

QUANTITY LIMIT CRITERIA

DRUG CLASS	ANTIEMETICS
BRAND NAME (generic)	ALOXI INJECTION (palonosetron hydrochloride) (palonosetron hydrochloride injection)
Status: CVS Caremark Criteria Type: Quantity Limit	

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Aloxi Injection

Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting in Adults

Aloxi is indicated for:

- Moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy - prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses
- Highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy - prevention of acute nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses

Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting in Pediatric Patients Aged 1 Month to Less than 17 Years

Aloxi is indicated for prevention of acute nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of emetogenic cancer chemotherapy, including highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy.

Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting in Adults

Aloxi is indicated for prevention of postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) for up to 24 hours following surgery. Efficacy beyond 24 hours has not been demonstrated.

As with other antiemetics, routine prophylaxis is not recommended in patients in whom there is little expectation that nausea and/or vomiting will occur postoperatively. In patients where nausea and vomiting must be avoided during the postoperative period, Aloxi is recommended even where the incidence of postoperative nausea and/or vomiting is low.

Palonosetron Hydrochloride Injection

Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting in Adults

Palonosetron Hydrochloride (HCl) Injection is indicated for:

- Moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy - prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses
- Highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy - prevention of acute nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses

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LIMIT CRITERIA

Drug	4 Weeks Limit and 12 Weeks Limit*
Aloxi Injection 0.25 mg/5 mL (Palonosetron HCl Injection)	10 mL / 21 days
Palonosetron HCl Injection 0.25 mg/2 mL	4 mL / 21 days

** This drug is indicated for short-term acute use; therefore, the mail limit will be the same as the retail limit. The duration of 21 days is used for a 28-day fill period.*