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Office of Pharmacy Service
Prior Authorization Criteria

Zurampic® (lesinurad)
Effective 4/1/2017

[Prior Authorization Request Form](#)

ZURAMPIC is a URAT1 inhibitor indicated in combination with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor for the treatment of hyperuricemia associated with gout in patients who have not achieved target serum uric acid levels with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor alone.

The use of Zurampic is contraindicated in the presence of severe renal impairment, end stage renal disease, tumor lysis syndrome, Lesch-Nyhan syndrome and in kidney transplant recipients, and patients on dialysis.

Criteria for Approval

- 1) Patient must have a diagnosis of symptomatic chronic gout; **AND**
 - 2) Inadequate response to xanthine oxidase inhibitor therapy, including ONE of the following at the maximum medically appropriate dosages:
 - a. allopurinol (Zyloprim)
 - b. febuxostat (Uloric)
- AND**
- 3) Must be used in combination with xanthine oxidase inhibitor; **AND**
 - 4) Patient must have an estimated creatinine clearance (eCrCl) greater than 45 mL/min

Continuation Criteria

- 1) Clinical documentation indicating an improvement in symptoms; **AND**
- 2) Continued use of a xanthine oxidase inhibitor; **AND**
- 3) Estimated creatinine clearance (eCrCl) greater than 45 mL/min

References

- 1.) Lexi-Comp drug monograph for Zurampic (Reviewed 2/27/2017)
- 2.) Zurampic package insert (1/2016)



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Onzetra Xsail (sumatriptan)
Effective 4/1/2017

As listed on West Virginia's Preferred Drug List:

CATEGORY PA CRITERIA: Three (3) day trials of each unique chemical entity of the preferred agents are required before a non-preferred agent will be authorized unless one (1) of the exceptions on the PA form is present. Quantity limits apply for this drug class.

***In addition to the Category Criteria:** Onzetra Xsail requires three (3) day trials of each of the preferred oral, nasal and injectable forms of sumatriptan.



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Office of Pharmacy Services Prior Authorization
Criteria for
Chronic Hepatitis C Therapy
Effective 3/09/2017

[Prior Authorization Request Form](#)
[Prior Authorization Continuation Request Form](#)
[Patient Consent Form](#)

[Preferred HepC Regimens \(Attachment A\)](#)

Criteria for Approval

- 1) All documentation must be fully completed, including the patient consent form. The viral genotype and a fibrosis score substantiated by a validated evidence-based method must be reported when requesting prior authorization; **AND**
- 2) Prescriber must submit laboratory evidence confirming that the patient is more likely than not to have a Metavir fibrosis score of F2 or greater; **AND**
- 3) Patient must be eighteen (18) years of age or older; **AND**
- 4) Selected treatment regimen must be prescribed by, or in conjunction with, a board-certified gastroenterologist, hepatologist or infectious disease physician; **AND**
- 5) Patient has abstained from the use of illicit drugs and alcohol for a minimum of three (3) months, as indicated by their signature on the Patient Consent form; **AND**
- 6) Patient must agree to complete the full regimen and the patient and the provider must agree that an SVR12 will be collected and made available to WV Medicaid to verify therapy success.

Duration of Approval

- A list of accepted regimens and treatment duration for chronic Hepatitis C therapy may be found in [Attachment A](#) located at the end of this document. Initial approvals will be for a maximum of 12 weeks and require submission of the starting HCV RNA level.
- Additional therapy beyond 12 weeks may be requested by completing the [Prior Authorization Continuation Request Form](#) and is approvable only after receipt of a viral load indicating treatment efficacy as suggested by AASLD guidelines*.



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- Emergency fills will NOT be granted under any circumstance.

* AASLD guidelines recommend that quantitative HCV viral load testing be done after 4 weeks of therapy (TW4). If HCV RNA is detectable at week 4 of treatment, repeat quantitative HCV RNA viral load testing is recommended after 2 additional weeks of treatment. If the quantitative HCV viral load has increased by greater than 10-fold ($>1 \log_{10}$ IU/mL) on repeat testing at week 6 (or thereafter), then discontinuation of HCV treatment is recommended.

