCL.<sup>1</sup>

Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders (PTLD) are a heterogeneous group of lymphomas that occur after a solid organ transplant (SOT) or an allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) and are related to immunosuppression and the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV). PTLD following SOT are of recipient origin in many of the patients, and often involve the grafted organ, whereas PTLD following an allogeneic HCT are usually of donor origin.<sup>1</sup>

Primary mediastinal B-cell lymphomas are a distinct subtype of NHL, which can be histologically indistinguishable from DLBCL, and tends to occur in young adults with a median age of 35 years with a slight female predominance. PMBL arises from thymic B-cells with initial locoregional spread to supraclavicular, cervical, hilar nodes and into the mediastinum and lung. PMBL accounts for 2% of mature B-cell lymphomas in children and adolescents.<sup>1,2</sup>

Lisocabtagene maraleucel is a CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy. T-cells are collected from the patient and re-engineered in the laboratory to produce proteins on their surface called chimeric antigen receptors, or CARs. The CARs recognize and bind to specific proteins, or antigens, on the surface of cancer cells. After the revamped T cells are expanded into the millions in the laboratory, they are infused back into the patient. Lisocabtagene maraleucel is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with large B-cell lymphoma (LBCL), including diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) not

otherwise specified (including DLBCL arising from indolent lymphoma), high-grade B-cell lymphoma, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma, and follicular lymphoma grade 3B who have one of the following:

1. Refractory disease to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or relapse within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy
2. Refractory disease to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or relapse after first-line chemoimmunotherapy and are not eligible for hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) due to comorbidities or age
3. Relapsed or refractory disease after two or more prior lines of systemic therapy. The NCCN also allows for an indication for pediatric patients with primary mediastinal Large B-Cell Lymphoma. At this time, the indication for lisocabtagene maraleucel in the pediatric setting has been extrapolated from adult clinical trials.<sup>2,3,4</sup>

On March 14, 2024, the FDA granted accelerated approval for the use of lisocabtagene maraleucel for adults with relapsed or refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL). CLL and SLL are among the most common types of B-cell lymphoma. Treatments for people living with CLL or SLL primarily consist of targeted therapies including BTK- and BCL-2 inhibitors. Patients often experience relapse or become refractory following early-line treatment with these therapies and there is no standard of care for patients with double-class exposed CLL or SLL. After relapsing or becoming refractory to these therapies, patients have few options and poor outcomes, including lack of durable complete responses.<sup>5</sup>

Among 89 patients in the study treated with lisocabtagene maraleucel, occurrences of cytokine release syndrome (CRS) and neurologic events (NEs) were mostly low grade. Any grade CRS occurred in 83% of patients, with Grade 3 CRS occurring in 9% of patients. No Grade 4/5 CRS events were reported. Any grade NEs were reported in 46% of patients, with Grade 3 NEs reported in 20% of patients and one case of Grade 4 NE reported. No Grade 5 NEs were reported.<sup>6</sup>

For patients receiving lisocabtagene maraleucel in the third line plus setting, 46% experienced CRS with 4.1% experiencing grade 3 or higher. The median onset to CRS was 5 days with a median time to resolution of 5 days. The most common clinical manifestations of CRS (>10%) included fever (94%), hypotension (42%), tachycardia (28%), chills (23%), hypoxia (16%), and headache (12%).<sup>4</sup>

Due to the potential complications of CAR-T therapy including Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS), and neurologic deficits, all staff involved in prescribing, dispensing, or administering lisocabtagene maraleucel are trained per the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) program requirements.<sup>4,7</sup>

In the second line setting, there were 12% of patients that experienced any grade neurological events with 4% having grade 3. The median time to onset for neurologic events was 11 days and the median time to resolution was 6 days.

In the third line or greater setting, neurological events occurred in 30% of patients, with 9% experiencing grade 3 and 1% experiencing grade 4 events. The median time to onset of neurological events was 9 days with a median time to resolution of 11 days. The most common neurological events of any grade were encephalopathy (reported in 57 patients, 21% of patients overall, and 71% of patients with neurological events), tremors, and aphasia (each reported in 26 patients, 10% of patients overall, and

33% of patients with neurological events) and delirium (reported in 16 patients, 6% of patients overall and 20% of patients with neurological events).<sup>7,8</sup>

On May 30, 2024, FDA granted approval for the use of lisocabtagene maraleucel for adults with relapsed or refractory disease after 2 or more lines of systemic therapy. In the TRANSCEND-MCL (NCT02631044), an open-label, multicenter, single-arm trial the main efficacy outcome measure was overall response rate (ORR), defined as percentage of patients with best overall response of either complete response (CR) or partial response (PR). The ORR was 85.3% and the complete response rate was 67.6%. After a median follow-up of 22.2 months the median duration of response was 13.3 months. The most common nonlaboratory adverse reactions ( $\geq 20\%$ ) were cytokine release syndrome (CRS), fatigue, musculoskeletal pain, encephalopathy, edema, headache, and decreased appetite.<sup>4</sup>

