# Clinical Policy: Tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo)

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## Description

Tremelimumab-actl (Imjudo®) is a cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated antigen 4 (CTLA-4) blocking antibody.

## FDA Approved Indication(s)

Imjudo is indicated for the treatment of:

- In combination with durvalumab, for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (uHCC);
- In combination with durvalumab and platinum-based chemotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with no sensitizing epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutation or anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) genomic tumor aberrations.

## Policy/Criteria

*Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Imjudo is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria**

**A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of recurrent, advanced, or metastatic NSCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with durvalumab and platinum-based therapy *(see Appendix D)* as one of the following (a-h):*
   **Prior authorization may be required.*
   a. First-line therapy for disease without sensitizing EGFR mutations, ALK genomic tumor aberrations, or other actionable molecular biomarkers (e.g., KRAS, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET, RET, ERBB2 (HER2) – note: may be KRAS G12C mutation positive) (see *Appendix D)*;
   b. First-line therapy for EGFR exon 20 insertion mutation positive disease;
   c. First-line or subsequent therapy for BRAF V600E mutation positive tumors;
   d. First-line or subsequent therapy for NRTK1/2/3 gene fusion positive tumors;
   e. First-line or subsequent therapy for MET exon 14 skipping mutation positive tumors;

f. First-line therapy for ERBB2 (HER2) mutation positive tumors;
g. First-line therapy for NRG1 gene fusion positive tumors;
h. Subsequent therapy for EGFR S768I, L861Q, and/or G719X mutation positive tumors and prior afatinib, osimertinib, erlotinib, gefitinib, or dacomitinib therapy;

5. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
   a. For body weight < 30 kg, dose does not exceed Imjudo 1 mg/kg every 3 weeks in combination with durvalumab 20 mg/kg and platinum-based chemotherapy for 4 cycles, and then durvalumab 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent with histology-based pemetrexed therapy every 4 weeks, and a fifth dose of Imjudo 1 mg/kg in combination with durvalumab dose 6 at week 16;
   b. For body weight ≥ 30 kg, dose does not exceed Imjudo 75 mg every 3 weeks in combination with durvalumab 1,500 mg and platinum-based chemotherapy for 4 cycles, and then durvalumab 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent with histology-based pemetrexed therapy every 4 weeks, and a fifth dose of Imjudo 75 mg in combination with durvalumab dose 6 at week 16;
   c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

   **Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**B. Hepatocellular Carcinoma** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of unresectable, liver-confined, or metastatic hepatocellular carcinoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with durvalumab;*

   **Prior authorization may be required.*

5. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
   a. For body weight < 30 kg, dose does not exceed 4 mg/kg as a single dose in combination with durvalumab 20 mg/kg at Cycle 1/Day 1, followed by durvalumab as a single agent every 4 weeks;
   b. For body weight ≥ 30 kg, dose does not exceed, 300 mg as a single dose in combination with durvalumab 1,500 mg at Cycle 1/Day 1, followed by durvalumab as a single agent every 4 weeks;
   c. Dose supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (prescriber must submit supporting evidence).*

   **Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

**Approval duration: 6 months (one dose)**

**C. Gastric, Esophageal, and Esophagogastric Junction Cancer (off-label)** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of gastric, esophageal, or esophagogastric junction adenocarcinoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with durvalumab as neoadjuvant therapy;*

   **Prior authorization may be required.*

5. Disease is microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or deficient mismatch repair (dMMR);

6. Provider attestation that member is medically fit for surgery;
7. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. Dose is within FDA approved maximum recommended dose as a single dose;
   b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).*

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

**Approval duration: 6 months (one dose)**

**D. Other diagnoses/indications** (must meet 1 or 2)**:**

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
   a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
   b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

## II. Continued Therapy

**A. All Indications in Section I**

1. Re-authorization is not permitted.

**Approval duration: Not applicable**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications** (must meet 1 or 2)**:**