Additional Considerations

- 1) It is highly recommended that the patient be vaccinated against Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B.
- 2) Cirrhosis should be substantiated either through biopsy or the presence of **at least two** of the following clinical features:
 - a. Cirrhotic features on imaging (MRI, ultrasound, or CT)
 - b. Ascites
 - c. Esophageal varices
 - d. Reversed AST:ALT ratio (> 1), thrombocytopenia ($< 130,000$ platelets/ μ L), and coagulopathy (INR > 2)
- 3) **For HCV/HIV co-infections all requests must be reviewed for drug-drug interactions prior to approval. Please submit a list of the patient's current HIV regimen along with your request for coverage of the selected HCV regimen.**

Criteria for Denial

- 1) Failure to report a genotype, fibrosis score or other significant omission from required documentation.
- 2) Any request falling outside the manufacturer guidelines for safe use.
- 3) Evidence exists that the patient has abused any illicit substance or alcohol in the past three (3) months.



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- 4) Patient is taking a concomitant medication that has significant clinical interactions with the requested regimen.
- 5) Requests for continuation of coverage beyond 12 weeks will be denied if the patient’s HCV RNA level has increased by greater than 10-fold ($>1 \log_{10}$ IU/mL) on repeat testing at week 6 (or thereafter) or if the prescriber has not submitted or has not obtained a viral load prior to treatment week 12. **Denial of continuation due to lack of efficacy does not prevent the approval of an alternative regimen if indicated by AASLD guidelines.**
- 6) Coverage shall be for one successful course of therapy in a lifetime. Success of therapy shall be judged by undetectable quantitative HCV RNA levels measured at 12 weeks following completion of therapy (SVR12). If RNA levels have not been submitted, then it will be assumed that therapy was successful. Re-infection will not be covered. Exceptions may be allowed on a case-by-case basis.
- 7) Lost or stolen medication replacement request will not be authorized.

ATTACHMENT A: Accepted Regimens and Treatment Duration for Chronic Hepatitis C Therapy

<input type="checkbox"/>	Genotype 1a
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment naïve, no cirrhosis, HCV viral load < 6 million copies/ml → Regimen 1 (HIV negative only) or 2 or 8 or 16 (only if negative for NS5A resistance associated polymorphisms)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment naïve, no cirrhosis, HCV viral load ≥ 6 million → Regimen 2 or 8 or 16 (only if negative for NS5A resistance associated polymorphisms¥)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment naïve, compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 2 or for Child-Pugh A ONLY, (contraindicated in Child-Pugh B or C) 8 or 10 or 16 (only if negative for NS5A resistance associated polymorphisms¥)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin ONLY), not cirrhotic → Regimen 2 or 8 or 16 (only if negative for NS5A resistance associated polymorphisms)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin ONLY), cirrhosis → Regimen 4 or 3 or for Child-Pugh A ONLY, (contraindicated in Child-Pugh B or C) 10 or 16 (only if negative for NS5A resistance associated polymorphisms¥)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin + protease inhibitor), no cirrhosis → Regimen 2 or 18 (only if negative for NS5A resistance associated polymorphisms¥)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin + protease inhibitor), compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 4 or 3 or 18 (only if negative for NS5A resistance associated polymorphisms¥)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (sofosbuvir + ribavirin +/- PEG-IFN), no cirrhosis → Regimen 4



