



UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy  
Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2024 P 2328-2
Program	Prior Authorization/Medical Necessity
Medication	Voquezna <sup>®</sup> (vonoprazan)
P&T Approval Date	3/2024, 6/2024
Effective Date	9/1/2024

**1. Background:**

Voquezna is a potassium-competitive acid blocker indicated for healing and to maintain healing of all grades of erosive esophagitis and relief of heartburn associated with erosive esophagitis in adults, and in combination with amoxicillin or amoxicillin and clarithromycin for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) infection in adults.

**2. Coverage Criteria<sup>a</sup>:**

**A. Erosive Esophagitis**

**1. Authorization**

a. **Voquezna** will be approved based on **both** of the following:

(1) For the treatment or maintenance of erosive esophagitis

**-AND-**

(2) History of failure, contraindication, or intolerance to **one** of the following:

- (a) omeprazole
- (b) pantoprazole
- (c) rabeprazole

**Authorization will be issued for 9 months.**

**B. *Helicobacter Pylori***

**1. Authorization**

a. **Voquezna** will be approved based on **both** of the following:

(1) For the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) in combination with amoxicillin or amoxicillin and clarithromycin

**-AND-**

(2) History of failure, contraindication, or intolerance to **one** of the following:

- (a) omeprazole

- (b) pantoprazole
- (c) rabeprazole

**Authorization will be issued for 1 month.**

<sup>a</sup> State mandates may apply. Any federal regulatory requirements and the member specific benefit plan coverage may also impact coverage criteria. Other policies and utilization management programs may apply.

**3. Additional Clinical Rules:**

- Notwithstanding Coverage Criteria, UnitedHealthcare may approve initial and re-authorization based solely on previous claim/medication history, diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and/or claim logic. Use of automated approval and re-approval processes varies by program and/or therapeutic class.
- Supply limits may be in place.

**4. References:**

1. Voquezna [package insert]. Buffalo Grove, IL: Phathom Pharmaceuticals Inc.; November 2023.
2. Chey, WD et al. ACG Clinical Guideline: Treatment of Helicobacter pylori Infection. Am J Gastroenterol 2017; 112:212–238; doi: 10.1038/ajg.2016.563; published online 10 January 2017.

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<b>Change Control</b>	
3/2024	New program.
6/2024	Updated step one options to include omeprazole and pantoprazole.