# Specialty Pharmacy Managed Care Strategies

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## Purpose

- To provide an overview of:
  - □ Specialty Pharmacy
  - Managed care organization (MCO) Specialty
     Pharmacy management strategies

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## Agenda

- What is Specialty Pharmacy (SP)?
- Why do we manage SP drugs?
- SP Management Strategies
- What MCOs want from Specialty Pharmacies
- The future of SP

# Overview of pharmacy costs

- Prescription pharmacy costs account for 16% to 20% of total health care spend
- Average retail prescription cost = ~\$70.00
  - □Generic = \$26
  - □Brand = \$150
  - □Specialty = \$1800



# What is Specialty Pharmacy?

- Similar to the growth of Physician specialists, SP grew from the market's demand for "specialization" in drug distribution and clinical management of complex therapies
- SP's primary focus is on drug therapy in patients with less common and complex medical conditions

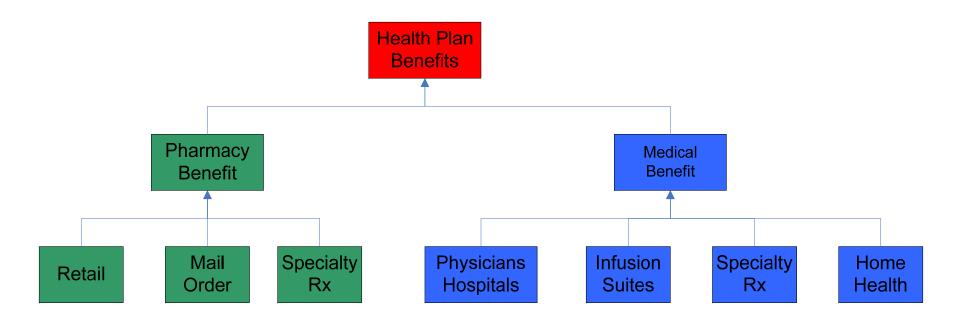
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# What is Specialty Pharmacy?

- Definition varies across the industry
- MCOs often define SP drugs as having many, if not all, of the following characteristics:
  - □ High cost (average ~\$1,500 per month)
    - Range from \$500 \$30,000 per month
  - □ Used to treat less common and complex diseases like multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and cancer
  - Requires special training and clinical support for members (pharmaceutical care)
  - □ The majority are self-injected by members

# What is Specialty Pharmacy?

 SP drugs are accessed from many different delivery channels





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#### SP Drug Examples

<u>Medications</u>	Cost (AWP) PMPY*
Avonex Betaseron, Rebif, Copaxone	\$20,000 +
Peg-Intron, Pegasys, Rebetron	\$25,000 +
Enbrel, Remicade, Humira, Kineret	\$18,000 +
Nutropin, Humatrope, Norditropin	\$20,000-25,000 +
Amevive, Raptiva, Enbrel	\$15,000 +
Recombinant Blood Factor Products	\$150,000-\$200,000 +
Cerezyme/Ceredase	\$250,000 +
Flolan, Tracleer, Remodulin	\$30,000 -100,000 +
Neupogen, Neulasta, Procrit, Aranesp	\$10,000-100,000 +
Gleevec, Tykerb, Revlimid	
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<sup>\*</sup>AWP = Average Wholesale Price; PMPY = Per Member Per Year

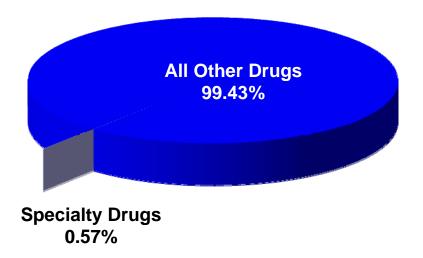
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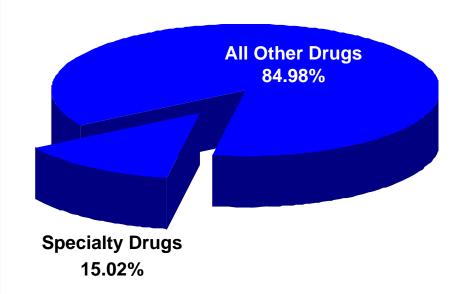
- SP drugs have significant financial impact on payors (managed care) and it's growing!
  - □ SP drug trend is 2-5 times higher than growth in traditional drugs over past 5 years
  - □ SP drugs now represent ~15 20% of total drug spend for many organizations
    - In 2003, SP drugs were ~9% of total drug spend
    - SP drugs often represent <1% of total prescription count</li>



