

Chapter 7

Section 16.3

Chemotherapy Administration

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2.0 DESCRIPTION

Chemotherapy administration applies to parenteral administration of non-radionuclide anti-neoplastic drugs; and also to anti-neoplastic agents provided in treatment of noncancerous diagnoses (e.g., cyclophosphamide for auto-immune conditions) or to substances such as monoclonal antibody agents, and other biologic response modifiers.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Chemotherapy administration, subcutaneous or intramuscular; non-hormonal and anti-neoplastic is covered.

3.2 Chemotherapy administration, intralesional, up to and including seven lesions, more than seven lesions, intravenous push technique, single, initial substance/drug, each additional substance/drug is covered.

3.3 Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique; up to one hour, single or initial substance/drug; each additional hour, initiation of prolonged chemotherapy infusion (more than 8 hours requiring use of a portable or implantable pump and each additional sequential infusion (different substance/drug) up to one hour) is covered.

3.4 Chemotherapy administration, intra-arterial; push technique/infusion technique, up to one hour; infusion technique, each additional hour up to eight hours infusion technique (more than eight hours) requiring the use of a portable or implantable pump is covered.

3.5 Chemotherapy administration into pleural cavity, requiring and including thoracentesis; into the peritoneal cavity requiring and including peritoneocentesis is covered.

3.6 Chemotherapy administration into Central Nervous System (CNS) (e.g., intrathecal requiring and including spinal puncture) is covered.

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- 3.7** Refilling and maintenance of portable pump is covered. Refilling and maintenance of implantable pump or reservoir for drug delivery, systemic (e.g., intravenous-arterial) is covered.
- 3.8** Irrigation of implanted venous access device for drug delivery systems is covered.
- 3.9** Chemotherapy injection, subarachnoid or intraventricular via subcutaneous reservoir, single or multiple agents is covered.

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