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (sofosbuvir + ribavirin +/- PEG-IFN), compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (simeprevir + sofosbuvir, no prior NS5A treatment), no cirrhosis → guidelines recommend awaiting new data
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (simeprevir + sofosbuvir, no prior NS5A treatment), cirrhosis or need for urgent treatment → guidelines recommend testing for resistance associated variants that confer decreased susceptibility to NS3 protease inhibitors and to NS5A inhibitors with therapy tailored based on these results
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced, any NS5A inhibitor (daclatasvir + sofosbuvir, ledipasvir + sofosbuvir or paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir), non-cirrhotic → guidelines recommend awaiting new data
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced, any NS5A inhibitor (daclatasvir+sofosbuvir, ledipasvir+sofosbuvir or paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir), cirrhosis or urgent need for treatment → testing for resistance-associated variants for both NS3 protease inhibitors and NS5A inhibitors is recommended with therapy tailored based on these results
<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant → Regimen 4 or Metavir F0-F2 only 13, if ribavirin ineligible** → Regimen 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decompensated cirrhosis, no prior sofosbuvir → Regimen 14
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decompensated cirrhosis, no prior sofosbuvir, ribavirin ineligible** → Regimen 12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decompensated cirrhosis, prior treatment with sofosbuvir → Regimen 15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Genotype 1b
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment naïve, no cirrhosis, HCV viral load <6 million copies/ml → Regimen 1(HIV negative only) or 2 or 9 or 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment naïve, no cirrhosis, HCV viral load ≥6 million → Regimen 2 or 9 or 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment naïve, compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 2 or for Child-Pugh A ONLY, (contraindicated in Child-Pugh B or C) 9 or 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin ONLY), not cirrhotic → Regimen 2 or 9 or 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin ONLY), cirrhosis → Regimen 4 or 3 or for Child-Pugh A ONLY, (contraindicated in Child-Pugh B or C) 9 or 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin +/- protease inhibitor), no cirrhosis → Regimen 2 or 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin + protease inhibitor), compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 4 or 3 or for Child-Pugh A ONLY, (contraindicated in Child-Pugh B or C) 16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (sofosbuvir + ribavirin +/- PEG-IFN), no cirrhosis → Regimen 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (sofosbuvir + ribavirin +/- PEG-IFN), advanced fibrosis or compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (simeprevir + sofosbuvir, no prior NS5A treatment), no cirrhosis → guidelines recommend awaiting new data
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced (simeprevir + sofosbuvir, no prior NS5A treatment), cirrhosis or need for urgent treatment → guidelines recommend testing for resistance associated variants that confer decreased susceptibility to NS3 protease inhibitors and to NS5A inhibitors with treatment based on these results
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced, any NS5A inhibitor (daclatasvir + sofosbuvir, ledipasvir + sofosbuvir or paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir), non-cirrhotic → guidelines recommend awaiting new data
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment experienced, any NS5A inhibitor (daclatasvir + sofosbuvir, ledipasvir + sofosbuvir or paritaprevir/ritonavir/ombitasvir + dasabuvir), cirrhosis or urgent need for treatment → testing for resistance-associated variants is recommended with treatment based on these



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results
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant → Regimen 4 or Metavir F0-F2 only 13, or if ribavirin ineligible**→ Regimen 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Decompensated cirrhosis, no prior sofosbuvir → Regimen 14
<input type="checkbox"/> Decompensated cirrhosis, no prior sofosbuvir, ribavirin ineligible**→ Regimen 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Decompensated cirrhosis, prior treatment with sofosbuvir → Regimen 15
<input type="checkbox"/> Genotype 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment naïve, no cirrhosis → Regimen 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment naïve, compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin) → Regimen 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment experienced (sofosbuvir + ribavirin) → Regimen 7, if ribavirin ineligible** → Regimens 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Decompensated cirrhosis → Regimen 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant, no or compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 13
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant, no or compensated cirrhosis, ribavirin ineligible**→ Regimen 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant, decompensated cirrhosis → Regimen 19
<input type="checkbox"/> Genotype 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment naïve, with or without cirrhosis→ Regimen 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin), no cirrhosis → Regimen 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment experienced (PEG-IFN + ribavirin), compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment experienced (sofosbuvir + ribavirin), no or compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Decompensated cirrhosis → Regimen 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant, no or compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 13
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant, no or compensated cirrhosis, RBV ineligible** → Regimen 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Genotype 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Regardless of prior treatment, no cirrhosis → Regimen 2 or 8 or 11 or 16 or, if prior “on treatment virologic failure” with PEG-IFN/RBV (failure to suppress or breakthrough), 17
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment naïve, compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 2 or 8 or 11 or 16
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment experienced, compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 4 or 11 or 16 or, if prior “on treatment virologic failure” with PEG-IFN/RBV (failure to suppress or breakthrough), 17
<input type="checkbox"/> Decompensated cirrhosis, no prior sofosbuvir →Regimen 14
<input type="checkbox"/> Decompensated cirrhosis, no prior sofosbuvir, ribavirin ineligible**→ Regimen 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Decompensated cirrhosis, prior treatment with sofosbuvir → Regimen 15
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant, no or compensated cirrhosis → Regimen 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant, no or compensated cirrhosis, ribavirin ineligible** → Regimen 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-infection of allograft liver after transplant, decompensated cirrhosis → Regimen 14
<input type="checkbox"/> Genotype 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Regardless of prior treatment → Regimen 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Genotype 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Regardless of prior treatment → Regimen 2



