## ADAPALENE-BENZOYL PEROXIDE (EPIDUO, EPIDUO FORTE)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

ADAPALENE-BENZOYL PEROXIDE 0.1-2.5 % GEL, EPIDUO FORTE

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following topical drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): adapalene or benzoyl peroxide-containing product.

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## **ANTI-DEPRESSANTS**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

TRINTELLIX, VIIBRYD, VIIBRYD STARTER PACK

#### **CRITERIA**

Two of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine succinate er, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluoxamine, paroxetine, Paxil suspension, sertraline, venlafaxine.

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## **ANTI-SEIZURE DRUGS**

#### MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

APTIOM, FYCOMPA, VIMPAT 10 MG/ML SOLUTION, VIMPAT 100 MG TAB, VIMPAT 150 MG TAB, VIMPAT 200 MG TAB, VIMPAT 50 MG TAB

#### **CRITERIA**

Two of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): carbamazepine, clorazepate, divalproex, felbamate, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin, tiagabine, topiramate, zonisamide.

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## **BIMATOPROST EYE DROPS (BIMATOPROST)**

# MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY BIMATOPROST

## **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drug): latanoprost eye drops.

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## BRIVARACETAM (BRIVIACT)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

BRIVIACT 10 MG TAB, BRIVIACT 10 MG/ML SOLUTION, BRIVIACT 100 MG TAB, BRIVIACT 25 MG TAB, BRIVIACT 50 MG TAB, BRIVIACT 75 MG TAB

#### **CRITERIA**

The following drug need to be used first (step 1 drugs): levetiracetam.

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## **BUPROPION XL (FORFIVO XL)**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

BUPROPION HCL ER (XL) 450 MG TAB ER 24H

#### **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): bupropion xl (generic WELLBUTRIN XL).

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## CARVEDILOL EXTENDED RELEASE (COREG CR)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

CARVEDILOL PHOSPHATE ER

#### **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): carvedilol immediate release.

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## CLINDAMYCIN/BENZOYL PEROXIDE GEL WITH PUMP

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

CLINDAMYCIN PHOS-BENZOYL PEROX 1-5 % GEL, CLINDAMYCIN PHOS-BENZOYL PEROX 1.2-2.5 % GEL

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): clindamycin 1%/benzoyl peroxide 5% (generic BENZACLIN), clindamycin 1.2%/benzoyl peroxide 5% (generic DUAC).

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## CLINDAMYCIN/TRETINOIN GEL (VELTIN)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

CLINDAMYCIN-TRETINOIN

#### **CRITERIA**

Both of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): topical clindamycin, topical tretinoin.

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## **DESLORATADINE (CLARINEX)**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

DESLORATADINE

#### **CRITERIA**

Allergic rhinitis: one of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): azelastine nasal spray, flunisolide nasal spray, fluticasone nasal spray.

Chronic idiopathic urticaria: step therapy not required.

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## **DESVENLAFAXINE ER TABLET**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

DESVENLAFAXINE ER

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine succinate er (generic Pristiq), duloxetine, fluoxetine, fluoxamine, paroxetine, Paxil oral suspension, sertraline, venlafaxine, escitalopram

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## **DEXLANSOPRAZOLE (DEXILANT)**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

DEXILANT

## **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole.

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## DONEPEZIL 23MG (ARICEPT)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

DONEPEZIL HCL 23 MG TAB

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): donepezil 5mg, donepezil 10mg.

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## FEBUXOSTAT (ULORIC)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

**FEBUXOSTAT** 

## **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): allopurinol.

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## FENOFIBRATE MICRONIZED (ANTARA)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

FENOFIBRATE MICRONIZED 130 MG CAP, FENOFIBRATE MICRONIZED 43 MG CAP

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): fenofibrate

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## FLUNISOLIDE NASAL SPRAY (FLUNISOLIDE)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

FLUNISOLIDE

## **CRITERIA**

Following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drug): fluticasone propionate nasal spray.

