### Positioning Your Program to Tackle Immuno-Oncology Integration Challenges

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 I <u>do intend</u> to discuss off-label uses of products during this activity.





- Key Administrative Challenges
- Strategies for Success
- Present Coverage for I-O agents
- Practice Considerations and Needs for Coverage and Reimbursement
- Internal Demand for Use of I-O agents
- Reimbursement Concerns
- Implementing Best Practices and Preparing Your Practice for Success



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### Key Administrative Challenges

- Managing onslaught of new information for staff and patients, and ensuring that all are appropriately educated
  - Ensuring patients are triaged appropriately, particularly with regard to new or unfamiliar adverse events

Managing reimbursement, patient financial support, and cash flow implications of new products



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Managing onslaught of new information for staff and patients, and ensuring that all are appropriately educated



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### Keeping Up With New Information



- Current products on the market are the "tip of the iceberg" when looking at manufacturers' I-O pipelines
- During the next one to five years, we can expect a new I-O product every few months
- Not only new products, but a myriad of new combinations and regimens

How can practices and their staffs keep up with the new information, stay informed, and make sure patients are appropriately educated?



### Strategies for Information Management and Education

Identify an "Immuno-Oncology Champion" from among your providers to be the "I-O point person" responsible for all product questions and staff education

Identify a core group within your practice to manage patient education, including the review of existing patient materials and/or the development of new materials specific to I-O agents and management of their adverse effects

Proactively update staff on new information and consider use of manufacturer-provided resources including on-site training/education



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Ensuring patients are triaged appropriately, particularly with regard to new or unfamiliar adverse events



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### Triage of Patients With Adverse Events

- I-O agents have an adverse event profile that differs from those associated with chemotherapy or commonly used biologic agents
- Staff triaging patient phone calls need to be aware of potentially serious adverse events requiring immediate attention
  - Example: If patients go to ED or other setting, hospital clinicians need to be made aware of adverse events associated with I-O therapies
- Educating patients/staff and developing protocols for patient triage/management will help ensure that adverse events are quickly identified, managed, and mitigated

Have you updated your practice protocols, particularly with regards to triaging patients, to account for patients on I-O therapies and the associated potential for

adverse events?

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### Strategies for Triage of Patients With Adverse Events

Use your "I-O Champion" to take the lead in developing/revising any treatment protocols that may be impacted by the addition of new I-O therapies in your practice

Educate all patients on an I-O therapy to clearly identify themselves as on a I-O therapy. Make sure that these patients can be quickly identified as being on an I-O therapy in their medical record

As part of staff education, ensure that clinical <u>and</u> non-clinical staff understand and can identify the most common adverse events associated with I-O products, and know when these events could be potentially life-threatening and/or require immediate clinical attention

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### Managing reimbursement, patient financial support, and cash flow implications of new products.



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### Managing Reimbursement and Finances

- New to market I-O agents may not have specific J-Code assigned
- The high demand for off-label use of new products leads to reimbursement questions/concerns
- Private payers have been reported to be sending retrospective denials, particularly for off-label uses, even when there was a pre-determination in acceptance of the use.

How can practices ensure financial stability and viability while quickly making new I-O therapies available to patients? How can practices best ensure that they are reimbursed, and that patients have the financial support that they need?



# Strategies for Reimbursement and Financial Management

1 Ensure process is in place for appropriate management/billing until J-Code is assigned

Identify a point person from within your financial or reimbursement staff to focus on I-O agents and understand the nuances of the various manufacturer programs, co-pay foundations, and patient assistance programs to optimize reimbursement and patient support.

Ensure your practice has sufficient Patient Advocate support. Most practices have found that Financial Counselors/Medication Assistance Coordinators pay for themselves many times over; if you are not sure if you have enough, it's a good time to conduct an analysis.



