

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT Marketplace

DRUG NAME	Lupkynis (voclosporin)
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Lupkynis is an oral calcineurin inhibitor (CNI) immunosuppressant that is structurally similar to cyclosporine A. It was approved by the FDA in 2021 for the treatment of adults with active lupus nephritis (LN), in combination with background immunosuppressive therapy.

LN is a complication of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and can progress to end stage renal disease (ESRD). Proteinuria is often the first sign of LN, which is evident by an elevated urine protein creatinine ratio (UPCR). Diagnosis is confirmed by a kidney biopsy, which reveals the classification of disease and is used to guide treatment.



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