



# Alecensa® (alectinib) (Oral)

Document Number: IC-0263

Last Review Date: 07/05/2023 Date of Origin: 01/26/2016

Dates Reviewed: 01/2016, 01/2017, 11/2017, 07/2018, 07/2019, 07/2020, 07/2021, 07/2022, 07/2023

#### I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed.

#### **II.** Dosing Limits

- A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:
  - Alecensa 150 mg capsule: 8 capsules per day
- B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:
  - Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma: 600 mg per day
  - All other indications: 1200 mg per day

# III. Initial Approval Criteria <sup>1</sup>

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

Patient is at least 18 years of age; AND

#### Universal Criteria 1,2

- Used as a single agent; AND
- Patient has anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive disease as detected by an FDAapproved or CLIA compliant test\*; AND

#### Large B-Cell Lymphoma ‡ 2,9

Used for relapsed or refractory disease

## Central Nervous System (CNS) Cancers ‡ 2,6

- Patient has brain metastases from non-small cell lung cancer; AND
  - o Used as initial treatment in patients with small asymptomatic brain metastases; **OR**
  - Used for relapsed limited brain metastases with either stable systemic disease or reasonable systemic treatment options; OR
  - o Patient has recurrent limited brain metastases; **OR**



 Used for recurrent extensive brain metastases with stable systemic disease or reasonable systemic treatment options

# Histiocytic Neoplasms – Erdheim-Chester Disease ‡ 2,7

- Patient has symptomatic disease; OR
- Used for relapsed or refractory disease

#### Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer † $\Phi$ 1,2

- Patient has recurrent, advanced, or metastatic disease (excluding locoregional recurrence or symptomatic local disease without evidence of disseminated disease) or mediastinal lymph node recurrence with prior radiation therapy; AND
  - o Used as first-line therapy; **OR**
  - o Used in patients who are intolerant to crizotinib; **OR**
  - Used as subsequent therapy following disease progression on first-line therapy with crizotinib; OR
  - Used as continuation of therapy following disease progression on first-line therapy with alectinib, except in cases of symptomatic systemic disease with multiple lesions

# Soft Tissue Sarcoma – Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor (IMT) ‡ <sup>2</sup>Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma (ALCL) ‡ <sup>2,8</sup>

• Used as subsequent or initial palliative intent therapy for relapsed or refractory disease

#### Uterine Neoplasms - Uterine Sarcoma ‡ 2

- Patient has inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor (IMT); AND
- Patient has advanced, recurrent/metastatic, or inoperable disease; AND
- Used as first-line therapy OR as subsequent therapy if not previously used
- If confirmed using an immunotherapy assay http://www.fda.gov/CompanionDiagnostics
- † FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); **Φ** Orphan Drug

## IV. Renewal Criteria 1,2

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; AND
- Disease response with treatment as defined by stabilization of disease or decrease in size of tumor or tumor spread\*; AND
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: hepatotoxicity (severe elevations in ALT/AST or bilirubin), bradycardia, interstitial lung



disease/pneumonitis, severe myalgia and creatine phosphokinase (CPK) elevation, severe renal impairment, hemolytic anemia, etc.

# \*Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (continuation of therapy following disease progression)

• Refer to Section III for criteria

# V. Dosage/Administration <sup>1,6-11</sup>

Indication	Dose	
Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma	<ul> <li>Body weight ≥ 35 kg: Administer 300 mg (2 capsules) by mouth twice daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.</li> <li>Body weight &lt; 35 kg: Administer 150 mg (1 capsule) by mouth twice daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.</li> </ul>	
All Other Indications	Administer 600 mg (4 capsules) by mouth twice daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.	

#### VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

#### **HCPCS Code**:

- J8999: Prescription drug, oral, chemotherapeutic, not otherwise specified
- C9399: Unclassified drugs or biologicals (Hospital Outpatient Use ONLY)

#### NDC:

• Alecensa 150 mg capsule: 50242-0130-xx

#### VII. References

- 1. Alecensa [package insert]. South San Francisco, CA. Genentech USA, Inc., September 2021. Accessed June 2023.
- 2. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Drugs & Biologics Compendium (NCCN Compendium®) for alectinib. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2023. The NCCN Compendium® is a derivative work of the NCCN Guidelines®. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Compendium, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed June 2023.
- 3. Gadgeel S, Peters S, Mok T, et al. Alectinib versus crizotinib in treatment-naive anaplastic lymphoma kinase-positive (ALK+) non-small-cell lung cancer: CNS efficacy results from the ALEX study. Ann Oncol. 2018 Nov 1;29(11):2214-2222. doi: 10.1093/annonc/mdy405.
- 4. Shaw AT, Gandhi L, Gadgeel S, et al; study investigators. Alectinib in ALK-positive, crizotinib-resistant, non-small-cell lung cancer: a single-group, multicentre, phase 2 trial. Lancet Oncol. 2016 Feb;17(2):234-242. doi: 10.1016/S1470-2045(15)00488-X. Epub 2015 Dec 19. Erratum in: Lancet Oncol. 2017 Mar;18(3):e134.
- 5. Gadgeel SM, Shaw AT, Govindan R, et al. Pooled Analysis of CNS Response to Alectinib in Two Studies of Pretreated Patients With ALK-Positive Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer. J Clin



- Oncol. 2016 Dec;34(34):4079-4085. Epub 2016 Oct 31. Erratum in: J Clin Oncol. 2017 May 10;35(14):1631.
- 6. Gandhi L, Ou SI, Shaw AT, et al. Efficacy of alectinib in central nervous system metastases in crizotinib-resistant ALK-positive non-small-cell lung cancer: Comparison of RECIST 1.1 and RANO-HGG criteria. Eur J Cancer. 2017;82:27-33. doi:10.1016/j.ejca.2017.05.019.
- 7. Kemps P, Picarsic J, Durham B, et al. ALK-positive histiocytosis: a new clinicopathologic spectrum highlighting neurologic involvement and responses to ALK inhibition. Blood (2022) 139 (2): 256–280. https://doi.org/10.1182/blood.2021013338
- 8. Fukano R, Mori T, Sekimizu M, et al. Alectinib for relapsed or refractory anaplastic lymphoma kinase-positive anaplastic large cell lymphoma: An open-label phase II trial. Cancer Sci. 2020 Dec;111(12):4540-4547.doi: 10.1111/cas.14671. Epub 2020 Oct 28.
- 9. Soumerai JD, Rosenthal A, Harkins S, et al. Next-generation ALK inhibitors are highly active in ALK-positive large B-cell lymphoma. Blood. 2022 Oct 20;140(16):1822-1826. doi: 10.1182/blood.2022015443.
- 10. Peters S, Camidge DR, Shaw AT, et al; ALEX Trial Investigators. Alectinib versus Crizotinib in Untreated ALK-Positive Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer, N Engl J Med. 2017 Aug 31;377(9):829-838. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1704795.
- 11. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Drugs & Biologics Compendium (NCCN Compendium®) Uterine Neoplasms. Version 2.2023. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2023. The NCCN Compendium® is a derivative work of the NCCN Guidelines®. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Compendium, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed June 2023.

# Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description	
C33	Malignant neoplasm of trachea	
C34.00	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified main bronchus	
C34.01	Malignant neoplasm of right main bronchus	
C34.02	Malignant neoplasm of left main bronchus	
C34.10	Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung	
C34.11	Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, right bronchus or lung	
C34.12	Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, left bronchus or lung	
C34.2	Malignant neoplasm of middle lobe, bronchus or lung	
C34.30	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung	
C34.31	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, right bronchus or lung	
C34.32	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, left bronchus or lung	
C34.80	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified bronchus or lung	
C34.81	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of right bronchus and lung	