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REGIMENS:

1. Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90/400 mg daily for 56 days (8 weeks)
2. Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90/400 mg daily for 84 days (12 weeks)
3. Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90/400 mg daily for 168 days (24 weeks)
4. Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90/400 mg daily + weight-based ribavirin for 84 days (12 weeks)
5. Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90/400 mg daily + weight based ribavirin for 168 days (24 weeks)
6. Epclusa (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir) 400/100 mg daily for 84 days (12 weeks)
7. Epclusa (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir) 400/100 mg daily + weight-based ribavirin for 84 days (12 weeks)
8. Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir 12.5/75/50 mg two tablets each morning + dasabuvir 250 mg twice daily) OR Viekira XR (dasabuvir, ombitasvir, paritaprevir + ritonavir 200/8.33/50/33.33 mg three tablets daily) with food plus weight based ribavirin X 84 days (12 weeks)
9. Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir 12.5/75/50 mg two tablets each morning + dasabuvir 250 mg twice daily) OR Viekira XR (dasabuvir, ombitasvir, paritaprevir + ritonavir 200/8.33/50/33.33 mg three tablets daily) with food X 84 days (12 weeks)
10. Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir 12.5/75/50 mg two tablets each morning + dasabuvir 250 mg twice daily) OR Viekira XR (dasabuvir, ombitasvir, paritaprevir + ritonavir 200/8.33/50/33.33 mg three tablets daily) with food plus weight based ribavirin X 168 days (24 weeks)
11. Technivie (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir 25/150/100 mg) + weight-based ribavirin for 84 days (12 weeks)
12. Daklinza (daclatasvir) 60mg[^] daily + Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) 400 mg daily X 168 days (24 weeks)
13. Daklinza (daclatasvir) 60 mg[^] + Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) 400 mg daily and low dose RBV[#] X 84 days (12 weeks)
14. Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90/400 mg daily + low dose ribavirin[#] for 84 days (12 weeks)
15. Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90/400 mg daily + low dose ribavirin[#] for 168 days (24 weeks)
16. Zepatier (elbasvir/grazoprevir) 50/100 mg daily for 84 days (12 weeks)
17. Zepatier (elbasvir/grazoprevir) 50/100 mg daily + weight based ribavirin for 112 days (16 weeks)
18. Zepatier (elbasvir/grazoprevir) 50/100 mg daily + weight based ribavirin for 84 days (12 weeks)
19. Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) 400 mg + low dose ribavirin [#]daily for 168 days (24 weeks)

[^] Dose of Daklinza (daclatasvir) MUST BE ADJUSTED with certain co-administered drugs (reduced to 30 mg daily with concurrent CYP3A4 inhibitors and increased to 90 mg daily with concurrent moderate CYP3A4 inducers)

[#] low dose ribavirin = 600 mg/day and increase as tolerated

[¥] Genotype 1a polymorphisms at amino acid positions 28, 30, 31, or 93

NOTE: Please provide clinical rationale with the completed PA form if choosing a regimen that is beyond those found within the current guidelines, or if selecting regimens other than those outlined above.



