

Lenalidomide (Revlimid®)

What is the process for obtaining REVLIMID® (lenalidomide)?

Lenalidomide is part of the Revaid Controlled Distribution Program (like pomalidomide and thalidomide) due to risk of birth defects. The Revaid program requires that the prescriber, patient and pharmacy/pharmacists register with the program and comply with program requirements to prevent risk of embryo-fetal exposure to the drug.

For pharmacies there are strict rules around dispensing which require pharmacy staff to re-certify with the program annually, maintain inventory logs, and fulfil additional counselling requirements prior to each dispense.

In BC, patients who are eligible for coverage through BC Cancer can obtain lenalidomide from one of the six registered BC Cancer pharmacies. Patients who are ineligible for coverage through BC Cancer can obtain Lenalidomide from a registered McKesson Specialty pharmacy.

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