



Preferred Drug List NEW DRUG REVIEW

Proprietary Name: Ziana™ Gel

Common Name: Clindamycin phosphate 1.2% & tretinoin 0.025%

PDL Category:

<u>Comparable Products</u>	<u>Preferred Drug List/ Recommended Drug List Status</u>
Cleocin-T® Gel	Preferred (with conditions)
Retin-A® Gel	Preferred (with conditions)

Summary

Indications and Usage: Topical treatment of acne vulgaris

Mechanism of Action: Clindamycin phosphate: Interferes with protein synthesis by binding to 50S ribosomal subunit. Tretinoin: Although the exact mechanism of action of tretinoin is unknown, current evidence suggests that the effectiveness of tretinoin in acne is due primarily to its ability to modify abnormal follicular keratinization

Dosage Forms: Gel; 1.2% clindamycin & 0.025% tretinoin

Recommended Dosage: Apply to affected area once-a-day at night

Common Adverse Drug Reactions: Dry skin, nasopharyngitis,

Contraindications: Should not be used in patients with ulcerative colitis, regional enteritis, or past history of antibiotic-associated colitis

Manufacturer: Medicis & Dow Pharmaceutical Sciences

Analysis: Ziana™ Gel is the first product to combine a retinoid with an antibiotic for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris. The current prior authorization criteria for coverage of a preferred tretinoin product (when used to treat acne vulgaris) requires unsuccessful trials with topical over-the-counter benzoyl peroxide and a systemic or topical antibiotic used for acne. Use of duplicate topical therapy with a preferred tretinoin and an antibiotic are only approved in cases where each topical product has failed when used alone. Therefore, Ziana™ Gel should be added to the Preferred Drug List as a non-preferred product since topical combination therapy is not allowed as first line treatment for acne vulgaris according to current prior authorization criteria. Additionally, use of the two separate preferred products (Cleocin-T® Gel and Retin-A® Gel) are more cost effective than the combination product.

IME Recommendation:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Drug with Conditions	