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Patients who are ineligible for treatment with ribavirin or interferon should have at least one of the following reasons documented:

Ribavirin-Ineligible:**

- History of severe or unstable cardiac disease
- Pregnant women and men with pregnant partners
- Diagnosis of hemoglobinopathy (e.g., thalassemia major, sickle cell anemia)
- Hypersensitivity to ribavirin
- Baseline platelet count <70,000 cells/mm³
- ANC <1500 cells/mm³
- Hb <12 gm/dl in women or <13 g/dl in men

Patients with CrCl <50 ml/min (moderate or severe renal dysfunction, ESRD, HD) should have dosage reduced

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Attachment A change Log:

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**Hyperparathyroid Agents
Class Criteria**

Changing the class criteria from:

A thirty (30) day trial of a preferred agent will be required before a non-preferred agent will be authorized unless one (1) of the exceptions on the PA form is present.

To:

A thirty (30) day trial of all chemically unique preferred agents will be required before a non-preferred agent will be authorized unless one (1) of the exceptions on the PA form is present.



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**Soliqua (insulin glargine/lixisenatide)
*Effective 4/1/2017***

Soliqua is available only on appeal and requires medical reasoning beyond convenience or enhanced compliance as to why the clinical need cannot be met with a combination of preferred single-ingredient agents.



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Ophthalmic Antibiotics – Class Category Change
Effective 4/1/2017

Changing the class criteria from:

CATEGORY PA CRITERIA: Three (3) day trials of each of the preferred agents are required before non-preferred agents will be authorized unless one (1) of the exceptions on the PA form is present.

*A prior authorization is required for the fluoroquinolone agents for patients up to twenty-one (21) years of age unless there has been a trial of a first line treatment option within the past ten (10) days.

**The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends erythromycin ointment or polymyxin/trimethoprim drops as first line treatment options for the treatment of bacterial conjunctivitis.

To:

CATEGORY PA CRITERIA: Three (3) day trials of each of the preferred agents are required before non-preferred agents will be authorized unless one (1) of the exceptions on the PA form is present.

*Prior authorization of any fluoroquinolone agent requires three (3) day trials of all other preferred agents unless definitive laboratory cultures exist indicating the need to use a fluoroquinolone.



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Hetlioz® (tasimelteon)
Effective 4/01/2017

[Prior Authorization Request Form](#)

HETLIOZ is a melatonin receptor agonist indicated for the treatment of Non 24-Hour Sleep-Wake Disorder (Non-24).

Criteria for Approval

- 1) Patient must have a diagnosis of Non-24-Hour Sleep-Wake Disorder (Non-24), as confirmed by either assessment of one physiologic circadian phase marker (e.g., measurement of urinary melatonin levels or assessment of core body temperature), or if assessment of physiologic circadian phase marker cannot be done, the diagnosis must be confirmed by actigraphy performed for at least 1 week plus evaluation of sleep logs recorded for at least 1 month showing evidence of progressively shifting sleep-wake times; **AND**
- 2) Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- 3) Documentation must be provided indicating that the patient is totally blind with absolutely **no** perception of light; **AND**
- 4) Patient must have documented 3-month trials* and therapy failure with all chemically unique preferred and non-preferred non-benzodiazepine sedative hypnotic agents. Quantity limits may still apply (15 tabs/30 day period), but may be waived on appeal with this specific diagnosis and documentation of at least partial efficacy; **AND**
- 5) Patient has a clinically documented 6-month trial* of continuous melatonin supplementation without relief of symptoms; **AND**
- 6) Patient must have a documented trial* and therapy failure with 6 months of ramelteon.
- 7) Initial prior authorization for Hetlioz will be given for 3 months. Requests for continuation of therapy shall only be considered after the patient has received 3 months of continuous therapy* with documentation indicating that the patient has achieved adequate results with Hetlioz, such as entrainment, significant increases in nighttime sleep, and/or significant decreases in daytime sleep.

* Patient must have no significant gaps (greater than 3 days) in medication adherence in all medication trials.



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- 4.) Lexi-Comp drug monograph for Hetlioz (Reviewed 2/27/2017)
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