## Lisocabtagene Maraleucel: Definitions

- **Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)** - A life-threatening complication of lisocabtagene maraleucel therapy. In the patient's receiving lisocabtagene maraleucel in the second-line setting, CRS occurred in 45% of LBCL patients, including grade 3 CRS in 1.3% of patients. The median time to onset of CRS was 4 days and the median time to resolution was 4 days.
- **Food and drug administration (FDA)** - The FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation.
- **International prognostic index (IPI)** - A tool used in NHL to help identify specific groups of patients who are more or less likely to be cured with standard therapy. Scores are based on the patient's age, the stage of disease, serum LDH level, ECOG PS, and the number of extranodal sites. Points are given per each risk factor the patient has and the total will show the patient's risk factor to be low, low-intermediate, high-intermediate, and high.
- **National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)** - An alliance of more than thirty leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education. The NCCN guidelines are utilized for Radiation Therapy and Medical Oncology standards. NCCN consensus clinical standards are periodically updated and NantHealth, Inc. reviews these and updates its policies within a timely manner.
- **Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS)** - A REMS program is a drug safety program to manage known or potential risks associated with a drug(s) and is required by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure that the benefits of a drug outweigh its risks. Lisocabtagene maraleucel is only available under a restricted program called Lisocabtagene maraleucel REMS because of the serious risks of CRS and neurological toxicities. The program ensures that hospitals and their associated clinic(s) that dispense lisocabtagene maraleucel are specially certified and have on-site immediate access to a minimum of two doses of tocilizumab. Those involved in the program must successfully complete the knowledge assessment and submit it to the REMS Program.<sup>2,3</sup>

## Lisocabtagene Maraleucel: Policy

### Note:

Coverage of lisocabtagene maraleucel will be provided for FDA-approved indications or National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines when it is a Category 1, 2A, or 2B recommendation or when all criteria are met.

Lisocabtagene Maraleucel will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

### B-Cell Lymphomas

#### Large B-Cell Lymphoma

1. At least 18 years of age; AND
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist; AND
3. A diagnosis of large B-cell lymphoma including one of the following:
  - a) Diffuse large B-Cell lymphoma (DLBCL) not otherwise specified (including DLBCL arising from indolent lymphoma)
  - b) High-grade B-cell lymphoma
4. Has been treated with first-line therapy containing an anthracycline and rituximab (or another CD20-targeted agent); AND
5. Meets one of the following:
  - a) Relapsed or refractory disease after two or more lines of systemic therapy
  - b) Refractory disease to first-line chemoimmunotherapy (primary refractory) or relapse within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy
  - c) Refractory disease to first-line chemoimmunotherapy (primary refractory) or relapse after first-line chemoimmunotherapy and ineligible for hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) due to comorbidities or age; AND
6. Eastern cooperative oncology group (ECOG) performance status of 0 or 1; AND
7. Does not have any of the following:
  - a) Primary central nervous system (CNS) lymphoma
  - b) Prior CAR-T cell treatment; AND
  - c) Has been screened for hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); AND
8. Healthcare facility/provider has enrolled in the lisocabtagene maraleucel REMS program; AND
9. A lymphodepleting regimen is started after confirmation of lisocabtagene maraleucel availability, consisting of cyclophosphamide and fludarabine at the physician's discretion.<sup>1</sup>

#### Mantle Cell Lymphoma

1. At least 18 years of age; AND
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist; AND
3. Second-line and subsequent therapy for patients with relapsed/refractory disease after prior covalent Bruton Tyrosine Kinase inhibitor (BTKi) for one of the following:
  - a) No response or progressive disease noted following second-line therapy with covalent BTKi or other continuous treatment regimens i.e. lenalidomide and rituximab; OR
  - b) Partial response, no response, or progressive disease noted following second-line therapy with fixed-duration regimens; OR
  - c) Following relapse or progressive disease (relapse #2 or greater) if not previously given.<sup>1</sup>

### **Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorders**

1. At least 18 years of age; AND
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist; AND
3. Diagnosis of relapsed/refractory monomorphic post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD-B-cell type) as one of the following:
  - a) Second-line therapy for relapsed or refractory disease >12 months after completion of first-line therapy if no intention to proceed to transplant
  - b) Additional therapy for relapsed or refractory disease >12 months after completion of initial treatment with chemoimmunotherapy if partial response following second-line chemoimmunotherapy
  - c) Additional therapy for primary refractory disease (partial response, no response, or progression) or relapsed disease <12 months after completion of first-line therapy
  - d) Treatment of disease in second relapse or greater if partial response, no response, or progressive disease following therapy for relapsed or refractory disease; AND
4. Eastern cooperative oncology group (ECOG) performance status of 0 or 1; AND
5. Does not have any of the following:
  - a) Primary central nervous system (CNS) lymphoma
  - b) Prior CAR-T cell treatment; AND
6. Has been screened for hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); AND
7. Healthcare facility/provider has enrolled in the lisocabtagene maraleucel REMS program; AND
8. A lymphodepleting regimen is started after confirmation of lisocabtagene maraleucel availability, consisting of cyclophosphamide and fludarabine at the physician's discretion.<sup>1</sup>

