### Overview
Mupirocin is an antibiotic used for the treatment of secondarily infected traumatic skin lesions (up to 10 cm in length or 100 cm² in area) caused by susceptible isolates of *S. aureus* and *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

### Coverage Guidelines
Authorization may be granted if the following drug specific criteria are met:

**Mupirocin 2% cream**
- Patient has a diagnosis of impetigo **AND**
- Patient has infected skin lesions due to susceptible strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* or *Streptococcus pyogenes* species **AND**
- Patient experienced an inadequate response or intolerance to generic mupirocin ointment* for the current indication.

**Bactroban (mupirocin) Nasal 2% Ointment†**
- Patient has a diagnosis is eradication of nasal colonization with *methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) **AND**
- Patient experienced an inadequate response or intolerance to generic mupirocin ointment* for the current indication.

*Pharmacist’s Notes: mupirocin ointment is available without a prior authorization; however, mupirocin 2% cream and Bactroban Nasal ointment require a prior authorization.
Although not FDA-approved for intranasal use, generic mupirocin ointment should be tried prior to the Bactroban nasal product. The mupirocin ointment contains PEG which can potentially cause a drying effect or stinging/irritation; the intranasal formulation is a non-PEG (paraffin-based) product.

Limitations

1. Approvals will be granted for a one-time fill within 7 days of authorization

References

1. Bactroban (mupirocin calcium) ointment [prescribing information]. Research Triangle Park, NC: GlaxoSmithKline; March 2017

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