



Late stage breast cancer - Herceptin® Authority application

Important information

Herceptin® is available for the treatment of HER-2 positive patients with late stage metastatic breast cancer.

Metastatic breast cancer is considered present when the cancer has spread beyond the breast and axillary lymph nodes to a distant site such as bone, liver, brain or lungs. The presence of axillary node disease alone is not adequate.

Information indicating the presence of metastatic disease, such as diagnostic imaging reports, must be provided with the initial application for treatment.

Treatment of HER-2 positive patients with metastatic breast cancer with Herceptin® is either:

- in combination with taxanes, for patients who have not received chemotherapy for metastatic disease
- or
- as monotherapy, for treatment of patients who have received one or more chemotherapy regimen(s) for metastatic disease.

The dosage for Herceptin® is weight based and may be administered once a week (2mg/kg) or every three weeks (6mg/kg).

Medicare Australia administers the Herceptin® program on behalf of the Department of Health and Ageing. Prescribers must ensure that this medication is only administered to patients who are eligible to participate in the program. Medicare Australia may, during the course of treatment, confirm the patient's ongoing participation and eligibility by:

- contacting the prescriber(s), pharmacy or hospital
- accessing Medicare enrolment and/or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) information
- contacting the patient.

Medicare Australia will notify prescribers if there are any concerns with applications or ongoing access to Herceptin®. Failure to comply with the current criteria or restrictions will result in stopping of Herceptin® treatment.

The information on this form is correct at the time of publishing and is subject to change.

Acknowledgements

The patient's and the prescriber's acknowledgements must be signed in the presence of a witness (over 18 years of age).

Assistance

If you need assistance in completing this form, call Medicare Australia on **1800 700 270** (call charges may apply) and select option 1 (8 am to 5 pm EST Monday to Friday), or visit **www.medicareaustralia.gov.au**

Lodgement

Fax the completed application form and all relevant attachments to Medicare Australia on **1300 154 190**.

Tick where applicable

