

Ustekinumab Intravenous (Stelara[®], Imuldosa[®], Otulfi[™], Pyzchiva[®], Selarsdi[™], Starjemza[™], Steqeyma[™], Wezlana[™], Yesintek[™], ustekinumab, ustekinumab-ttwe)

When requesting an ustekinumab intravenous product, the individual requiring treatment must be diagnosed with one of the following FDA-approved indications and meet the specific coverage guidelines and applicable safety criteria for the covered indication.

FDA-Approved Indications

Ustekinumab intravenous is indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult patients with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease
- Adult patients with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis

Coverage Guidelines

Crohn's Disease

The individual must meet **all** of the following criteria for approval:

- Is 18 years of age or older;
- Ustekinumab intravenous will be used as induction therapy;
- Meets one of the following;
 - Has tried one other systemic agent for Crohn's disease (e.g., certolizumab pegol, vedolizumab, adalimumab, infliximab, azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate); OR
Note: Mesalamine products do not count as systemic therapy.
 - Has tried or is currently taking a systemic corticosteroid; OR
 - Has a contraindication to systemic corticosteroids; OR
 - Had ileocolonic resection; OR
 - Has enterocutaneous (perianal or abdominal) or rectovaginal fistulas;
- Ustekinumab intravenous is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist.

Ulcerative Colitis

The individual must meet **all** of the following criteria for approval:

- Is 18 years of age or older;
- Ustekinumab intravenous will be used as induction therapy;
- Ustekinumab intravenous is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist.

Approval duration: 30 days (approve a single dose)

Dosing Recommendations

Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis

Intravenous induction dosage regimen (a single intravenous infusion)

- For patients weighing 55 kg or less, the recommended dose is 260 mg.
- For patients weighing more than 55 kg to 85 kg, the recommended dose is 390 mg.
- For patients weighing more than 85 kg, the recommended dose is 520 mg.

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