



MRN: _____

DOB: _____

Phone: 1-800-809-1265 Fax: 1-866-872-8920

Guidelines for Prescribing Stelara® (ustekinumab) for Dermatology

(Required documentation with all initial referrals)

Patient Name: _____

Referral Date: _____

_____ Include signed and completed **Plan of Treatment**. *(MD must complete sections 1-6)*
(Infusion order forms & Standard Adverse Reactions orders are available at www.palmettoinfusion.com under Agency/MD tab)

_____ Include patient demographic information and insurance information. (Copy of insurance cards if available)

_____ **Supporting clinical MD notes to include any past tried and/or failed therapies, intolerance, outcomes or contraindications to conventional therapy. Include any lab results and/or tests to support diagnosis.**

- STELARA® (ustekinumab) is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with **moderate to severe plaque psoriasis** who are candidates for phototherapy or systemic therapy. Patients weighing 100 kg or less, the recommended dose is 45 mg initially, 4 weeks later, and then every 12 weeks. For patients weighing more than 100 kg, the recommended dose 90 mg initially, 4 weeks later, and then every 12 weeks.
- Indicated for the treatment of adult patients with **active psoriatic arthritis**, used alone or in combination with methotrexate. The recommended dose is 45 mg initially, 4 weeks later, and then every 12 weeks. For patients with co-existent moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis weighing more than 100 kg, the recommended dose 90 mg initially, 4 weeks later, and then every 12 weeks.

_____ If patient is switching biological therapies, then MD must specify wash-out period prior to starting Stelara® as specified of _____ weeks. Last known biological therapy: _____ and last date received: _____.

_____ Other as requested: _____

Pre-Screening: (TB and Hepatitis screening results must be available prior to start of therapy and within last 12 months.)

_____ **Required TB screening results: PPD or QuantiFERON Gold Test.**
 (* If screening results are positive or indeterminate, then a negative CXR result is required.)

_____ **Required Hepatitis screening to include: Hepatitis B Surface Antigen results.**

**** Warnings/Precautions:** **Serious Infections:** STELARA® (ustekinumab) may increase the risk of infections and reactivation of latent infections. In patients with psoriasis, serious infections included diverticulitis, cellulitis, pneumonia, appendicitis, cholecystitis, sepsis, osteomyelitis, viral infections, gastroenteritis and urinary tract infections. In patients with psoriatic arthritis, serious infections included cholecystitis. **Reversible Posterior Leukoencephalopathy Syndrome (RPLS):** One case of reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome (RPLS) was observed in clinical studies of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. If RPLS is suspected, administer appropriate treatment and discontinue STELARA®. RPLS is a neurological disorder, which can present with headache, seizures, confusion, and visual disturbances. RPLS has been associated with fatal outcomes. **Concomitant Therapies:** in clinical studies of psoriasis the safety of STELARA® in combination with other immunosuppressive agents or phototherapy was not evaluated. Evaluation of immunizations should be completed prior to and live vaccines should not be given before or concurrently with STELARA®. Inform patients the needle cover on the prefilled syringe contains dry natural rubber (a derivative of latex), which may cause allergic reactions in individuals sensitive to latex. See full prescribing information.

Palmetto Infusion Services will complete insurance verification and submit all required clinical documentation to the patient's insurance company for eligibility. Our office will notify you if any further information is required. We will review financial responsibility with the patient and refer them to any available Co-pay assistance as required. Thank you for the referral.
Please fax all information to 1-866-872-8920 or call 1-800-809-1265 for assistance.