

## Seracal Vytala

# Seracal ordering information

Using the contact information below, please submit completed forms to Pentec Health along with other required documentation, including insurance information (front and back of insurance cards), growth charts/weight trends, and recent clinical notes.



Please note the option to use a Word document for the letter of medical necessity using this link: myseracal.com/LetterMedicalNecessity

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## Seracal<sup>™</sup> Written Order

Phone: 888-639-2110 **eFax:** 866-869-9442 Email: orders@vytalapatientservices.com **Referral Date:** Clinic Contact: Phone:

Email: \_\_\_\_



Patient Detail			Information attached (growth charts/weight trends, clinical notes, LMN)				
Name			Parent or Legal Guardia	an, where applicable	Allergies		
DOB	_ M Sex	F Weight	lbs kg Height in	nches cm Email		Phone	
Street Address			City		State	Zip Code	
Emergency contact			Relationship		Phone		
Insurance Detail				Information att	ached (including fror	nt & back of insurance cards)	
					D	DB:	

Primary Plan Name			Subscriber Name				
ID #:			Group #:			Phone:	
						DOB:	
Secondary Plan Name			Subscriber Name			2001	
ID #:			Group #:			Phone:	
Prescriber Detail							
Prescriber Name:			NPI:		Licen	se #:	
Preferred Communication Method:	Phone	Fax	Email Address:				
Phone:	Fax:			_ Email:			
Diagnosis (Select all that apply)							

E44.0 Protein-calorie malnutrition of mild and moderate degree	K50.90 Crohn's disease	K90.829 Short bowel syndrome K90.89 Other Intestinal malabsorption R62.51 Failure to thrive (child) R62.7 Failure to thrive (adult) C25.9 Malignant neoplasm of pancreas		
E63.0 Essential fatty acid (EFA) deficiency	K85.90 Acute pancreatitis without			
E63.9 Unspecified nutrient deficiency	necrosis or infection, unspecified			
E84.0 - Cystic fibrosis with pulmonary manifestations	K86.1 Other chronic pancreatitis			
E84.9 - Cystic fibrosis, unspecified	K86.81 Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency			
K58.0 -Irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea	K90.0 - Celiac disease	Other:		
Order				

Application:	Oral	Tube Feeding	Patient	Age	Servings per Day	P	ackages per Month
Dispense Seracal <sup>™</sup> 202 gram package (15 doses) at amount indicated to right. 1 dose is 13.4g.		<12 yea	<12 years		daily 4		
		≥12 yea	≥12 years		daily 6	,	
Refill up to 12 t	imes for 1	year.			servings dail	У _	total packages/month
and I will be s	upervising	he indicated treatment is medi- the patient's treatment. Pented	: Health may			Dat	e:
contact this patient for purposes of completing the referral process.		rral process.	Digital Prescriber Signature				

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From:

NPI:

Re:

To:

#### SUBJECT: Medical Necessity for Seracal™

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting medical necessity approval for my patient for whom I have prescribed the use of **SERACAL**, a powdered medical food indicated for the dietary management of patients who suffer from malabsorption. **Based on my patient's clinical history**, I have determined that this product is medically necessary.

Patient name:

Date of birth:

### My patient's clinical information is as follows:

Height (inches or centimeters):

Weight (pounds or kilograms):

Current body mass index (BMI; kg/m<sup>2</sup>):

My patient has been diagnosed with (condition[s]):

Their malnutrition is manifested by a weight loss of (pounds or kilograms/%):

Their weight loss has occurred over a period of (duration of weight loss):

Please see attached weight history/growth chart, as well as other key nutritional metrics or nutrition therapy history, if relevant.

**SERACAL** is a medical food<sup>1</sup> that supplements healthy, long-chain fats and calories that also helps boost the absorption of fat and fat-soluble vitamins from other foods consumed, leading to the improved absorption and resulting blood values of essential fatty acids (EFAs), choline, and vitamins A and K.<sup>2</sup> It is specifically formulated and indicated for patients with a multitude of diseases where fat malabsorption is present. **SERACAL** also helps patients who struggle to gain and maintain weight, height and BMI. Fat malabsorption can lead to patients experiencing gas, bloating, chronic diarrhea,

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steatorrhea, abdominal pain and unintentional weight loss.<sup>3</sup> Left unmanaged, fat malabsorption can lead to poor health outcomes including malnutrition due to weight loss, failure to thrive, fat-soluble vitamin deficiencies (which can lead to bone disease<sup>3</sup>) or essential fatty acid deficiencies (EFAD).<sup>4,5</sup> The use of **SERACAL** can help alleviate these symptoms and reduce the incidence of these poor outcomes.<sup>2</sup>

**SERACAL** contains a primary energy source of fat and carbohydrate. **SERACAL** can be mixed into foods without altering taste or texture and can be mixed with water to flush down a feeding tube. It contains a pre-digested long chain fat complex that, once in the gut will also help increase absorption of fat-soluble nutrients from other foods the patient is consuming, enabling patients to reach and maintain a healthy weight, height, and BMI.<sup>2</sup>

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Your authorization of this prescribed medical food will have a positive impact on my patient's health. Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Prescriber Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Institution/Practice:

Enclosures:

References:

- A medical food, as defined in section 5(b)(3) of the Orphan Drug Act (21 U.S.C. 360ee(b)(3)), is "a food which is formulated to be consumed or administered enterally under the supervision of a physician and which is intended for the specific dietary management of a disease or condition for which distinctive nutritional requirements, based on recognized scientific principles, are established by medical evaluation." Frequently Asked Questions About Medical Foods; Second Edition Guidance for Industry. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. May 2016.
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