

Generic Name: Tetrabenazine**Therapeutic Class or Brand Name:** Xenazine**Applicable Drugs (if Therapeutic Class):** N/A**Preferred:** Tetrabenazine tablets (generic)**Non-preferred:** Xenazine tablets**Date of Origin:** 2/1/2013**Date Last Reviewed / Revised:** 7/7/2023

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(May be considered medically necessary when criteria I through V are met)

- I. Documented diagnosis of chorea associated with Huntington's disease.
- II. Documentation that the patient is being monitored for symptoms of depression and that depression is adequately treated if present.
- III. Minimum age requirement: 18 years old.
- IV. Treatment is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist.
- V. Refer to plan document for the list of preferred products. If requested agent is not listed as a preferred product, must have a documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to a preferred product(s).

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Patients who are actively suicidal, or who have depression which is untreated or undertreated.
- Patients with impaired hepatic function.
- Patients taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) or reserpine.
- Patients taking deutetetrabenazine or valbenazine.

OTHER CRITERIA

- N/A

QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- Authorized in quantities of up to 50 mg per day.
- Quantities up to 100 mg per day may be considered medically necessary when there is documentation of both a and b:
 - a. Tetrabenazine 50 mg per day has not provided an adequate response.
 - b. CYP2D6 genotyping shows that the patient is an extensive (EM) or intermediate metabolizer (IM) of CYP2D6.
- The quantity is limited to a maximum of a 30-day supply per fill.

APPROVAL LENGTH

- **Authorization:** 3 months.
- **Re-Authorization:** 6 months, with an updated letter of medical necessity or progress notes showing that current medical necessity criteria are met and that chorea symptoms have improved or stabilized.

APPENDIX

N/A

REFERENCES

1. Bachoud-Lévi AC, Ferreira J, Massart R, et al. International guidelines for the treatment of Huntington's disease. *Front Neurol.* 2019;10:710. Published 2019 Jul 3. doi:10.3389/fneur.2019.00710
2. Xenazine. Prescribing Information. Lundbeck; 2019. Accessed July 7, 2023. http://www.lundbeck.com/upload/us/files/pdf/Products/Xenazine_PI_US_EN.pdf

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