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# Strategies for Reimbursement and Financial Management

Require precertification for all on-label uses and enroll all patients in manufacturersponsored program for benefits investigation/copay support

Develop an off-label policy for IO therapies. Suggested best practice:

- Require predetermination for all off-label requests
- Enroll all patients in manufacturer-sponsored program for benefits investigation, appeals, and potential medication replacement
- Ensure patients are made aware of risks and benefits, including financial
- Require patients to sign an Advanced Beneficiary Notice or Notice of Non-Coverage

Be prepared for patients who may be willing to pay for I-O therapies out of pocket. Patient advocates should be well versed in having that conversation with patients in addition to talking about their benefits and potential support program assistance

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Current Coverage & Reimbursement Policies



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### Aetna Coverage Policy for Nivolumab and Pembrolizumab (as of Sept 30, 2015)

• Nivolumab\*\*

Covered for incompletely resected or unresectable metastatic or recurrent melanoma

Covered for NSCLC with progression on or after cytotoxic chemotherapy \*\*Requires preauthorization

Pembrolizumab

Covered for incompletely resected or unresectable metastatic or recurrent melanoma



### Anthem Coverage Policy for Nivolumab and Pembrolizumab (as of Sept 30, 2015)

### Nivolumab

Covered for incompletely resected or unresectable metastatic or recurrent melanoma in first line either as monotherapy or in combination with ipilumumab (before NCCN) and as monotherapy for second line or subsequent therapy for documented disease progression

Covered for squamous NSCLC with progression on or after cytotoxic chemotherapy

#### Pembrolizumab

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Covered for incompletely resected or unresectable metastatic or recurrent melanoma as monotherapy in first-line or subsequent therapy for documented disease progression

Wisconsin Physicians Service Medicare Policy for Nivolumab in NSCLC (as of Sept 30, 2015)

Nivolumab covered for metastatic NSCLC with progression on or after platinum-based chemotherapy

Note: WPS covers pembrolizumab and covers nivolumab as monotherapies for the treatment of metastatic melanoma



The James Experience with Immuno-oncology Agents



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### Pembrolizumab

- Twenty patients treated
  - No write-offs
  - One account being appealed, due to denial for rounding
- Utilize Merck support program for all patients
  - 0 received replacement assistance from Merck
  - 4 patients received copay assistance for an off-label indication that was covered by commercial payer
- Indications
  - Metastatic melanoma (90%)
  - Lung
  - Cholangiocarcinoma
  - Renal cell



## Nivolumab

- 128 patients treated
  - No write-offs
- Utilize BMS support program for all patients
  - 47 patients received replacement assistance from BMS
  - 14 patients received copay assistance
    - BMS copay support and disease based grants

### • Indications:

Renal Cell (28%) Metastatic Melanoma (25%) Lung (24%) Squamous Cell Carcinoma (skin) Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma Bladder Prostate

Head/Neck

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### **The Merck Access Program Enrollment Form**

Phone: 855-257-3932, Fax: 855-755-0518 The Merck Access Program PO Box 29067 Phoenix, AZ 85038

#### TO GET STARTED, COMPLETE THE ENROLLMENT FORM AND FAX TO 855-755-0518.

Product name:.

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~	PLEASE CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION(S) OF THE FORM		
	Patient Benefit Investigation	Section 1	
	Prior Authorization	Section 1	
	Appeal	Section 1	
	Merck Co-Pay Assistance Program	Sections 1, 2, 3	
U	Referral to the Merck Patient Assistance Program <sup>a</sup> (offered through the Merck Patient Assistance Program, Inc.)	Sections 1, 2, 4	

<sup>a</sup>Product replacement, available from the Merck Patient Assistance Program, may be available to health care providers whose patients do not have insurance or whose insurance does not cover the product, subject to certain financial, medical, and insurance criteria. The Patient Assistance Product Replacement Form may need to be submitted. Please call The Merck Access Program for additional information.



