



Recently Introduced Products

Drug Name	Indication	Potential Impact	Expected Avg. Annual Cost
Januvia Tablet	For adult patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus, in combination with metformin, to improve glycemic control when diet and exercise, plus metformin, do not provide adequate glycemic control	\$\$	\$1233.70

Ⓢ: Est. drug plan expenditure increase of <1%* ⓈⓈ: Est. drug plan expenditure increase of 1-5%* ⓈⓈⓈ: Est. drug plan expenditure increase of >5%*

Cialis® 2.5mg and 5mg – Now Available For Once a Day Dosing

Cialis® were first introduced in the Canadian market in autumn of 2003, for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED) in men. The strengths available were 10 mg and 20 mg, are taken when required before sexual activity. The newly available Cialis® 2.5mg and 5mg Once-a-Day (OaD) strengths offer the possibility of treating ED without regard to the timing of desired sexual performance. This ongoing or every day alternative dosing regimen for the treatment of ED offers the option of achieving an adequate physiological erection, prior to sexual intercourse, on a spontaneous basis.

The cost of the currently available drugs for the treatment of ED ranges from \$11.13 to \$12.68 per tablet, and they are to be taken at least thirty minutes to two hours prior to sexual activity. The duration of action of these drugs ranges from four to thirty six hours.¹⁻³ Table 1 below compares the new Cialis tablet, once daily dosing, versus what is currently available.³

ED Medication	Dose	Cost/Unit	Pills/Week	Cost/Month	Pills/Week	Cost/Month
Viagra	50 mg	\$ 11.13	2	\$ 89.04	3	\$ 133.56
Viagra	100 mg	\$ 11.57	2	\$ 92.56	3	\$ 138.84
Levitra	10 mg	\$ 11.82	2	\$ 94.56	3	\$ 141.84
Levitra	20 mg	\$ 12.29	2	\$ 98.32	3	\$ 147.48
Cialis	10 mg	\$ 12.61	2	\$ 100.84	3	\$ 151.26
Cialis	20 mg	\$ 12.68	2	\$ 101.42	3	\$ 152.13
Cialis OaD	2.5 mg	\$ 3.80	7	\$ 106.40	7	\$ 106.40
Cialis OaD	5 mg	\$ 3.80	7	\$ 106.40	7	\$ 106.40

Unit Cost per tablet is based on Ontario manufacturers' prices

Oral ED drugs are not part of ClaimSecure standard prescription plans. For plan sponsors who have elected to cover erectile dysfunction drugs under their plan, Cialis® 2.5 mg and 5 mg will be automatically covered. The existing maximums will also apply.

The annual cost of using Cialis® 2.5 mg or 5 mg will be approximately \$1600. ClaimSecure clients that wish to review their existing ED drug coverage, please contact your Client Service Associate.

If you require additional information about Cialis®, please contact Shellina Sevany, Manager, Clinical Services Department, at (905) 949-3025 or 1-888-479-7587 ext.3025.

Recommendation: Include/Exclude (depending on group plan design)

ClaimSecure reserves the right to amend in part or in its entirety stated special authorization clinical guidelines

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References:

- 1) Viagra™ Product Monograph. Pfizer Canada Inc., March 9, 2006.
- 2) Levitra® Product Monograph. Bayer Inc., October 24, 2006.
- 3) Cialis® Private Submission Binder. Eli Lilly Canada Inc., December, 2007.

