

**Generic Name:** Dabrafenib

**Therapeutic Class or Brand Name:** Tafinlar

**Applicable Drugs (if Therapeutic Class):** Kinase Inhibitor

**GPI Code:** 21532025100130

**Preferred:** N/A

**Non-preferred:** N/A

**Date of Origin:** 5/18/2018

**Date Last Reviewed / Revised:** 11/8/2020

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(May be considered medically necessary when criteria I through III are met)

- I. Documented diagnosis of one of the following conditions A through E and must meet criteria listed under each applicable diagnosis.
  - a. Unresectable or metastatic melanoma and criterion 1 and 2 are met:
    1. Documentation of BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA approved test.
    2. Tafinlar® will be used as a single agent.
  - b. Unresectable or metastatic melanoma and criterion 1 and 2 are met:
    1. Documentation of BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA approved test.
    2. Tafinlar® will be used in combination with Mekinist® (trametinib).
  - c. Melanoma with lymph node involvement following complete resection and criterion 1 and 2 are met:
    1. Documentation of BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA approved test.
    2. Tafinlar® will be used in combination with trametinib.
  - d. Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and criterion 1 and 2 are met:
    1. Documentation of BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA approved test
    2. Tafinlar® will be used in combination with trametinib.
  - e. Locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) and criterion 1 and 2 are met:
    1. Documentation of BRAF V600E mutation as detected by and FDA approved test.
    2. Documentation that there are no satisfactory locoregional treatment options.
    3. Tafinlar® will be used in combination with trametinib.
- II. Minimum age requirement: 18 years old.
- III. Prescribing physician is an oncologist.

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Not indicated for treatment of wild-type BRAF melanoma, wild-type BRAF NSCLC or wild type BRAF ATC.

## OTHER CRITERIA

- N/A

## QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- Unresectable or metastatic melanoma -150 mg twice per day (60 caps/30 days).
- Adjuvant treatment of melanoma- 150 mg twice per day (60 caps/30 days) for up to 1 year.
- NSCLC and ATC- 150 mg twice per day (60 caps/30 days).

## APPROVAL LENGTH

- **Authorization:** 6 months.
- **Re-Authorization:** An updated letter of medical necessity or progress notes showing current medical necessity criteria are met and the medication is effective. Please note: for adjuvant treatment of melanoma Tafinlar® is only indicated to be given up to 1 year.

## APPENDIX

N/A.

## REFERENCES

1. <https://www.pharma.us.novartis.com/sites/www.pharma.us.novartis.com/files/tafinlar.pdf>.
2. [Medi-span](#)
3. <https://www.nccn.org/>

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