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SECTION 1 CONTINUED	Physician name:						
	Physician tax ID no.:	Physician NPI no.:	Physician license no.:				
	Address:						
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	City/State/Zip:						
S	Office contact person:	Offic	e contact number:				
	Practice/Facility name:						
	Practice tax ID no.:	Practice NPI no.:					
	Practice/Facility address:						
	City/State/Zip:						
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	MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL S	IGNATURE					
	By signing below. I represent and warrant the following:						
	<ul> <li>This request has been prepared exclusively by the physician or physician office identified in this request ("my Practice").</li> </ul>						
	My Practice has obtained written authorization from the patient identified in this request to disclose the patient's personal						
	health information (PHI), including information relating to the patient's medical condition and prescription medications and the information disclosed in this patient enrollment form, as well as the information included in this request, to The Merck Access						
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	"the Programs"), the administr	ators of the Programs, McKesson Spe	cialty Arizona, Inc. ("McKesson") for The Merck Access				
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	<ul> <li>and reimbursement support.</li> <li>My Practice has provided the r</li> </ul>	atient identified in this request with t	he notices necessary to comply with all federal and state				
<ul> <li>My Practice has provided the patient identified in this request with the notices necessary to comply with all federal a laws and regulations relating to medical and/or health privacy, including, but not limited to, the HIPAA Privacy Rule, or 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, as amended from time to time.</li> <li>I certify that I, or a physician in my Practice, have determined that the prescribed product is medically appropriate for identified above and that I, or a physician in my Practice, will be supervising the patient's treatment.</li> <li>If the patient receives product through the Merck PAP, reimbursement for such product administered to the patient wit sought from any source.</li> </ul>							
					<ul> <li>I also understand that neither or otherwise.</li> </ul>	nor my Practice will receive any reim	bursement from Merck, whether for administration fees

- I understand that information concerning program participants may be summarized for statistical or other purposes and provided to Merck and/or the Programs.
- I verify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

   Physician's original signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

   Physician's name (please print):\_\_\_\_\_ License no.:\_\_\_\_\_

   Is physician licensed in Vermont? (Y/N):\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, provide Vermont license no.:\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: 855-257-3932 Fax: 855-755-0518

Patient Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

MAP Case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the diagnosis and/or absence of prior treatments submitted on the MAP enrollment form, please have the physician select and sign <u>ONE</u> certification to indicate how KEYTRUDA is being prescribed:

#### **NCCN** Certification

I certify that I, or a physician in my Practice, have prescribed KEYTRUDA consistent with the NCCN levels of evidence for Category 1 or Category 2A. The NCCN guidelines are located at <u>www.nccn.ora</u>.

Please note: If KEYTRUDA is being prescribed for a non-FDA approved indication, your patient is not eligible for the Merck Co-pay Assistance Program, nor is your patient eligible for you to receive product replacement through the Merck Patient Assistance Program.

Physician Signature

Date

Date

Unapproved Use Certification

(Not contained in NCCN Guidelines)

Please read the FDA-approved label for KEYTRUDA before prescribing. If the indication for which you are prescribing KEYTRUDA is not listed in the label, you are prescribing the medication for an "unapproved" use. The fact that the use for which you are prescribing this medication is not listed in the FDA-approved label indicates that the FDA has not approved the efficacy, dosage amount, or safety of this medication when used for such a use.

By signing below, I certify that (1) the above therapy is medically appropriate; and (2) clinical trials were not a viable option for this patient. For information about currently enrolling clinical trials, please call the Merck National Service Center at 800-672-6372 or visit www.clinicaltrials.gov.

Please note: If KEYTRUDA is being prescribed for a non-FDA approved indication, your patient is not eligible for the Merck Co-pay Assistance Program, nor is your patient eligible for you to receive product replacement through the Merck Patient Assistance Program.

Physician Signature



Oncology Reimbursement Support Phone: 1-800-861-0048 Fax: 1-888-776-2370 P.O. Box 221509 Charlotte, NC 28222-1509

