

Criteria-Based Consultation Prescribing Program

CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

Tacrolimus extended-release (Astagraf XL)

Initiation (new start) criteria:

Non-formulary **tacrolimus extended-release capsule (Astagraf XL)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

- Patient is 16 years of age or older
- Patient received a kidney transplant and the indication of tacrolimus extended-release capsule is to prevent organ rejection following kidney transplant
- Tacrolimus extended-release capsules will be concurrently used with a corticosteroid and mycophenolate
- Patient has documented intolerance to immediate release tacrolimus, or unable to adhere to twice daily dosing requirements of immediate release tacrolimus, or maintain adequate tacrolimus levels with immediate release tacrolimus

-OR-

- Patient is currently stabilized on tacrolimus extended-release capsule