



INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN

IEHP UM Subcommittee Approved Authorization Guidelines
Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) for Multiple Sclerosis

Policy:

On August 28, 2008, the IEHP Utilization Management Subcommittee discussed the use of Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Based on this review, the IEHP UM Subcommittee adopted NICE'S recommendation for IVIG for Multiple Sclerosis as a covered benefit.

National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE, 2004):

The National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) guideline recommendations from 2004, states that IVIG for managing relapsing-remitting MS (RRMS) and secondary progressive MS should only be used in specific circumstances:

1. After full discussion and consideration of all risks;
2. With formal evaluation, preferably in a randomized or other prospective study; and
3. By an expert in the use of medicines in MS with close monitoring for adverse events.

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Bibliography:

ECRI Institute Custom Hotline Response: Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) for Multiple Sclerosis, June 2008.

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