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Medical Policy

Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for Epithelial Ovarian Cancer

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Related Policies

- Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation in the Treatment of Germ Cell Tumors, #[247](#)
- Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for Miscellaneous Solid Tumors in Adults, #[191](#)

Policy

Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity Medicare HMO BlueSM and Medicare PPO BlueSM Members

Autologous and allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation are considered **INVESTIGATIONAL** to treat advanced stage epithelial ovarian cancer.

Prior Authorization Information

Inpatient

- For services described in this policy, precertification/preauthorization **IS REQUIRED** if the procedure is performed inpatient.

Outpatient

- For services described in this policy, see below for situations where prior authorization might be required if the procedure is performed outpatient.

	Outpatient
Commercial Managed Care (HMO and POS)	This is not a covered service.
Commercial PPO and Indemnity	This is not a covered service.
Medicare HMO BlueSM	This is not a covered service.
Medicare PPO BlueSM	This is not a covered service.

CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD Codes

Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage as it applies to an individual member.

Providers should report all services using the most up-to-date industry-standard procedure, revenue, and diagnosis codes, including modifiers where applicable.

The following codes are included below for informational purposes only; this is not an all-inclusive list.

According to the policy statement above, the following CPT and HCPCS codes are considered investigational for the conditions listed for **Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, Indemnity, Medicare HMO Blue and Medicare PPO Blue:**

CPT codes

CPT codes:	Code Description
38240	Bone marrow or blood-derived peripheral stem-cell transplantation; allogeneic
38241	Bone marrow or blood-derived peripheral stem-cell transplantation; autologous

HCPCS Codes

HCPCS codes:	Code Description
S2142	Cord blood derived stem-cell transplantation, allogeneic
S2150	Bone marrow or blood-derived peripheral stem-cell harvesting and transplantation, allogeneic or autologous, including pheresis, high-dose chemotherapy, and the number of days of post-transplant care in the global definition (including drugs; hospitalization; medical surgical, diagnostic and emergency services)

ICD-10 Procedure Codes

ICD-10-PCS procedure codes:	Code Description
30233G0	Transfusion of Autologous Bone Marrow into Peripheral Vein, Percutaneous Approach
30233X0	Transfusion of Autologous Cord Blood Stem Cells into Peripheral Vein, Percutaneous Approach
30233Y0	Transfusion of Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cells into Peripheral Vein, Percutaneous Approach
30243G0	Transfusion of Autologous Bone Marrow into Central Vein, Percutaneous Approach
30243X0	Transfusion of Autologous Cord Blood Stem Cells into Central Vein, Percutaneous Approach
30243Y0	Transfusion of Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cells into Central Vein, Percutaneous Approach
3E03305	Introduction of Other Antineoplastic into Peripheral Vein, Percutaneous Approach
3E04305	Introduction of Other Antineoplastic into Central Vein, Percutaneous Approach
3E05305	Introduction of Other Antineoplastic into Peripheral Artery, Percutaneous Approach
3E06305	Introduction of Other Antineoplastic into Central Artery, Percutaneous Approach

Description

Epithelial Ovarian Cancer

Several types of malignancies can arise in the ovary; epithelial carcinoma is the most common. Epithelial ovarian cancer is the fifth most common cause of cancer death in women. New cases and deaths from ovarian cancer in the United States for 2023 were estimated at 19,710 and 13,270, respectively.¹ Most ovarian cancer patients present with widespread disease, and the National Cancer Institute Surveillance, Epidemiology and Results Program reported a 50.8% 5-year survival for all cases between 2013 and 2019.²

Treatment

Current management for advanced epithelial ovarian cancer is cytoreductive surgery with chemotherapy. Approximately 75% of patients present with International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics stage III to IV ovarian cancer and are treated with paclitaxel plus a platinum analogue (e.g. cisplatin), the preferred regimen for the newly diagnosed advanced disease.^{3,4} Use of platinum and taxanes has improved progression-free survival and overall survival in advanced disease to between 16 and 21 months and 32 and 57 months, respectively.³ However, cancer recurs in most women, and they die of the disease because chemotherapy drug resistance leads to uncontrolled cancer growth.⁴

Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation

HCT is a procedure in which hematopoietic stem cells are infused to restore bone marrow function in cancer patients who receive bone-marrow-toxic doses of drugs with or without whole body radiotherapy. Bone marrow stem cells may be obtained from the transplant recipient (autologous HCT) or a donor (allogeneic HCT). They can be harvested from bone marrow, peripheral blood, or umbilical cord blood and placenta shortly after delivery of neonates. Although cord blood is an allogeneic source, the stem cells in it are antigenically “naive” and thus are associated with a lower incidence of rejection or graft-versus-host disease.

HCT is an established treatment for certain hematologic malignancies; however, its use in solid tumors in adults is largely experimental.

Summary

The use of hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) has been investigated to treat patients with epithelial ovarian cancer. Hematopoietic stem cells are infused to restore bone marrow function after cytotoxic doses of chemotherapeutic agents with or without whole body radiotherapy. Stem cell transplantation to treat germ cell tumors of the ovary is considered separately in medical policy #[247](#).

For individuals who have advanced-stage epithelial ovarian cancer who receive HCT, the evidence includes randomized trials and data from case series and registries. Relevant outcomes are overall survival, disease-specific survival, change in disease status, and treatment-related mortality and morbidity. Although some observational studies have reported longer survival in subsets of women with advanced epithelial ovarian cancer than in women treated with standard chemotherapy, none of the randomized trial evidence has shown a benefit from HCT in this population. Overall, the evidence has not shown that HCT improves health outcomes in treating epithelial ovarian cancer, including survival, compared with conventional standard doses of chemotherapy. The evidence is insufficient to determine that the technology results in an improvement in the net health outcome.

Policy History

Date	Action
3/2024	Annual policy review. Description, summary, and references updated. Policy statements unchanged.
3/2023	Annual policy review. References updated. Policy statements unchanged.
2/2022	Annual policy review. Description, summary, and references updated. Policy statements unchanged.
10/2021	Clarified coding information
3/2021	Annual policy review. Description, summary, and references updated. Policy statements unchanged.
1/2021	Clarified coding information
10/2020	Clarified coding information
3/2020	Annual policy review. Description, summary, and references updated. Policy statements unchanged.
3/2019	Annual policy review. Description, summary, and references updated. Policy statements unchanged.
1/2019	Outpatient prior authorization is required for all commercial products including Medicare Advantage. Effective 1/1/2019.

6/2018	Annual policy review. Policy statement revised to add “advanced stage” associated with epithelial ovarian cancer; intent of the policy is unchanged. Clarified coding information. Effective 6/1/2018.
3/2017	Annual policy review. New references added. Title changed. 3/1/2017
3/2016	Annual policy review. New references added.
12/2014	Annual policy review. New references added.
6/2014	Updated Coding section with ICD10 procedure and diagnosis codes, effective 10/2015.
2/2014	Annual policy review. New references added.
12/2012	Updated to add new CPT code 38243.
11/2011-4/2012	Medical policy ICD 10 remediation: Formatting, editing and coding updates. No changes to policy statements.
9/2011	Reviewed - Medical Policy Group – Urology, Obstetrics and Gynecology. No changes to policy statements.
7/2011	Reviewed - Medical Policy Group – Hematology and Oncology. No changes to policy statements.
10/2010	Reviewed - Medical Policy Group – Obstetrics and Gynecology. No changes to policy statements.
9/2010	Reviewed - Medical Policy Group – Hematology and Oncology. No changes to policy statements.
8/1/2010	Medical Policy 204 effective 8/1/2010.

Information Pertaining to All Blue Cross Blue Shield Medical Policies

Click on any of the following terms to access the relevant information:

[Medical Policy Terms of Use](#)

[Managed Care Guidelines](#)

[Indemnity/PPO Guidelines](#)

[Clinical Exception Process](#)

[Medical Technology Assessment Guidelines](#)

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