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## FLUVOXAMINE EXTENDED RELEASE

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

FLUVOXAMINE MALEATE ER

#### **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): fluvoxamine immediate release.

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## IMIQUIMOD CREAM (ZYCLARA)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

IMIQUIMOD 3.75 % CREAM, IMIQUIMOD PUMP

#### **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): imiquimod 5% cream packets.

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## KETOCONAZOLE FOAM (EXTINA)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

KETOCONAZOLE 2 % FOAM, KETODAN 2 % FOAM

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): ketoconazole 2% cream, ketoconazole 2% shampoo.

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## LAMOTRIGINE EXTENDED RELEASE (LAMICTAL XR)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

LAMOTRIGINE ER

## **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): lamotrigine immediate release.

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## LANSOPRAZOLE ODT (PREVACID SOLUTAB)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

LANSOPRAZOLE 15 MG TAB DR DISP, LANSOPRAZOLE 30 MG TAB DR DISP

#### **CRITERIA**

Two of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole.

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## MOMETASONE FUROATE NASAL SPRAY (NASONEX)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

MOMETASONE FUROATE 50 MCG/ACT SUSPENSION

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): flunisolide nasal spray, fluticasone nasal spray.

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## NON-PREFERRED CLOBETASOL (CLOBEX)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

CLOBETASOL PROPIONATE 0.05 % LIQUID, CLOBETASOL PROPIONATE 0.05 % SHAMPOO, CLODAN 0.05 % SHAMPOO

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the preferred drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): clobetasol (cream, gel, ointment, solution), clobetasol emollient cream.

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## NON-PREFERRED HIGH POTENCY TOPICAL STEROIDS

#### MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

AMCINONIDE, DESOXIMETASONE 0.25 % LIQUID, FLUOCINONIDE 0.1 % CREAM

#### **CRITERIA**

Trial of two preferred topical steroids from the high potency group (step 1 drugs): betamethasone dipropionate (cream, ointment, lotion), fluocinonide (cream, gel, ointment, solution), fluocinonide emollient cream, triamcinolone 0.5% (cream, ointment).

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## NON-PREFERRED IMMEDIATE-RELEASE ADHD DRUGS

#### MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

**AMPHETAMINE SULFATE** 

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): amphetamine/dexamphetamine (generic ADDERALL), dexmethylphenidate (generic FOCALIN), methylphenidate (generic RITALIN).

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#### NON-PREFERRED MEDIUM POTENCY TOPICAL STEROIDS

#### MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

BESER 0.05 % LOTION, DESOXIMETASONE 0.05 % GEL, DESOXIMETASONE 0.05 % OINTMENT, FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE 0.05 % LOTION, HYDROCORTISONE BUTYR LIPO BASE, HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE, HYDROCORTISONE VALERATE 0.2 % CREAM

#### **CRITERIA**

Trial of two preferred topical steroids from the medium potency group (step 1 drugs): betamethasone valerate (cream, ointment, lotion), mometasone (cream, ointment, solution), prednicarbate ointment, fluocinolone (cream, ointment), fluticasone (cream, ointment), triamcinolone (cream, lotion, ointment).

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## NON-PREFERRED MESALAMINE PRODUCT

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

MESALAMINE 400 MG CAP DR, MESALAMINE 800 MG TAB DR

#### **CRITERIA**

The following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): balsalazide 750 capsule AND either mesalamine dr 1.2-gram tablet or mesalamine 0.375 gram er capsule.

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## NON-PREFERRED TOPICAL ANTI-ANTIFUNGAL

#### MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

LULICONAZOLE, NAFTIFINE HCL 1 % CREAM, NAFTIFINE HCL 2 % CREAM, OXICONAZOLE NITRATE

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): ciclopirox (cream, gel, suspension, shampoo), clotrimazole (cream, solution), clotrimazole/betamethasone (cream, lotion), econazole nitrate cream, ketoconazole (cream, shampoo), nystatin (cream, ointment, powder, tablet), nystatin-triamcinolone (cream, ointment).

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## NON-PREFERRED VERY HIGH POTENCY TOPICAL STEROIDS

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

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#### **CRITERIA**

Trial of two preferred topical steroids from the very high potency group (step 1 drugs): betamethasone augmented (gel, lotion, cream, ointment), clobetasol (cream, ointment, gel, solution), clobetasol emollient cream, halobetasol (cream, ointment)

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## **OLOPATADINE NASAL SPRAY (PATANASE)**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

**OLOPATADINE HCL 0.6 % SOLUTION** 

#### **CRITERIA**

The following drugs needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): azelastine nasal spray.

