

Temporary Changes to the Accessibility of Oral Nutritional Supplements (ONS) for Post- Kidney Transplant Patients for 2020 to 2021

The Pharmacy and Formulary Committee and Provincial Renal Dietitians Group have agreed to provide ONS coverage for post-kidney transplant patients, irrespective of kidney transplant date, for the next calendar year, starting September 27, 2020, and effective until September 30, 2021.

During this time frame, the dietitian responsible for the nutritional care of the post-kidney transplant patient will follow the criteria as set out in the Nutritional Supplement Policy to determine eligibility of the patient for ONS. Please refer to the Nutritional Supplement Policy for details.

If a post-kidney transplant patient requires ONS, the dietitian may order the following supplements through PROMIS Classic without special approval or opening of another treatment centre:

- o Ensure Plus (all flavours as per Formulary drop down menu)
- o Glucerna (all flavours as per Formulary drop down menu)
- o Nepro Carb Steady Vanilla

If a patient requires another specialty formula (Suplena, Novasource Renal, Resource Diabetic) or Resource Beneprotein/Just Protein, the dietitian will provide Dan Martinusen (dan.martinusen@bcpra.ca) and Dani Renouf (drenouf@providencehealth.bc.ca) a communication letter by email to outline details of rationale for formula selection. Formulas not on our BC Renal formulary may only be considered for approval under special circumstances and assessed on a case by case basis.

Once approval for the specialty formula has been granted, the PROMIS Support team will be contacted to open another treatment centre for the patient in order to allow for the ordering of supplements, which will be covered for either a 3 month or 6 month period. After this point, the treatment centre will be closed.

Please direct your questions to drenouf@providencehealth.bc.ca.

This is a pilot project that will result in a better understanding and possible funding going forward in collaboration with BC Transplant.