

# Criteria Based Consultation Prescribing Program

## CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

### methylphenidate ER (Concerta®)

Non-formulary **methylphenidate ER (Concerta®)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

- Patient is under 21 years of age **-AND-**  
Diagnosis of ADHD or ADD  
**-OR-**
  - Prescriber is a Brain Injury Medicine Specialist or reason for use is Traumatic Brain Injury  
**-OR-**
  - Prescriber is a Sleep Specialist **-AND-** diagnosis of narcolepsy or hypersomnia **-AND-**  
for new starts only: titrate using short-acting methylphenidate to ensure tolerability and  
response to drug (must have at least partial response)  
**-OR-**
  - Patient is under Hospice care  
**-OR-**
- Diagnosis of ADHD or ADD **-AND-**
- 1) For patients NOT currently taking Concerta®:**
- Adequate trial\*\* (7 days) of methylphenidate ER (Metadate CD or Ritalin LA), **unless** history of  
substance abuse or allergy to an inactive ingredient
- 2) For patients currently taking Concerta®:**
- Adequate trial\*\* (7 days) of methylphenidate ER (Metadate CD or Ritalin LA), **unless** history of  
substance abuse or allergy to an inactive ingredient or currently taking methylphenidate ER  
(Concerta) with an antipsychotic or mood stabilizer (lithium or an antiepileptic drug used for  
mood stabilization).  
**-OR-**
  - Dose change only: patient meets current criteria and is already taking the drug

\*\* Adequate trial of a short acting agent is further defined as wearing off that is not resolved by increasing the dose, AND adding a short-acting agent OR increasing frequency to twice daily OR clinically significant side effects related to the dosage form that cannot be resolved by adjusting the dose or timing.