Selection of Second Sec	Treatment Information (to be completed by provider)
Benefit Investigation / Prior Authorization / Appeals Assistance	Patient Name
Access to Care Services Please choose all services you would like to use. BMS Oncology Co-Pay Program (program available for Ixempra, Opdivo, and Yervoy) Please read and sign the Co-Pay agreement. Applying for Co-Pay assistance does not guarantee receipt of acceptance into the program. Comprehensive Coverage Research Research provides assistance to my patient in the nature of researching alternative methods of coverage of a BMS product	Patient Diagnosis: ICD-9 or ICD-10 Code     Description       Will this be?     Monotherapy     In Combination With       Therapy Provided in:     Doctor's Office     Hospital       Is Doctor Contracted with Patient's Insurance?     Yes     No       Therapy GIVEN     Therapy PLANNED
Specialty Pharmacy Services (for Oral Medications Only) Preferred Specialty Pharmacy:	Dates Dose Frequency Dates Dose Frequency
Screening to: Bristol-Myers Squibb Patient Assistance Foundation (BMSPAF)	
Product Prescribed (to be completed by provider)  DROXIA® (hydroxyurea)  LXSODREN® (mitotage)	
DROXIA® (hydroxyurea)       LVSODREN® (mitotane)         ERBITUX® (cetuximab)       OPDIVO® (nivolumab)         ETOPOPHOS® (etoposide phosphate)       SPRYCEL® (dasatinib)         IXEMPRA® (ixabepilone)       YERVOY® (ipilimumab)	Erbitux-related testing:         KRAS Tested?       Yes       No       If "Yes", what was the result?         EGFR Tested?       Yes       No       If "Yes", what was the result?
Patient Information (to be completed by patient)	
Personal Information       Name       First     Middle Initial       Last	Insurance Information Do you have insurance through: (please check all that apply)
Address	Insurance Military program for medication
City         State         Zip           Home Phone ()         Cell Phone ()	Medicare: 🔲 Part A 🗂 Part B 🛄 Part D 🔲 Medicare 🔲 None
Patient E-mail Address	Insurance Name Phone ID/Policy# Group# Policy Holder
Social Security Number* Gender:	Primary Insurance: Please list below Secondary Insurance: Please list below
Medications currently taking	
Financial Information (complete if choosing Comprehensive Coverage Research or BMSPAF)	State, Veteran or other Prescription Coverage: Please list below
Number of people in your household (Include yourself, your spouse and your dependents) Total household income: \$ per month OR \$ per year Your application may be subject to audit or request for additional documentation.	If you chose Medicaid or Veteran status above, please choose applicable options below.         Medicaid Status       Not Applied       Denied       Application Pending         Veteran Status       Yes       No       Applied for VA       Yes       No         Please continue to the pages 4-5 to read and sign the Patient Authorization and Agreement.

### Support Program Experience

- We use the support programs whether on or offlabel for both medications
- On-label requests follow our High Dollar Medication Process flow algorithm
- Off-label requests follow either the Medicare or Other Payers Process flow algorithms



- Medicare
  - No LCD yet
  - Require signed ABN if off label
- Managed Medicare
  - Clinical policy guidelines are available for all major payer plans
  - Require off-label predetermination
    - Off-label considered with clinical support and patient information, decisions on a case-by-case basis

Require NONC with unsuccessful predetermination



- Medicaid
  - Can not require NONC
  - If denied, only option is a support program
- Managed Medicaid
  - Clinical policy guidelines are available (Caresource, Molina, etc.)
  - Require off-label predetermination
    - Off-label considered with clinical support and patient information, decisions on a case-by-case basis
  - Require signed NONC with unsuccessful predetermination

- Anthem, Humana, Aetna, Cigna
  - Clinical policy guidelines are available for all
  - Require off-label predetermination
    - Off-label considered with clinical support and patient information, decisions on a case-by-case basis
  - Require signed NONC with unsuccessful predetermination



- Anthem
  - Melanoma pathway lists Nivolumab as the preferred agent
  - Appear to have most scrutiny and where we have seen the most denials even after predetermination authorization



- United Health Care
  - Follows NCCN Guidelines
  - Require off-label predetermination
    - Off-label considered with clinical support and patient information, decisions on a case-by-case basis
  - Require signed NONC with unsuccessful predetermination
- Patients willing to pay out-of-pocket, if necessary for entire therapy

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### Challenges

- Requests for off-label use immediately following FDA approval
- Payers initially not prepared to answer coverage questions and render decisions
- Support programs are different
  - Testing requirement
  - Off-label support (initially)
- Resource intense

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- Clinical team (physicians, pharmacists, APPs)
- Reimbursement staff

### **Number of Off-Label Requests**



### Challenges

- Communication/coordination due to multiple individuals and processes involved (internal/external)
- Out of pocket payments
- Budget impact
  - Current off-label use
  - Pending indications
  - Number of clinical trials

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### How have we made it work?