ICD-10	ICD-10 Description	
C34.82	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of left bronchus and lung	
C34.90	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of unspecified bronchus or lung	
C34.91	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of right bronchus or lung	
C34.92	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of left bronchus or lung	
C48.0	Malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum	
C48.1	Malignant neoplasm of specified parts of peritoneum	
C48.2	Malignant neoplasm of peritoneum, unspecified	
C48.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of retroperitoneum and peritoneum	
C49.4	Malignant neoplasm of connective and soft tissue of abdomen	
C49.5	Malignant neoplasm of connective and soft tissue of pelvis	
C49.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of connective and soft tissue	
C49.9	Malignant neoplasm of connective and soft tissue, unspecified	
C54.0	Malignant neoplasm of isthmus uteri	
C54.1	Malignant neoplasm of endometrium	
C54.2	Malignant neoplasm of myometrium	
C54.3	Malignant neoplasm of fundus uteri	
C54.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of corpus uteri	
C54.9	Malignant neoplasm of corpus uteri, unspecified	
C55	Malignant neoplasm of uterus, part unspecified	
C79.31	Secondary malignant neoplasm of brain	
C83.30	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, unspecified site	
C83.31	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck	
C83.32	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes	
C83.33	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes	
C83.34	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb	
C83.35	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb	
C83.36	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes	
C83.37	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, spleen	
C83.38	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites	
C83.39	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites	
C83.90	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, unspecified site	
C83.91	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck	
C83.92	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, intrathoracic lymph nodes	
C83.93	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, intra-abdominal lymph nodes	
C83.94	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb	



ICD-10	ICD-10 Description	
C83.95	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb	
C83.96	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, intrapelvic lymph nodes	
C83.97	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, spleen	
C83.98	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, lymph nodes of multiple sites	
C83.99	Non-follicular (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified, extranodal and solid organ sites	
C84.40	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, unspecified site	
C84.41	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck	
C84.42	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, intrathoracic lymph nodes	
C84.43	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, intra-abdominal lymph nodes	
C84.44	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb	
C84.45	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb	
C84.46	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, intrapelvic lymph nodes	
C84.47	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, spleen	
C84.48	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, lymph nodes of multiple sites	
C84.49	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, not classified, extranodal and solid organ sites	
C84.60	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, unspecified site	
C84.61	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck	
C84.62	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, intrathoracic lymph nodes	
C84.63	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, intra-abdominal lymph nodes	
C84.64	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb	
C84.65	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb	
C84.66	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, intrapelvic lymph nodes	
C84.67	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, spleen	
C84.68	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, lymph nodes of multiple sites	
C84.69	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive, extranodal and solid organ sites	
C84.70	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, unspecified site	
C84.71	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck	
C84.72	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, intrathoracic lymph nodes	
C84.73	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, intra-abdominal lymph nodes	
C84.74	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb	
C84.75	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb	
C84.76	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, intrapelvic lymph nodes	
C84.77	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, spleen	



ICD-10	ICD-10 Description	
C84.78	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, lymph nodes of multiple sites	
C84.79	Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative, extranodal and solid organ sites	
C85.20	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, unspecified site	
C85.21	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck	
C85.22	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes	
C85.23	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes	
C85.24	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb	
C85.25	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb	
C85.26	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes	
C85.27	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, spleen	
C85.28	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites	
C85.29	Mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites	
C86.2	Enteropathy-type (intestinal) T-cell lymphoma	
C86.5	Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma	
D76.3	Other histiocytosis syndromes	
Z85.118	Personal history of other malignant neoplasm of bronchus and lung	
Z85.42	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of other parts of uterus	
Z85.831	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of soft tissue	

# Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD), Local Coverage Articles (LCAs), and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx">https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx</a>. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCA/LCD): N/A

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions				
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor		
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC		
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC		
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)		
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)		
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.		
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)		
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.		



Proprietary Information. Restricted Access – Do not disseminate or copy

without approval.

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions				
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor		
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA, LLC		
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA, LLC		
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.		
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)		
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC		

