

Directory of Prescription Drug Assistance Programs for Patients with Epilepsy

Company

Cyberonics

Program Name

B.J. Wilder VNS Therapy Access Program

Epilepsy Medications Available

Vagal Nerve Stimulation NCP Systems

Eligibility

This program provides access to VNS™ therapy for epilepsy patients lacking both insurance coverage and the ability to pay for the NCP® system. Information on status of eligibility for insurance coverage, including medicaid is not required.

Program Benefits Limits

Over the next five years (beginning October 1, 2000), Cyberonics will donate \$1million of VNS™ NCP® Systems (approximately 100) per year to patients whose physicians determine are candidates for the NCP System but who are without medical insurance coverage and who do not have the financial resources to otherwise pay for it. The NCP® Systems will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Application Process

The one page application must be completed by the patient and treating physician, then faxed to the B.J. Wilder VNS Therapy Access program Faxline at 1-888-577-7205. It is the physician's responsibility to secure agreement for payment alternatives from all participating parties such as the hospital and surgeon.

The physician/care provider also agrees to provide ongoing care for the patient, including follow-up and programming as necessary. Upon receiving acceptance notification, the physician must complete and return the Patient Eligibility Letter to the B. J. Wilder VNS Therapy Access Program within 30 days.

Once contacted by the hospital, Cyberonics will fax an NCP® System Requisition/Order Form for completion and return. Cyberonics will then ship the NCP® System for implantation. This System includes (1) NCP® Model 100 Pulse Generator, (1) Model 300 Series Bipolar Lead and (1) 400S Tunneling Tool. To avoid product expiration, the NCP® Model 100 should be implanted within 90 days of device shipment. Per FDA regulations, the Implant Registration Card should be returned to Cyberonics after implantation.

All patients receiving an NCP® System under the B. J. Wilder VNS Therapy Access Program must be enrolled in the VNS Patient Outcome Registry.

Renewal

NA

Requests and Information

VTAP Hotline 1-877-610-1180

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