- High dollar medication approval process
  - Enroll every patient into a support program, regardless of on or off-label
  - Clinical specialist pharmacist at point of care provides support and engages clinical team
- Robust Off-Label Policy and Procedure
  - All off-label requests require predetermination
  - Patients are made aware of risks and benefits, including financial risk
  - Patients are required to sign an ABN or NONC
  - Utilize peer review process as necessary

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# How have we made it work?

- Added Reimbursement Specialists to the Pharmacy Department
  - Handle all high dollar approvals
    - Submit manufacturer program application and perform precertification
  - Handle all off-label predeterminations
  - Engage directly with Clinical Specialist Pharmacists
  - Determine out of pocket payment amount when necessary
- Pharmacy follows every claim to ensure payment
- Developed detailed process flows





- Formal process with a team approach
- Key players:
  - Pharmacist
  - Physician
  - Advanced Practice Provider (CNP or PA)
  - Reimbursement Specialist
- Effective and traceable form of communication is essential



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- Pharmacist role
  - Discuss rationale for off-label use with the team
  - Retrieve supporting literature
  - Review CMS approved compendia and NCD/LCD
  - Enter request into off-label use database
    - Entry triggers an email to pharmacy director, P&T committee chair, reimbursement specialist team



- Reimbursement Specialist role
  - Verify medical insurance
  - Obtain copies of pertinent information from patient medical record (treatment plan, diagnostic studies, etc.)
  - Retrieve supporting literature (if not already provided by team)
  - Verify compendia and NCD/LCD support
  - Identify appropriate ICD-9 code(s) and HCPCS code(s) for medications



- Reimbursement Specialist role
  - Draft letter of medical necessity
  - Fax letter and supporting evidence to payer
  - Confirm payer has received information
  - Continue to follow-up until approval/denial received
  - Request approval number and individual name



#### James Off Label Database

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OFF-LABEL USE DATABASE SEARCH RESULTS

#### Displaying submission record(s) 1 through 1 of 1 Record(s) Found

Patient Name	MRN	Submission Date	Off-Label Medications	Pharmacist	Claim Status	Payor	Submission Status
Patient, Test Again	99887766	06/29/2015		Smith2, Michael	Pending PC	Other Payors	Open
Click patient name to view/update submission details							

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OFF-LABEL USE DATABASE SUBMISSION SEARCH FORM

Select Search Criteria

Select multiple criteria to narrow results

Patient Last Name:				
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Patient MRN:		<u>Key:</u>		
Pharmacist:	•	<b>Pending Pre-D</b> = waiting on		
Date range:		reimbursement team		
Beginning date:	(m/d/yyyy)			
Ending date:	(m/d/yyyy)	Pending Admin = Awaiting		
Pre-Cert Status:	© Pending Pre-D	pharmacy administration		
	Pending Admin			
	Admin Approved	review		
	Pre-D Submitted	Admin Approval =		
	Pre-D Approved			
	Pre-D Denied	Administration approval		
	Pre-D Appealed	<b>Pre-D</b> = Pre-determination		
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Payor:	Medicaid Omedicare Oself-pay Other Payors			
	SEARCH Reset			

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OFF-LABEL USE DATABASE RECORD DETAIL

Patient Name: Patient, Test Again

MRN: 99887766 Dx Code(s): 1234

Pharmacist: Smith2, Michael

Phone: Pager:

Submission Date: 06/29/2015 Rec ID: 944 Location: 5-CCCT Diagnosis: Sorry, This is another test submission. Please ignore. --Kim

		TREATMENT REG	IMEN		
	( please in	Regimen Deta dicate treatment frequency	ils //days, cycle length	, etc)	
Another test subm	nission				
Medication	Dose (ex: mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Patient's Calculated Dose	ACQ Cost Per Dose	No. Doses Per Cycle	Use Off-Labe
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