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
   a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
   b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 2 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line

of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:**

**A.** Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

ALK: anaplastic lymphoma kinase
BRAF: B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase
CTLA-4: cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated antigen 4
dMMR: deficient mismatch repair
EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor
ERBB2: Erb-B2 receptor tyrosine kinase 2
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor-2
KRAS: KRAS proto-oncogene
MET: mesenchymal-epithelial transition
MSI-H: microsatellite instability-high
NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer
NTRK: neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase
ROS1: ROS proto-oncogene 1
uHCC: unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

None reported

*Appendix D: Recommended Combination Regimens*

| Tumor Histology | Patient Weight | Imfinzi Dosage | Tremelimumab-actl Dosage | Platinum-based Chemotherapy Regimen |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Non-Squamous | ≥ 30 kg | 1,500 mg | 75 mg | carboplatin & nab-paclitaxel OR carboplatin or cisplatin & pemetrexed |
| | < 30 kg | 20 mg/kg | 1 mg/kg | |
| Squamous | ≥ 30 kg | 1,500 mg | 75 mg | carboplatin & nab-paclitaxel OR carboplatin or cisplatin & gemcitabine |
| | < 30 kg | 20 mg/kg | 1 mg/kg | |

## V. Dosage and Administration

| Indication | Dosing Regimen | Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|
| NSCLC | • Weight < 30 kg: 1 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks in combination with durvalumab 20 mg/kg and platinum-based chemotherapy for 4 cycles, and then durvalumab 20 mg/kg every 4 weeks as a single agent with histology-based pemetrexed therapy every 4 weeks, and a fifth dose of Imjudo 1mg/kg in combination with durvalumab dose 6 at week 16<br>• Weight ≥ 30 kg: 75 mg IV every 3 weeks in combination with durvalumab 1,500 mg and platinum-based chemotherapy for 4 cycles, and then durvalumab 1,500 mg every 4 weeks as a single agent with histology-based pemetrexed therapy every 4 weeks, and a fifth dose of Imjudo 75 mg in combination with durvalumab dose 6 at week 16 | See regimen |
| uHCC | • Weight < 30 kg: 4 mg/kg IV as a single dose in combination with durvalumab 20 mg/kg at Cycle 1/Day 1, followed by durvalumab as a single agent every 4 weeks<br>• Weight ≥30 kg: 300 mg IV as a single dose in combination with durvalumab 1,500 mg at Cycle 1/Day 1, followed by durvalumab as a single agent every 4 weeks | See regimen |

## VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vials: 25 mg/1.25 mL, 300 mg/15 mL

## VII. References

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**Coding Implications**

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

| HCPCS Codes | Description |
|---|---|
| J9347 | Injection, tremelimumab-actl, 1 mg |

| Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals | Date | P&T Approval Date |
|---|---|---|
| Policy created | 12.02.22 | 02.23 |
| Added updated HCPCS code [J9347] | 05.24.23 | |
| 1Q 2024 annual review: in initial approval criteria, added section C to include gastric, esophageal and esophagogastric junction cancer for off-label NCCN recommended uses per NCCN compendium; removed inactive HCPCS codes; references reviewed and updated | 11.15.23 | 02.24 |
| For uHCC, revised continued therapy section to not permit re-authorization per package insert | 07.25.24 | |
| 1Q 2025 annual review: per NCCN compendium– for NSCLC, added recommended uses for present and negative actionable molecular biomarkers; revised NCCN recommended uses section to Gastric, Esophageal, and Esophagogastric Junction Cancer, added requirement that disease is MSI-H or dMMR, and added provider attestation that member is medically fit for surgery; clarified prior authorization may be required for durvalumab; revised Commercial continued approval duration from 12 months to standard duration for injectables, 6 months or to the member's renewal date, whichever is longer; references reviewed and updated. | 10.23.24 | 02.25 |
| 1Q 2026 annual review: per NCCN compendium– for NSCLC, removed uses for RET rearrangement positive, EGFR exon 19 deletion, exon 21 L858R, ALK rearrangement positive, and ROSI rearrangement positive tumors; added recommended uses for NRG1 gene fusion positive tumors; for gastric, esophageal, and esophagogastric junction cancer, clarified approval is for one dose; for all indications, revised continued therapy section to not permit reauthorizations per PI; references reviewed and updated. | 11.05.25 | 02.26 |

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