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## **ORAL TRIPTANS**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

ALMOTRIPTAN MALATE, ELETRIPTAN HYDROBROMIDE, FROVATRIPTAN SUCCINATE

#### **CRITERIA**

Two of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): naratriptan, rizatriptan, sumatriptan, zolmitriptan.

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## **OVERACTIVE BLADDER AGENTS**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

DARIFENACIN HYDROBROMIDE ER, TOLTERODINE TARTRATE, TOLTERODINE TARTRATE ER

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): oxybutynin, trospium.

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## PIMECROLIMUS CREAM (ELIDEL)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

**PIMECROLIMUS** 

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following topical steroids need to be used first (step 1 drugs): betamethasone dipropionate (cream, ointment, lotion), betamethasone augmented (gel, lotion, cream, ointment), betamethasone valerate (cream, ointment, lotion), clobetasol (cream, ointment, gel, solution), clobetasol emollient cream, fluocinolone (cream, ointment), fluocinonide (gel, ointment, solution), fluocinonide emollient cream, fluticasone (cream, ointment), halobetasol (cream, ointment), hydrocortisone valerate (cream, ointment), mometasone (cream, ointment, solution), prednicarbate ointment, triamcinolone (cream, lotion, ointment).

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## RISEDRONATE SODIUM (ACTONEL)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

RISEDRONATE SODIUM

#### **CRITERIA**

Treatment or prevention of postmenopausal osteoporosis: the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): alendronate and ibandronate OR just ibandronate.

All other indications: the following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): alendronate.

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## **RUFINAMIDE (BANZEL)**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

**RUFINAMIDE** 

#### **CRITERIA**

Two of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): clonazepam, divalproex sodium, felbamate, lamotrigine, topiramate, valproic acid.

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## SILODOSIN (RAPAFLO)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

SILODOSIN

## **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): tamsulosin.

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## TACROLIMUS OINTMENT (PROTOPIC OINTMENT)

#### MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

TACROLIMUS 0.03 % OINTMENT, TACROLIMUS 0.1 % OINTMENT

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following topical steroids need to be used first (step 1 drugs): betamethasone dipropionate (cream, ointment, lotion), betamethasone augmented (gel, lotion, cream, ointment), betamethasone valerate (cream, ointment, lotion), clobetasol (cream, ointment, gel, solution), clobetasol emollient cream, fluocinolone (cream, ointment), fluocinonide (gel, ointment, solution), fluocinonide emollient cream, fluticasone (cream, ointment), halobetasol (cream, ointment), hydrocortisone valerate (cream, ointment), mometasone (cream, ointment, solution), prednicarbate ointment, triamcinolone (cream, lotion, ointment).

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## **TOLCAPONE (TASMAR)**

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

TOLCAPONE

## **CRITERIA**

The following drug needs to be used first (step 1 drugs): entacapone.

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## TRIAMCINOLONE TOPICAL SPRAY (KENALOG)

#### MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE 0.147 MG/GM AERO SOLN

#### **CRITERIA**

Trial of triamcinolone (cream, ointment, lotion) AND one of the following topical steroids (step 1 drugs): betamethasone dipropionate (cream, ointment, lotion), betamethasone augmented (gel, lotion, cream, ointment), betamethasone valerate (cream, ointment, lotion), clobetasol (cream, ointment, gel, solution), clobetasol emollient cream, fluocinolone (cream, ointment), fluocinonide (gel, ointment, solution), fluocinonide emollient cream, fluticasone (cream, ointment), mometasone (cream, ointment, solution), prednicarbate ointment.

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## TRIAMTERENE (DYRENIUM)

## MEDICATION(S) SUBJECT TO STEP THERAPY

TRIAMTERENE

#### **CRITERIA**

One of the following drugs need to be used first (step 1 drugs): amiloride, amiloride hctz, spironolactone, spironolactone hctz, or triamterene/hctz.

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