Total number of prescriptions for Specialty drugs on the Pharmacy Benefit



Amount Paid for Specialty drugs on the Pharmacy Benefit



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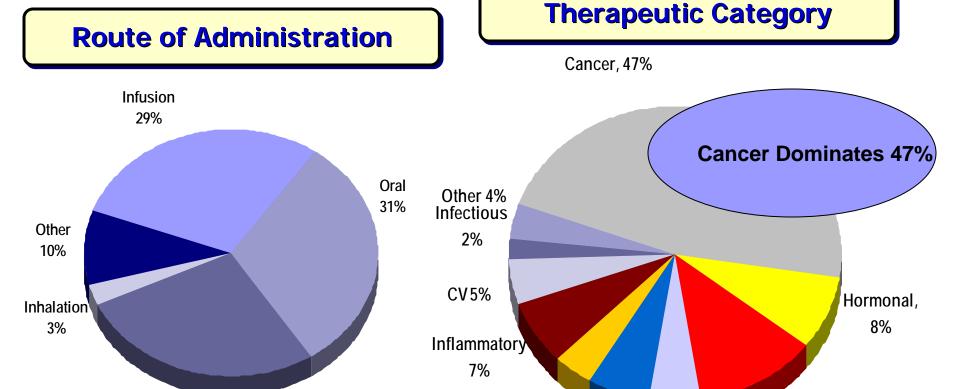
- There are many factors driving SP drug growth:
  - □ Technological advances
    - Human genome mapping, medical informatics
  - Increased research funding
    - Manufacturers shifting focus from traditional drug development to biotech drugs
  - □ Expanding use of SP drugs
    - Drug development is transitioning to more common disorders like cardiovascular and diabetes
- These 3 factors result in a very robust SP drug pipeline
  - More than 50% of drugs in development are considered SP drugs

#### Accredo Pipeline (n=657)

Injectable

27%

09.09.09-Promising Phase 2 (positive Phase 2 results) Forward, Products Not FDA Approved



Respiratory,

4%

Hematology Immune

System, 5%

6%

CNS 12%,

#### **Pipeline Management**

2010-2011 Near-Term Specialty Pipeline Drugs

Rheumatoid\* **Arthritis** ocrelizumab

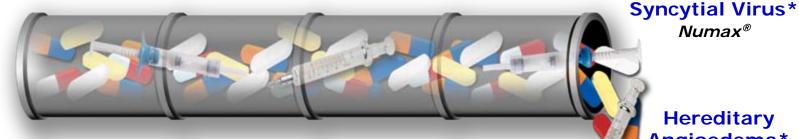
Gaucher's Disease\* Vela™ *Uplyso*<sup>™</sup>

Osteoporosis\* **Prolia**<sup>sM</sup>

**Cystic Fibrosis** Cayston<sup>®</sup> TIP

**Multiple** Sclerosis\*

Ampriva® fingolimod Movectro™



Lupus#

Benlysta epratuzumab Prestara™

Refractory Gout# Krystexxa<sup>™</sup>

Ideopathic **Pulmonary** Fibrosis# Pirespa®

Cancer\* Provenge® Yondelis® Pixuvri **Omapro** 

**Hereditary** Angioedema\*

Respiratory

Numax®

Firazyr™ Rhucin®

**Current specialty** 

**New specialty** therapies categories

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# Why do We Manage SP Drugs?

- SP drug coverage poses significant challenges in reimbursement and coverage
- SP drugs can be covered under:
  - □ Pharmacy Benefit
  - □ Medical Benefit
    - Hospital, Outpatient Infusion Center, Provider's Office, Home Infusion
  - □ Both!

# SP Management Strategies

- To control and minimize the growth of SP drug spending while continuing to provide quality care
- This strategy is often achieved through 2 main components with multiple underlying objectives
  - □ Cost Management unit and overall costs
    - Drug discounts
    - Channel management
    - Rebates
    - Benefit design options
  - □ <u>Utilization Management</u> assuring appropriate use
    - Formulary management
    - Prior authorization, quantity level limits
    - Clinical management
    - Genomic testing (future)



# SP Management Strategy

- To accomplish the strategy, Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) contract with Specialty Pharmacy vendors
  - □ Negotiate increased drug discounts
  - Provide efficient distribution channel
  - Some MCOs use SP vendor for utilization management services – prior authorization, formulary management, clinical management

# What Managed Care Wants from a Specialty Pharmacy

- Competitive pricing unit cost discounts
- High levels of customer service
- Promote safe and effective use of SP drugs leading to optimal clinical outcomes
- Eliminate waste and over-usage
- Broad access to SP drugs
- Reporting

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# Specialty Drug Benefit Designs

- Current benefit designs prevalent in the industry
  - Mandatory use of preferred Specialty Pharmacy vendors
  - □ Limit days supply to 30-days
  - □ Separate "tiers" of coverage (e.g. 4<sup>th</sup> Tier) with distinct copay levels
  - Utilization Management

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# Specialty Drug Benefit Designs

- Future benefit designs (potential)
  - Expanding use of 4<sup>th</sup> tier (and more) for specialty drugs
    - Not only distinct copays, but separate deductibles and maximum out of pocket costs
  - □ Limit first fill quantity (oral oncology agents)
  - □ Value based benefit designs promoting the use of SP drugs with proven outcomes

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#### The Future of SP

- Continued growth
  - Management strategies might slow growth, but won't stop it
- Evolution of new products and more targeted therapies for expanding populations
- Genomic testing is just beginning...
  - Ability to target which patients will respond to therapy based on specific markers
  - Expensive
  - □ Test validity is going to be an issue

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### Biosimilars (biogenerics)

- Health Care Reform
  - ☐ Title VII: Improving access to Innovative Medical Therapies
- Could reduce medication costs considerably
- Patents have already expired for \$15B worth of biologics
  - Human insulins
  - □ Growth hormone
  - □ Nonpegylated alfa interferons
- Significant barriers exist to market availability
  - Interchangeability
  - Regulatory pathways
  - □ Patent protection

Source: Accredo Specialty Pharmacy



#### Conclusion

- SP is growing rapidly and is a concerning segment of the overall drug spend
- The market is looking for ways to minimize the growth through strategies aimed at controlling costs and assuring appropriate utilization
- Future benefit designs will need to account for the rapid growth

# **Easy Questions**