## **V Evkeeza**®

## Your guide to EVKEEZA® (evinacumab for injection)

#### Getting to know your HoFH treatment

EVKEEZA is used to treat adults and children aged 5 years and older with very high cholesterol caused by a condition called homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH). EVKEEZA is used with a low-fat diet and other medicines to bring down cholesterol levels.

This brochure is to provide you with information on EVKEEZA as a treatment for homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH). You will learn more about how EVKEEZA works, how it's given and what to do if you experience any side effects.

Read the Patient Medication Information leaflet for further information regarding EVKEEZA.

This brochure is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug, Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about EVKEEZA.



### **Quick facts**

- **EVKEEZA:** (1) Is used to treat the extremely high levels of LDL-cholesterol seen in HoFH.
  - 2 Reduces the level of LDL-cholesterol in the blood.
  - (3) Is a 60-minute IV infusion, given every 4 weeks.

# What is EVKEEZA and how does it work?

EVKEEZA is used with a low-fat diet and other medicines to bring down cholesterol levels in adults and children aged 5 years and older with very high cholesterol caused by HoFH.

## What is HoFH?



People with HoFH have extremely high levels of LDL-cholesterol – or 'bad cholesterol' – from birth.



Cholesterol levels this high can lead to heat attacks, heart valve disease or other problems at an early age. HoFH is a serious disease that is inherited from one's parents that dramatically limits the body's ability to remove bad cholesterol (LDL-C), which causes extremely high levels of bad cholesterol to remain in the body.

With HoFH, ANGPTL3 (a protein) stops the body from removing bad cholesterol. EVKEEZA was developed to block the effects of ANGPTL3.

Evinacumab, the active substance in EVKEEZA, attaches to ANGPTL3 and blocks its effects. When evinacumab blocks the effects of ANGPTL3, the level of LDL-cholesterol in the blood is reduced and problems caused by high LDL-cholesterol levels may also be reduced.



HoFH runs in families and it is usually passed down by both the father and the mother.



That's how EVKEEZA can lower LDL-cholesterol levels.

## How is EVKEEZA given?

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## 15 mg/kg

Your doctor will work out how much EVKEEZA to give you. The amount will depend on your weight. The recommended dose is 15 milligrams for every kilogram you weigh.

## 60 minutes/4 weeks

EVKEEZA is given to you by your doctor or nurse as a drip into a vein ('intravenous IV line') over 60 minutes. You will be given EVKEEZA every 4 weeks.

Your healthcare professional may slow down your infusion rate, temporarily stop, or permanently stop treatment with EVKEEZA if you have certain side effects.

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EVKEEZA can be taken in addition to current cholesterollowering treatments, so your doctor may prescribe other medicines. Be sure to use them exactly as your doctor or nurse tells you.

## **Missed dose?**

If you miss any infusion appointments, call your healthcare professional as soon as possible to reschedule.

## What do I need to know about my infusion?

### Preparing for the infusion

- Discuss with your healthcare professional where you will receive your infusion
- Talk to your healthcare professional about the importance of hydration, especially if you have any medical restrictions that limit fluids
- Hydration (drinking water) can make it easier to find difficult-to-access veins
- Dress in comfortable clothes that allow access to your arm (room temperature may vary)
- Consider bringing a book, music, or tablet device for entertainment
- For caregivers, you may want to come prepared with ways to keep your child occupied during treatment

### **2** Before the infusion

- Your healthcare professional may ask you questions about your general health
- You may receive a simple health assessment

### Ouring the infusion

- EVKEEZA will be delivered through a needle put into a vein in your arm
- The infusion lasts approximately 60 minutes
- A healthcare professional will monitor you
- Alert a healthcare professional immediately if you have any adverse reactions

#### 4 After the infusion

- You will be monitored for side effects after your EVKEEZA infusion
- Follow your healthcare team's post-infusion instructions
- Schedule a follow-up visit with your healthcare professional
- Call your healthcare professional if you experience any reactions or unusual symptoms

### What are the possible side effects?

EVKEEZA can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Talk to your doctor or nurse if you experience any side effects during or after your infusion.

Possible side effects	Uncommon but serious side effects
• Abdominal pain • Back pain	Anaphylaxis (symptoms may include swelling of the lips,

- Constipation
- Decreased energy
- Dizziness
- Flu symptoms
- Itchiness at the site of the injection
- Nausea
- Pain in legs or arms
- Runny nose
- Fatigue (for patients aged 5-11 years old)
- Sore throat or sinus infection

Anaphylaxis (symptoms may include swelling of the lips, tongue, or throat that makes it difficult to swallow or breathe, and may also include wheezing, feeling dizzy or fainting).

If you experience these symptoms, stop taking drug and get immediate medical help.

#### Do not use EVKEEZA if:

• You are allergic to evinacumab or any of the other ingredients in this medicine.

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take EVKEEZA. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including:

- If you are pregnant, think you might be pregnant, or plan to become pregnant, ask your healthcare professional for advice before taking EVKEEZA. EVKEEZA may harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare professional if you become pregnant while using EVKEEZA. For people who are able to become pregnant:
- Your healthcare professional may do a pregnancy test before you start treatment with EVKEEZA.
- You should use an effective method of birth control during treatment and for at least 5 months after the last dose of EVKEEZA. Talk to your healthcare professional about birth control methods that you can use during this time.
- If you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed, ask your healthcare professional for advice before you are given EVKEEZA. It is not known if EVKEEZA passes into your breast milk. You and your healthcare professional should decide if you will receive EVKEEZA or breastfeed.

Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements, or alternative medicines.

• Studies to test how EVKEEZA interacts with other drugs have not been done.

These are not all the possible side effects you may have when taking EVKEEZA. If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, tell your healthcare professional.

## If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or nurse.

## Where can I access further resources?



The Canadian FH Registry https://www.fhcanada.net/

EVKEEZA Website https://www.evkeeza.ca/

Find the full Product Monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes the Patient Medication Information by visiting the Health Canada website (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada.html) or the manufacturer's website (https://www.ultragenyx.com/ canadian-english/) or by calling 1-833-388-5872.

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