

# Criteria-Based Consultation Prescribing Program

## CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

### Esomeprazole Suspension Packets (Nexium Suspension)

#### Notes:

- Quantity Limits: Yes
- ^Adequate trial is defined as 14-day treatment duration
- \*Intolerance excludes adverse drug reactions that are expected, mild in nature, resolve with continued treatment, and do not require medication discontinuation
- \*\*If requested esomeprazole dose is 10 mg per dose, or if patient has a feeding tube, trial of omeprazole oral disintegrating tablets (over-the-counter product) NOT required

**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 **esomeprazole suspension packets (Nexium Suspension)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

- Patient is not currently swallowing any other medications in capsule/tablet form (only approved for patients unable to swallow solid dosage forms)
- Patient has failed an adequate trial<sup>^</sup> of lansoprazole 3 mg/mL suspension or patient has an allergy or intolerance\* to lansoprazole suspension
- If ordered esomeprazole dose is over 10 mg per dose AND patient does not have a feeding tube, patient must also fail an adequate trial<sup>^</sup> of omeprazole oral disintegrating tablets (over-the-counter product)\*\* OR patient has an allergy or intolerance\* to omeprazole oral disintegrating tablets
- Patient has failed an adequate trial<sup>^</sup> of lansoprazole oral disintegrating tablets (over-the-counter product) OR patient has an allergy or intolerance\* to lansoprazole oral disintegrating tablets

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