Prioritized List Guideline Note



Extracted from the February 1, 2021 Prioritized List

GUIDELINE NOTE 21, SEVERE INFLAMMATORY SKIN DISEASE

Lines 426,482,504,532,541,656

Inflammatory skin conditions included in this guideline are:

- A) Psoriasis
- B) Atopic dermatitis
- C) Lichen planus
- D) Darier disease
- E) Pityriasis rubra pilaris
- F) Discoid lupus

The conditions above are included on Line 426 if severe, defined as having functional impairment as indicated by Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI) \geq 11 or Children's Dermatology Life Quality Index (CDLQI) \geq 13 (or severe score on other validated tool) AND one or more of the following:

- A) At least 10% of body surface area involved
- B) Hand, foot or mucous membrane involvement.

Otherwise, these conditions above are included on Lines 482, 504, 532, 541 and 656.

For severe psoriasis, first line agents include topical agents, phototherapy and methotrexate. Second line agents include other systemic agents and oral retinoids and should be limited to those who fail, or have contraindications to, or do not have access to first line agents. Biologics are included on this line only for the indication of severe plaque psoriasis; after documented failure of first line agents and failure of (or contraindications to) a second line agent.

For severe atopic dermatitis/eczema, first-line agents include topical moderate- to high- potency corticosteroids and narrowband UVB. Second line agents include topical calcineurin inhibitors (e.g. pimecrolimus, tacrolimus), topical phosphodiesterase (PDE)-4 inhibitors (e.g. crisaborole), and oral immunomodulatory therapy (e.g. cyclosporine, methotrexate, azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil, or oral corticosteroids). Use of the topical second line agents (e.g. calcineurin inhibitors and phosphodiesterase (PDE)-4 inhibitors) should be limited to those who fail or have contraindications to first line agents. Biologic agents are included on this line for atopic dermatitis only after failure of or contraindications to at least one agent from each of the following three classes: 1) moderate to high potency topical corticosteroids, 2) topical calcineurin inhibitors or topical phosphodiesterase (PDE)-4 inhibitors, and 3) oral immunomodulator therapy.

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