

# **EXPAREL®**

## **Postsurgical Pain Management**

### **Introduction**

EXPAREL is indicated for single-dose infiltration in patients aged 6 years and older to reduce postsurgical pain (regional analgesia) lasting for a duration of  $\geq 3$  days.

- EXPAREL is given by injection during surgery as part of an opioid-minimizing approach and controls pain for the first few days after surgery when you need it most.
- EXPAREL works by numbing the area of your body where your surgery was performed, unlike opioids, which affect your whole body.
- Your doctor can extend pain relief by several more days with a booster injection of EXPAREL (administered in the office) two to three days after surgery.

Side effects can occur with any medication. Patients in clinical trials who received EXPAREL were 2 to 10% more likely to experience nausea, vomiting, fever, and constipation. Please consult with your pharmacist about the possible side effects of EXPAREL.

### **Handle With Care**

EXPAREL must be refrigerated as soon as possible. Never put EXPAREL in the freezer. If possible, travel with your EXPAREL in an insulated bag along with an ice pack. EXPAREL is most effective when kept cold.

### **Cost**

EXPAREL can cost from as low as \$80 to as high as \$450 per vial. Most pharmacies do not carry EXPAREL and will not order it. Some insurance plans may pay for EXPAREL purchased at a pharmacy, but most will not.

A. Notifier:

B. Patient Name:

C. Identification Number:

## Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage (ABN)

**NOTE:** If Medicare doesn't pay for D. \_\_\_\_\_ below, you may have to pay.

Medicare does not pay for everything, even some care that you or your health care provider have good reason to think you need. We expect Medicare may not pay for the D. \_\_\_\_\_ below.

D.	E. Reason Medicare May Not Pay:	F. Estimated Cost

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW:

- Read this notice, so you can make an informed decision about your care.
- Ask us any questions that you may have after you finish reading.
- Choose an option below about whether to receive the D. \_\_\_\_\_ listed above.

**Note:** If you choose Option 1 or 2, we may help you to use any other insurance that you might have, but Medicare cannot require us to do this.

### G. OPTIONS: Check only one box. We cannot choose a box for you.

- ☐ **OPTION 1.** I want the D. \_\_\_\_\_ listed above. You may ask to be paid now, but I also want Medicare billed for an official decision on payment, which is sent to me on a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). I understand that if Medicare doesn't pay, I am responsible for payment, but I can appeal to Medicare by following the directions on the MSN. If Medicare does pay, you will refund any payments I made to you, less co-pays or deductibles.
- ☐ **OPTION 2.** I want the D. \_\_\_\_\_ listed above, but do not bill Medicare. You may ask to be paid now as I am responsible for payment. I cannot appeal if Medicare is not billed.
- ☐ **OPTION 3.** I don't want the D. \_\_\_\_\_ listed above. I understand with this choice I am **not** responsible for payment, and I cannot appeal to see if Medicare would pay.

### H. Additional Information:

**This notice gives our opinion, not an official Medicare decision.** If you have other questions on this notice or Medicare billing, call **1-800-MEDICARE** (1-800-633-4227/TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

Signing below means that you have received and understand this notice. You may ask to receive a copy.

I. Signature:	J. Date:
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