#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ~ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ~ ADAP

#### Saquinavir mesylate (Invirase<sup>®</sup>)

### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM Request Form - Initial Request 12 weeks maximum

CLIENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLIENT'S DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADAP ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_ ADAP Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**DC ADAP Policy: Invirase**® (saquinavir mesylate) is an HIV-1 protease inhibitor. It is available as 200 mg oral capsule and 500 mg film-coated oral tablet.

Invirase® requires prior approval for coverage. Allow up to 96 hours for completion of request.

Please fax applicable diagnostic test results

### **Indication for Use:**

Saquinavir mesylate has been approved for use in clients for treatment of HIV-1 infection, in combination with ritonavir and other antiretroviral agents in adults.

### Criteria for use:

### Please complete and checkall that apply:

1. Medical Provider is experienced in the management and care of HIV infection.

 $YES \square NO \square$ 

2. Client does not have adherence issues with antiretrovirals or other medications.

YES  $\Box$  NO  $\Box$ 

3. Client has completed an EKG (pre-treatment) with a QT interval <450msec and will have a repeat EKG, within 10 days of starting saquinavir mesylate.

 $YES \Box NO \Box$ 

4. Client does not have congenital long QT syndrome, refractory hypokalemia, or hypomagnesemia.

 $YES \Box NO \Box$ 

5. Client is not at risk for complete (atrioventricular) AV block.

# $\text{YES}\ \Box\ \text{NO}\ \Box$

6. Client is appropriately monitored, if currently taking drugs that may cause QT prolongation (e.g. amiodarone, methadone, trazodone, etc.).

 $\text{YES}\ \Box\ \text{NO}\ \Box$ 

7. Client does not have severe hepatic impairment.

# YES $\square$ NO $\square$

8. Client is not currently taking drugs that are CYP3A substrates (e.g. alfuzosin, amiodarone, trazodone, clarithromycin, atazanavir, etc.).

# $\text{YES}\ \Box\ \text{NO}\ \Box$

9. Client will concurrently take ritonavir.

 $\text{YES} \ \Box \ \text{ NO} \ \Box$ 

10. Client has been informed of potential benefits and risks associated with saquinavir mesylate therapy.

 $YES \Box NO \Box$ 

11. Client's daily dose of saquinavir mesylate is\_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended dosage and administration:** The recommended dose\* of saquinavir mesylate is 1000 mg twice daily (5 x 200 mg capsules or 2 x 500 mg tablets) in combination with ritonavir 100 mg twice daily.

- For treatment-naïve patients the recommended dose is 500 mg twice daily with ritonavir 100 mg twice daily for the first 7 days. After 7 days, increase dose to 1000 mg twice daily with ritonavir 100 mg twice daily.
- If switching from a non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI) based regimen or a ritonavir-containing regimen, the recommended dose is 1000 mg twice daily with ritonavir 100 mg twice daily.
- If switching from delavirdine- or rilpivirine-containing regimen, the recommended dose is 500mg twice daily with ritonavir 100 mg twice daily.
- Saquinavir mesylate and ritonavir should be taken within 2 hours after a meal.
- Ritonavir should be taken at the same time as saquinavir mesylate.

\*There are no dose recommendations for patients with severe renal impairment or end stage renal disease.

Physician's signature:		Date:	
Physician's Name (Print):	Phone #:	Fax #:	
Fax Completed Form to Clinical Pharm Fax: 1 (888) 971-7229 Phone: 1 (800)	•	or Approval Program	
Approval: YES 🗆 NO 🗆 Date	Initials	Office use only	

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Reason for denial