Planned cycles per regimen: 0

Cost per treatment cycle: \$ Physician: Awan, Farrukh TOTAL treatment cost: \$0 Disease Service: GI Med/Onc

Reason for Off-Label Use:

Another test submission

PEER REVIEW SUPPORT				
Medication 1	Medication 2	Medication 3	Medication 4	
FDA Approved	FDA Approved	FDA Approved	FDA Approved	
NCD-covered indication	NCD-covered indication	NCD-covered indication	NCD-covered indication	
LCD-covered indication	LCD-covered indication	LCD-covered indication	LCD-covered indication	
AHFS-DI-Indication is	AHFS-DI-Indication is	AHFS-DI-Indication is	AHFS-DI-Indication is	
supportive	supportive	supportive	supportive	
NCCN-Indication is	NCCN-Indication is	NCCN-Indication is	NCCN-Indication is	
Category 1 or 2A				
DrugDex-Indication is	DrugDex-Indication is	DrugDex-Indication is	DrugDex-Indication is	
Class I, IIa, or IIb				
Two Phase II Studies				
One Phase III Study				
Other	Other	Other	Other	
None Available	None Available	None Available	None Available	
If Other checked, please				
describe:	describe:	describe:	describe:	

MRN: Medical Record Number Dx Code: diagnosis code

CLAIM DETAILS				
Claim status:				
Patient receiving medication				
Pending payment				
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O Denied-final				
Completed-paid				
Not given				
Service Date(s): 07/12/15, 07/19/15				
HAR(s): 07/01/2015, 07/07/2015				
Total Amount Reimbursed: \$20,345.00				
Bundled or Inpatient: O Yes O No				
Reason if claim denied:  Medical necessity  No authorization  Experimental/investigational  Other				
If "other", please describe: other denied reason test- appeal submitted reference# 123456856				
Total acquistion Cost of Denied Drug(s): \$500.00				
Total amount recovered by appeal: \$500.86				
Total amount replaced by manufacturer: \$0.12				
Claim comments: claim comments go here				
Last modification date: 07/27/2015	Last modified by: S Hudson-DiSalle			

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Claim status:				
Patient receiving medication				
Pending payment				
Denied-pending appeal				
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© Denied-final				
Completed-paid				
Not given				
Service Date(s): 07/12/15, 07/19/15				
HAR(s): 07/01/2015, 07/07/2015				
Total Amount Reimbursed: \$20,345.00				
Bundled or Inpatient: O Yes O No				
Reason if claim denied: O Medical necessity O No a	uthorization 🔘 Experimental/investigational 💿 Other			
If "other", please describe: other denied reason test- appeal submitted reference# 123456856				
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## Peer Review Process

- Off-label requests lacking supportive evidence require approval by:
  - Disease Specific Leader (GI, GU, Lung, etc..)
  - Division Director (hematology or oncology)
  - Pharmacy Administrator/Director
- Safety, efficacy, and cost must be considered
- Decisions may take up to 72 hours depending on availability of individuals

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#### **Off-Label Medication Process: Medicare Pre-Treatment**



#### **Off-Label Medication Process: Medicare Post-Treatment**







# ACCC Resources: Financial Advocacy

#### The Value of Dedicated Financial Coordinators

http://www.accc-cancer.org/resources/pdf/FAN/FAN-The-Value-of-Dedicated-Financial-Coordinators.pdf

#### ACCC 2015 Patient Assistance and Reimbursement Guide

http://www.accc-cancer.org/publications/PatientAssistanceGuide.asp

#### **Patient Financial Advocate Position Description**

http://www.accc-cancer.org/resources/pdf/FAN/FAN-Patient-Financial-Advocate.pdf



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### **Future Considerations**

- Payer ability to keep up with accelerating evidence based new indications (e.g., new lines of therapy, new tumor types)
- Increasing utilization of anti-PD1s in combination with a host of agents (e.g., chemo, targeted, immunotherapeutic)
- Step therapy specifications may be embedded into precert criteria to specify preferred agents as number of marketed anti-PD1s and anti-PDL1s increases
- Potential for coverage policies to be biomarker driven
   (e.g., PDL1 overexpression)

#### **Panel Discussion**



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