

Applicable Drugs: Dificid (fidaxomicin)

Preferred: fidaxomicin (generic)

Non-preferred: N/A

Date of Origin: 12/13/2023

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(May be considered medically necessary when criteria I through V are met)

- I. Documented presence of clinically significant diarrhea caused by *Clostridioides difficile* infection that is confirmed by positive stool assay.
- II. Minimum age requirement: 6 months.
- III. Documentation of treatment failure or contraindication to a course of oral vancomycin.
- IV. Medication is prescribed in accordance with FDA labeling and is supported by current clinical practice guidelines.
- V. Treatment must be prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or infectious disease specialist.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- N/A

OTHER CRITERIA

- N/A

QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- Adults and pediatric patients weighing at least 12.5 kg: twenty 200 mg tablets per 10 days.
 - Patients weighing more than 12.5 kg with documented inability to swallow pills may be approved for one bottle of 40 mg/mL oral suspension per 10 days instead.
- Pediatric patients weighing at least 4 kg: one bottle of 40 mg/mL oral suspension per 10 days.

APPROVAL LENGTH

- **Authorization:** One course of treatment (10 days).
- **Re-Authorization:** N/A

APPENDIX

- N/A

REFERENCES

1. Difacid. Prescribing Information. Merck & Co., Inc.; 2022. Accessed July 24, 2025. https://www.merck.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/d/difacid/difacid_pi.pdf
2. Infectious Diseases Society of America and Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America. 2021 Focused Update Guidelines on Management of Clostridioides difficile Infection in Adults. Accessed July 24, 2025. <https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guideline/clostridioides-difficile-2021-focused-update/>

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