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STEP THERAPY ALGORITHMS – PUP Select Formulary

Drug	Treatment Group	Description
Actoplus Met	Actoplus Met Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Metformin b. Thiazolidinedione <p>Step 2: Actoplus Met</p>
Actos	Actos Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Metformin b. Sulfonylurea c. Insulin d. Byetta <p>Step 2: Actos</p>
Advair Diskus, Advair HFA	Advair Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inhaled corticosteroid b. Long-acting beta agonist c. Inhaled anticholinergic agent d. Theophylline <p>Step 2: Advair Diskus or Advair HFA</p>
Allegra suspension	Allegra Suspension Therapy	<p>Step 1: Cetirizine syrup</p> <p>Step 2: Allegra suspension</p>

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Glyset, Precose (including acarbose)	Alpha Glucosidase Inhibitor Therapy	<p>Step 1: Two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Metformin b. Sulfonylurea c. Thiazolidinedione (TZD) d. Insulin e. Byetta <p>Step 2: Glyset or Precose (including acarbose)</p>
Amitiza	Amitiza Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lactulose b. Polyethylene glycol <p>Step 2: Amitiza</p>
Micardis, Micardis HCT	Angiotensin Receptor Blocker: Group 2	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACE inhibitor b. ACE inhibitor/hydrochlorothiazide combination c. ACE inhibitor/calcium channel blocker combination d. Losartan or Losartan/HCTZ <p>Step 2: Micardis or Micardis HCT</p>
Benicar, Benicar HCT, Diovan, Diovan HCT, Atacand, Atacand HCT, Avapro, Avalide, Teveten, Teveten HCT	Angiotensin Receptor Blocker: Group 3	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACE inhibitor b. ACE inhibitor/hydrochlorothiazide combination c. ACE inhibitor/calcium channel blocker combination d. Losartan or Losartan/HCTZ <p>Step 2: Benicar, Benicar HCT, Diovan, Diovan HCT</p> <p>Step 3: Atacand, Atacand HCT, Avapro, Avalide, Teveten, or Teveten HCT</p>
Emsam, Pexeva, Fluoxetine 90 mg DR	Antidepressant Therapy*	<p>Step 1: One of the following Tier 1 or Tier 2 antidepressants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SSRI b. SNRI c. Bupropion d. Mirtazapine <p>Step 2: Emsam or Pexeva or Fluoxetine 90 mg DR</p>

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Aricept 23mg	Aricept	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Donepezil 10mg b. Donepezil ODT 10mg <p>Step 2: Aricept 23mg</p>
Azor	Azor Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACE inhibitor b. ACE inhibitor/hydrochlorothiazide combination c. ACE inhibitor/calcium channel blocker combination d. Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist e. Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist Combination <p>Step 2: Azor</p>
Evoxac	Cholinergic Agonist Therapy	<p>Step 1: Pilocarpine</p> <p>Step 2: Evoxac</p>
Clarinex Syrup	Clarinex Suspension Therapy	<p>Step 1: Cetirizine syrup</p> <p>Step 2: Clarinex Syrup</p>
Clarinex tablets, Clarinex RDT, Clarinex-D tablets	Clarinex Tablet Therapy	<p>Step 1: Fexofenadine or Levocetirizine</p> <p>Step 2: Clarinex tablets, Clarinex RDT, or Clarinex-D tablets</p>
Strattera	CNS Stimulant Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine combinations b. Dextroamphetamine c. Dexmethylphenidate d. Methylphenidate <p>Step 2: Strattera</p>
Januvia, Onglyza	Dipeptidyl Peptidase 4 Inhibitor Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Metformin b. Sulfonylurea c. Thiazolidinedione (TZD) d. Insulin e. Byetta <p>Step 2: Januvia or Onglyza</p>

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Janumet	Dipeptidyl Peptidase 4 Inhibitor/ Metformin Combination Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Metformin b. Sulfonylurea c. Thiazolidinedione (TZD) d. Insulin e. Byetta <p>Step 2: Janumet</p>
Duetact	Duetact Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sulfonylurea b. Thiazolidinedione <p>Step 2: Duetact</p>
Exforge, Exforge HCT	Exforge Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACE inhibitor b. ACE inhibitor/hydrochlorothiazide combination c. ACE inhibitor/calcium channel blocker combination d. Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist e. Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist Combination <p>Step 2: Exforge or Exforge HCT</p>
Fanapt	Fanapt Therapy*	<p>Step 1: One of the following atypical antipsychotics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Risperidone b. Seroquel/Seroquel XR c. Zyprexa/Zyprexa Zydis <p>Step 2: Fanapt</p>
Vesicare	Genitourinary Smooth Muscle Relaxant Therapy	<p>Step 1: Oxybutynin or Oxybutynin ER</p> <p>AND</p> <p>One of the following: Detrol, Detrol LA, Enablex, Oxytrol or Gelnique</p> <p>Step 2: Vesicare</p>

