

Criteria Based Consultation Prescribing Program

CRITERIA FOR DRUG COVERAGE

Pregabalin extended-release (Lyrica CR)

For patients not currently taking pregabalin extended-release, new members entering Kaiser Permanente and current members already taking pregabalin extended-release tablets, non-formulary **pregabalin extended-release (Lyrica CR)** will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

- Diagnosis of diabetic peripheral neuropathy (a painful nerve condition caused by diabetes) or postherpetic neuralgia (a painful nerve condition that may occur after having shingles) - **AND** -
- The patient has already tried (for enough time to tell if effective) and failed or has contraindication or intolerance to (inability to take) a formulary tricyclic antidepressant (TCA)[^], gabapentin, DULoxetine and 2 other agents (formulary TCA[^], traMADol, anticonvulsant, opioid, topical (applied to the skin) lidocaine, capsaicin, SNRI) [total of 5 agents] - **AND** - pregabalin immediate-release**

-OR-

Dose change only: Patient previously met criteria and is already taking the drug.

* Formulary SSRIs = citalopram, fluoxetine, paroxetine, sertraline, escitalopram

[^] Formulary TCAs = nortriptyline, desipramine, amitriptyline.

** Documented failure or intolerance to the immediate-release formulation occurring after adjusting the dose and dosing interval and of a nature to be expected to improve with extended-release formulation.