### **Pediatric Primary Mediastinal Lymphoma**

1. Less than or equal to 18 years of age; AND
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist; AND
3. Receiving this therapy as consolidation/additional therapy if a partial response is achieved after therapy for relapsed or refractory disease (after use of  $\geq 2$  prior chemoimmunotherapy regimens<sup>2</sup>; AND
4. Has been treated with first-line therapy containing an anthracycline and rituximab (or another CD20-targeted agent); AND
5. An Eastern cooperative oncology group (ECOG) performance status of 0 or 1; AND

6. Does NOT have any of the following:
  - a) Primary central nervous system (CNS) lymphoma; OR
  - b) Prior CAR-T cell treatment; AND
7. Screened for hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prior to the collection of cells; AND
8. Healthcare facility/provider has enrolled in the lisocabtagene maraleucel REMS program; AND
9. A lymphodepleting regimen is started after confirmation of lisocabtagene maraleucel availability, consisting of cyclophosphamide and fludarabine at the physician's discretion.<sup>1</sup>

### **Relapsed or Refractory Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) or Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma (SLL)**

1. At least 18 years of age; AND
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist; AND
3. Diagnosis of relapsed/refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic leukemia (SLL); AND
4. Received at least two or more lines of therapy, including a Bruton tyrosine kinase (BTK) inhibitor and a B-cell lymphoma 2 (BCL-2) inhibitor; AND
5. An Eastern cooperative oncology group (ECOG) performance status of 0 or 1; AND
6. Does NOT have any of the following:
  - a) Primary central nervous system (CNS) lymphoma
  - b) Prior CAR-T cell treatment; AND
7. Screened for hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prior to the collection of cells; AND
8. Healthcare facility/provider has enrolled in the lisocabtagene maraleucel REMS program; AND
9. A lymphodepleting regimen is started after confirmation of lisocabtagene maraleucel availability, consisting of cyclophosphamide and fludarabine at the physician's discretion.<sup>9</sup>

### **Dosage:**

1. For the second line-a single dose of 90-110 x 10<sup>6</sup> CAR-positive viable T cells (consisting of 1:1 CAR-positive viable T cells of the CD8 and CD4 components), with each component supplied separately in one to four single-dose vials.
2. For third-line or greater- a single dose of 50-110 x 10<sup>6</sup> CAR-positive viable T cells (consisting of 1:1 CAR-positive viable T cells of the CD8 and CD4 components), with each component supplied.
3. For third-line or greater for CLL or SLL- a single dose of 90-110 x 10<sup>6</sup> CAR-positive viable T cells (consisting of 1:1 CAR-positive viable T cells of the CD8 and CD4 components), with each component supplied separately in one to four single-dose vials.

### **For reauthorization:**

Lisocabtagene maraleucel is a one-time dose and will not be renewed.

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## Lisocabtagene Maraleucel: Coding (CPT®, ICD 10, and HCPCS) \*

\* Procedure codes appearing in medical policy documents are only included as a general reference. This list may not be all-inclusive and is subject to updates. In addition, the codes listed are not a guarantee of payment. CPT codes are available through the AMA.

CODE	DESCRIPTION
C82.4	Follicular lymphoma grade IIb
C83.0	Small cell B-cell lymphoma
C83.1	Mantle cell lymphoma
C83.3	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
C85.2	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma
C91.1	Relapsed or refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia

D47.Z1	Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder
Q2054	Lisocabtagene maraleucel, up to 110 million autologous anti-cd19 car-positive viable t cells, including leukapheresis and dose preparation procedures, per therapeutic dose
XW033N7	Introduction of lisocabtagene maraleucel immunotherapy into peripheral vein, percutaneous approach, new technology group 7
XW043N7	Introduction of lisocabtagene maraleucel immunotherapy into central vein, percutaneous approach, New Technology Group 7
0540T	Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy; CAR-T cell administration, autologous
0537T	Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy; harvesting of blood-derived T lymphocytes for development of genetically modified autologous CAR-T cells, per day
0538T	Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy; preparation of blood-derived T lymphocytes for transportation (e.g., cryopreservation, storage)
0539T	Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy; receipt and preparation of CAR-T cells for administration
0871	Cell Collection with CPT code 0537T
0872	Specialized Biologic Processing and Storage, Prior to Transport with CPT code 0538T
0873	Storage and Processing after Receipt of Cells from Manufacturer with CPT code 0539T
0874	Infusion of Modified Cells with CPT code 0540T
0891	Special Processed Drugs - FDA Approved Cell Therapy with HCPCS codes Q2041, Q2042, C9073 (replaced with Q2053), C9076 (replaced with Q2054, C9081 (replaced with Q2055) or C9399

## Lisocabtagene Maraleucel: Revision and Review History

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6	Revision Changes:	9/3/2024 - Removed primary mediastinal from the B cell lymphoma section and kept it under the pediatric aggressive mature B cell 6/4/2024 - Added mantle cell indication to discussion and indications 3/15/2024 – Added new section and appropriate additions for new indications for adults with relapsed/refractory CLL/SLL