

## WCB FORMULARY - CONDITIONAL COVERAGE

The following medications are classified as 'conditional benefits' in WCB's formulary. This means that selected drugs/products will have open benefit coverage for some patients, based on their type of workplace injury and/or if they are taking other specific medications related to treatment of their workplace injury.

### **A02A - Antacids: Magnesium, Aluminium, Calcium, combinations with Simethicone, bismuth subsalicylate, other antacid combinations (eg. Mucaine)**

- Open benefit for workplace injuries/illnesses classified as traumatic injuries, digestive or cancer.
- For other injury types, coverage will be automatically approved if patient is receiving an NSAID as a WCB benefit.

### **A02BA - Drugs for peptic ulcer and gastro-esophageal reflux disease: H2-receptor antagonists: Cimetidine, ranitidine, famotidine, nizatidine**

- Open benefit for workplace injuries/illnesses classified as traumatic injuries, digestive or cancer.
- For other injury types, coverage will be automatically approved if patient is receiving an NSAID as a WCB benefit.

### **A02BB – Prostaglandins: Misoprostol**

- Open benefit for workplace injuries/illnesses classified as traumatic injuries, digestive or cancer.
- For other injury types, coverage will be automatically approved if patient is receiving an NSAID as a WCB benefit.

### **A02BC – Proton pump inhibitors: Omeprazole, Pantoprazole sodium, Pantoprazole magnesium, Lansoprazole,**

- Open benefit (omeprazole, rabeprazole and pantoprazole sodium) for workplace injuries/illnesses classified as traumatic injuries, digestive or cancer with quantity limits. Quantity limit – maximum coverage is 425 tablets/capsules per year. **Note: Rabeprazole does not have a quantity limit.**
- For the same workplace injuries/illnesses as mentioned above: Pantoprazole magnesium and lansoprazole will be automatically covered ONLY IF the patient has tried omeprazole and rabeprazole and pantoprazole sodium.
- For other injury types, omeprazole, rabeprazole and pantoprazole sodium will be automatically covered if the patient is receiving an NSAID as a WCB benefit.
  - Pantoprazole magnesium and lansoprazole will be automatically covered ONLY IF the patient has tried all three of the following: omeprazole and rabeprazole and pantoprazole sodium.
- **NOTE:** Esomeprazole (e.g., Nexium®), alone OR in combination with naproxen (i.e., Vimovo®) is not a WCB benefit.

### **A02BX – Other drugs for peptic ulcer and gastro-esophageal reflux disease: Sucralfate**

- Open benefit for workplace injuries/illnesses classified as traumatic injuries, digestive or cancer.
- For other injury types, coverage will be automatically approved if patient is receiving an NSAID as a WCB benefit.

### **A06A – Drugs for constipation: Liquid paraffin, docusate sodium, bisacodyl, castor oil, senna glycosides, cascara, sodium picosulfate combinations, psyllium, fibre, calcium polycarbophil, magnesium, mineral salts in combination (Colyte, Peglyte, Quik-Prep, Klean-Prep, Go-Lytely), lactulose, and Microlax.**

- Open benefit for workplace injuries/illnesses classified as traumatic injuries, digestive or cancer.
- For other injury types, coverage will be automatically approved if patient is receiving an opioid as WCB benefit.

*This information is current as of October 2015.*

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