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Byetta	Incretin Mimetic Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Metformin b. Sulfonylurea c. Insulin d. Thiazolidinedione <p>Step 2: Byetta</p>
Aerobid, Asmanex, Alvesco	Inhaled Corticosteroid Therapy	<p>Step 1: One tier 1 or tier 2 inhaled corticosteroid</p> <p>Step 2: Aerobid, Asmanex, Alvesco</p>
Kombiglyze XR	Kombiglyze XR Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Metformin b. Sulfonylurea c. Thiazolidinedione (TZD) d. Insulin e. Byetta. <p>Step 2: Kombiglyze XR</p>
Lansoprazole (Generic), Lansoprazole ODT (Generic)	Lansoprazole Therapy	<p>Step 1: Omeprazole, Pantoprazole, or Nexium</p> <p>Step 2: Lansoprazole (generic) or Lansoprazole ODT (generic)</p>
Zyflo CR	Leukotriene Modifier Asthma Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Formulary Beta-agonist b. Formulary Inhaled corticosteroid c. Formulary Inhaled Beta-agonist/Corticosteroid combination d. Formulary Oral Corticosteroid <p>Step 2: Zyflo CR</p>
Foradil, Serevent	Long Acting Beta Agonist Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inhaled corticosteroids b. Inhaled anticholinergics <p>Step 2: Foradil or Serevent</p>
Lunesta	Lunesta Therapy	<p>Step 1: Zolpidem or Zolpidem CR</p> <p>Step 2: Lunesta</p>

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Prandin, Starlix	Meglitinide Therapy	<p>Step 1: Two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Metformin g. Sulfonylurea h. Thiazolidinedione (TZD) i. Insulin j. Byetta. <p>Step 2: Prandin or Starlix</p>
Novantrone Injection	Novantrone Therapy	<p>Step 1: mitoxantrone 2 mg/mL injection</p> <p>Step 2: Novantrone 2 mg/mL injection</p>
Xalatan	Ophthalmic Prostaglandin Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lumigan b. Travatan Z <p>Step 2: Xalatan</p>
FML Forte, Vexol	Ophthalmic Steroid Therapy	<p>Step 1: Ophthalmic prednisolone acetate</p> <p>Step 2: FML Forte or Vexol</p>
Ranexa	Ranexa Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Long-acting nitrate b. Beta-blocker c. Calcium-channel blocker <p>Step 2: Ranexa</p>
Selfemra	Sarafem Therapy*	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sertraline b. Fluoxetine <p>Step 2: Selfemra</p>
Cyclobenzaprine (extended-release)	Skeletal Muscle Relaxants	<p>Step 1: Cyclobenzaprine (immediate-release)</p> <p>Step 2: Cyclobenzaprine (extended-release)</p>
Stalevo	Stalevo Therapy	<p>Step 1: Carbidopa/levodopa AND Comtan</p> <p>Step 2: Stalevo</p>

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Altoprev, Lescol, Lescol XL	Statin Therapy: Group 1	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Simvastatin b. Lovastatin c. Pravastatin d. Lipitor e. Crestor <p>Step 2: Altoprev, Lescol, or Lescol XL</p>
Vytorin	Statin Therapy: Group 4	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lipitor b. Crestor <p>Step 2: Vytorin</p>
Symbicort	Symbicort Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inhaled corticosteroid b. Long-acting beta agonist c. Inhaled anticholinergic agent d. theophylline <p>Step 2: Symbicort</p>
Tekturna, Tekturna HCT	Tekturna Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACE inhibitor b. ACE inhibitor combination c. Angiotensin II receptor blocker d. Angiotensin II receptor blocker combination <p>Step 2: Tekturna or Tekturna HCT</p>
Elidel, Protopic	Topical Immunomodulator Therapy	<p>Step 1: Topical Corticosteroid</p> <p>Step 2: Elidel or Protopic</p>
Tribenzor	Tribenzor Therapy	<p>Step 1: One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACE inhibitor b. ACE inhibitor combination c. Angiotensin II receptor blocker d. Angiotensin II receptor blocker combination <p>Step 2: Tribenzor</p>

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Axert, Frova, Relpax	Triptan Therapy	Step 1: Naratriptan or Sumatriptan Step 2: Axert, Frova, or Relpax
Twynsta	Twynsta Therapy	Step 1: One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACE inhibitor b. ACE inhibitor combination c. Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker d. Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker Combination Step 2: Twynsta
Uloric	Uloric Therapy	Step 1: Allopurinol Step 2: Uloric
Valturna	Valturna Therapy	Step 1: One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACE inhibitor b. ACE inhibitor combination c. Angiotensin II receptor blocker d. Angiotensin II receptor blocker combination e. Tekturna or Tekturna HCT Step 2: Valturna
Viibryd	Viibryd Therapy*	Step 1: One Tier 1 or Tier 2 SSRI or SNRI Step 2: Viibryd
Xopenex Nebulizer	Xopenex Nebulizer Therapy	Step 1: Albuterol (nebulizer) Step 2: Xopenex Nebulizer
Zelapar	Zelapar Therapy	Step 1: Selegiline Step 2: Zelapar

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Zetia	Zetia Therapy	Step 1: One of the following: a. Lovastatin b. Pravastatin c. Simvastatin d. Crestor e. Lipitor Step 2: Zetia

***Step therapy applies to new starts only**