

Romiplostim (Nplate®)

Place of Service
Office Administration
Outpatient Facility Infusion
Administration
Infusion Center Administration

HCPCS: J2796 per 10 mcg

Condition listed in policy (see criteria for details)

- [Chemotherapy-induced thrombocytopenia](#)
- [Primary immune thrombocytopenia \(ITP\)](#)
- [Myelodysplastic syndrome \(MDS\) – related thrombocytopenia](#)

AHFS therapeutic class: Other miscellaneous therapeutic agent

Mechanism of action: thrombopoietin receptor agonist

(1) Special Instructions and Pertinent Information

Covered under the Medical Benefit, please submit clinical information for prior authorization review via fax.

(2) Prior Authorization/Medical Review is required for the following condition(s)

All requests for Nplate® (romiplostim) must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior to drug administration or claim payment.

Chemotherapy-induced thrombocytopenia

1. Platelet count is <100, 000/mcl (i.e. <100 x10⁹/L), **AND**
2. Meets either of the following:
 - a. Being used following a delay (of at least one week) in chemotherapy related to thrombocytopenia, or
 - b. Thrombocytopenia is ≥ 3-4 weeks following last chemotherapy administration

Covered Doses

Up to 10 mcg/kg SC weekly

Coverage Period

3 months

ICD-10:

D69.5, D69.6, T45.1X5A, T45.1X5D, T45.1X5S

Primary immune thrombocytopenia (ITP)

1. Patient has refractory ITP, **AND**
2. Platelet count <30, 000/mcl (i.e. <30 x10⁹/L), **AND**
3. Not being used in combination with thrombopoietin receptor agonists (Promacta, Doptelet), **AND**
4. Inadequate response or intolerable side effect to one of the following treatments: corticosteroids, IVIG, anti-D antibody, or splenectomy, or contraindication to all these treatments cannot be used

Covered Doses

Up to 10 mcg/kg SC weekly

Coverage Period

Initial authorization: 3 months

Maintenance: Indefinite

ICD-10:

D69.3

Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)-related thrombocytopenia

1. Patient has **very low, low, or intermediate risk MDS** (See Table 1A below), **AND**
2. Inadequate response or intolerable side effect to one NCCN-supported first-line therapy for low risk MDS OR medical rationale why patient is unable to use all NCCN supported first-line therapies for low risk MDS. (See Table 2A below)

Covered Doses

Up to 1500 mcg weekly

Coverage Period

Initial: 6 months

Reauthorization for 6 months if meets the following:

1. Patient disease has not progressed to acute leukemia, **AND**
2. Increased platelet level from baseline

ICD-10:

Table 1A: MDS Foundation International Prognostic Scoring System (IPSS-R) Factors

- Hemoglobin
- Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC)
- Platelets
- Bone Marrow Blasts
- Cytogenetic Category

<https://www.mds-foundation.org/ipss-r-calculator/>

Table 2A: NCCN Supported First-line Agents for Severe or Refractory Thrombocytopenia

Hypomethylating agents

- Decitabine
- Azacytidine

Immunosuppressive therapy (IST)

- Equine ATG (antithymocyte globulin)
- Cyclosporine A
- Lenalidomide

(3) The following condition(s) DO NOT require Prior Authorization/Preservice

All requests for Nplate® (romiplostim) must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior to drug administration or claim payment.

(4) This Medication is NOT medically necessary for the following condition(s)

Coverage for a Non-FDA approved indication, requires that criteria outlined in Health and Safety Code § 1367.21, including objective evidence of efficacy and safety are met for the proposed indication.

Please refer to the Provider Manual and User Guide for more information.

(5) Additional Information

How supplied:

125 mcg, 250 mcg, 500 mcg (single-use vials)

(6) References

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(7) Policy Update

Date of last review: 4Q2023

Date of next review: 4Q2024

Changes from previous policy version:

- No clinical change to policy following routine annual review.

*BSC Drug Coverage Criteria to Determine Medical Necessity
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