

Criteria-Based Consultation Prescribing Program

CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

Almotriptan (generic Axert)

Notes:

^ Adequate trial is defined as use in at least 3 migraine episodes

* Intolerance excludes adverse drug reactions that are expected, mild in nature, resolve with continued treatment, and do not require medication discontinuation

Initiation (new start) criteria, criteria for current Kaiser Permanente members already taking the medication who have not been reviewed previously, and criteria for new members entering Kaiser Permanente already taking the medication who have not been reviewed previously:

Non-formulary **almotriptan (Axert)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

- Prescribed for the acute treatment of migraine
- Patient is 18 years old or older **OR** patient is younger than 18 years old and prescriber is Neurologist/Headache specialist or case is reviewed with specialist
- Patient has failed an adequate trial[^] of or patient has an allergy or intolerance* to three other triptans (e.g naratriptan, sumatriptan, zolmitriptan, rizatriptan, eletriptan, frovatriptan, etc)