

Medical Policy: Nplate™ (romiplostim) Subcutaneous

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Length of Authorization

Immune thrombocytopenia: Coverage will be provided for 3 months and may be renewed

Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome: Coverage will be provided for one dose and is not applicable for renewal

Dosing Limits [Medical Benefit]

Max Units (per dose and over time):

125 billable units weekly

Guideline

I. Initial Approval Criteria

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

1. **Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) †**
 - A. Patient aged 18 years or older; **AND**
 - B. Patient has previously failed **ONE** of the following treatments for ITP:
 - i. Patient has failed previous therapy with corticosteroids; **OR**
 - ii. Patient has failed previous therapy with immunoglobulins; **OR**
 - iii. Patient has had a splenectomy; **AND**
 - C. The patient is at increased risk for bleeding as indicated by platelet count (within the previous 28 days) less than $30 \times 10^9/L$ (30,000/mm³); **AND**
 - D. Patient is not on any other thrombopoietin receptor agonist or mimetic (e.g., lustrombopag, eltrombopag, avatrombopag, etc); **AND**
 - E. Must not be used in an attempt to normalize platelet counts

2. **Pediatric Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) †**
 - A. Pediatric patient aged 1 year or older with ITP for at least 6 months; **AND**
 - B. Patient has previously failed **ONE** of the following treatments for ITP:
 - i. Patient has failed previous therapy with corticosteroids; **OR**
 - ii. Patient has failed previous therapy with immunoglobulins; **OR**
 - iii. Patient has had a splenectomy

3. **Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome†**
 - A. Patient has been acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation

† FDA-labeled indication(s)

II. Renewal Criteria

Authorizations can be renewed for **ITP** based on the following criteria:

1. **Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP)**
 - A. The member has sufficient response after 4 weeks of therapy (Response is defined as a platelet count between 50,000/mm³ and 400,000/mm³) **OR** Appropriate dosage adjustment was made based on platelet count **AND**
 - B. Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include the following: thrombotic/thromboembolic complications, severe hypersensitivity, risk of progression of myelodysplastic syndromes to acute myelogenous leukemia, etc.

2. **Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome**
 - A. Not applicable for renewal beyond initial approval

Limitations/Exclusions

NPlate is not considered medically necessary for indications other than those listed above due to insufficient evidence of therapeutic value.

Discontinue Nplate if the platelet count does not increase to a level sufficient to avoid clinically important bleeding after 4 weeks of Nplate therapy at the maximum weekly dose of 10 mcg/kg

Applicable Procedure Codes

Code	Description
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J2796	Injection, romiplostim, 10 micrograms: 10 mcg = 1 billable unit
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Applicable NDCs

Code	Description
55513-0221-xx	Nplate 250 mcg single-dose vial
55513-0222-xx	Nplate 500 mcg single-dose vial
55513-0223-xx	Nplate 125 mcg single-dose vial

ICD-10 Diagnoses

Code	Description
D69.3	Immune thrombocytopenic purpura
T66	Radiation sickness, unspecified

Revision History

Company(ies)	DATE	REVISION
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	2/1/2024	Annual Review: no criteria changes
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	5/30/2023	Annual Review: added code: T66, no criteria changes
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	09/13/2022	Transferred policy to new template.
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	03/01/2022	Added NDC 125mcg single-dose vial Added Indication for Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome to Criteria Removed "Patient continues to meet criteria identified above" from renewal criteria Added "The member has sufficient response after 4 weeks of therapy (Response is defined as a platelet count between 50,000/mm3 and 400,000/mm3) OR Appropriate dosage adjustment was made based on platelet count" Added Exclusion Criteria - The member has not received 4 weeks of Nplate therapy at the maximum weekly dose of 10 mcg/kg and the platelet count did not increase to a sufficient level $\geq 50 \times 10^9 /L$
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	01/01/2020	Under Guideline, Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), added Pediatric patients 1 year of age and older with ITP for at least 6 months who have had an insufficient response to corticosteroids, immunoglobulins, or splenectomy.

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