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ARC of Support® Reimbursement Services
ABRAXANE® Q3 2008
Coding Tool

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The ARC of Support® can assist you with all of your reimbursement needs for ABRAXANE for Injectable Suspension *(paclitaxel protein-bound particles for injectable suspension) (albumin-bound)*. Call toll-free 1.800.564.0216 (Press 3), Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 8 PM Eastern Time, for reimbursement support or information on the Abraxis Patient Access Program (APAP). Visit our Web site at **www.abraxane.com** for more product and prescribing information.

Physician Office Coding and Reimbursement

Component	CPT/HCPCS Code	Q3 2008 Medicare Allowable
ABRAXANE	**J9264, per 1 mg**	**ASP + 6% $8.795 per 1 mg**
Administration	**96413**	**$161.49 (national average*)**

Hospital Outpatient Coding and Reimbursement

Component	CPT/HCPCS Code	Q3 2008 Medicare Allowable
ABRAXANE	**J9264, per 1 mg**	**ASP + 5% $8.700 per 1 mg**
Administration	**96413**	**$149.34 (national average)**

HCPCS Code:

J9264, per 1 mg (injection, paclitaxel protein-bound particles) effective for DOS beginning January 1, 2006.
Note: As of January 1, 2007, J9264 has a new short descriptor: paclitaxel protein bound.

CPT Code:

All Payers, **96413**: Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique, up to 1 hour.

CPT/HCPCS codes are provided for informational purposes only. This coding tool is not intended to be a specific directive on ABRAXANE coding and is not a guarantee of reimbursement. Health care providers need to make coding decisions based on the unique diagnosis and treatment of each patient and the specific requirements of each payer.

*Non-facility MPFS allowable (national average).

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ABRAXANE for Injectable Suspension is indicated for the treatment of breast cancer after failure of combination chemotherapy for metastatic disease or relapse within 6 months of adjuvant chemotherapy. Prior therapy should have included an anthracycline unless clinically contraindicated.

WARNING: *ABRAXANE® for Injectable Suspension (paclitaxel protein-bound particles for injectable suspension) should be administered under the supervision of a physician experienced in the use of cancer chemotherapeutic agents. Appropriate management of complications is possible only when adequate diagnostic and treatment facilities are readily available.*

ABRAXANE therapy should not be administered to patients with metastatic breast cancer who have baseline neutrophil counts of less than 1,500 cells/mm^3. In order to monitor the occurrence of bone marrow suppression, primarily neutropenia, which may be severe and result in infection, it is recommended that frequent peripheral blood cell counts be performed on all patients receiving ABRAXANE.

Note: An albumin form of paclitaxel may substantially affect a drug's functional properties relative to those of drug in solution. DO NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR OR WITH OTHER PACLITAXEL FORMULATIONS.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

In the randomized metastatic breast cancer study, the most important adverse events included neutropenia (all cases 80%; severe 9%), anemia (all 33%; severe 1%), infections (24%), sensory neuropathy (any symptoms 71%; severe 10%), nausea (any 30%; severe 3%), vomiting (any 18%; severe 4%), diarrhea (any 27%; severe <1%), myalgia/arthralgia (any 44%; severe 8%), and mucositis (any 7%; severe <1%). Other adverse reactions included asthenia (any 47%; severe 8%), ocular/visual disturbances (any 13%; severe 1%), fluid retention (any 10%; severe 0%), alopecia (90%), hepatic dysfunction (elevations in bilirubin 7%, alkaline phosphatase 36%, AST [SGOT] 39%), and renal dysfunction (any 11%; severe 1%). Thrombocytopenia (any 2%; severe <1%), hypersensitivity reactions (any 4%; severe 0%), cardiovascular reactions (severe 3%), and injection site reactions (<1%) were uncommon. During postmarketing surveillance, rare occurrences of severe hypersensitivity reactions have been reported with ABRAXANE.

WARNINGS, PRECAUTIONS, AND CONTRAINDICATIONS: The use of ABRAXANE has not been studied in patients with hepatic or renal dysfunction. In the randomized controlled trial, patients were excluded for baseline serum bilirubin >1.5 mg/dL or baseline serum creatinine >2 mg/dL.

ABRAXANE can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman.Women of childbearing potential should be advised to avoid becoming pregnant while receiving treatment with ABRAXANE.

Men should be advised to not father a child while receiving treatment with ABRAXANE.

ABRAXANE contains albumin (human), a derivative of human blood.

Caution should be exercised when administering ABRAXANE concomitantly with known substrates or inhibitors of CYP2C8 and CYP3A4.

ABRAXANE therapy should not be administered to patients with metastatic breast cancer who have baseline neutrophil counts of less than 1,500 cells/mm^3.

It is recommended that frequent peripheral blood cell counts be performed on all patients receiving ABRAXANE. Patients should not be retreated with subsequent cycles of ABRAXANE until neutrophils recover to a level >1,500 cells/mm^3 and platelets recover to a level >100,000 cells/mm^3. In the case of severe neutropenia (<500 cells/mm^3 for 7 days or more) during a course of ABRAXANE therapy, a dose reduction for subsequent courses is recommended.

Sensory neuropathy occurs frequently with ABRAXANE. The occurrence of grade 1 or 2 sensory neuropathy does not generally require dose modification. If grade 3 sensory neuropathy develops, treatment should be withheld until resolution to grade 1 or 2 followed by a dose reduction for all subsequent courses of ABRAXANE.

It is recommended that nursing be discontinued when receiving ABRAXANE theapy.

Severe cardiovascular events possibly related to single-agent ABRAXANE occurred in approximately 3% of patients in the randomized trial. These events included chest pain, cardiac arrest, supraventricular tachycardia, edema, thrombosis, pulmonary thromboembolism, pulmonary embolism, and hypertension.

Please see the enclosed full Abraxane Prescribing Information (including Boxed Warning).

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