

Nucala
mepolizumab



Starting your treatment
with **NUCALA**

An introductory booklet
Please visit NUCALA.ca for more information

This brochure is intended for patients who have been prescribed NUCALA in the pre-filled autoinjector or safety syringe. For full information, please refer to the patient information leaflet that came with the NUCALA carton.

If you need to report an adverse event for any GlaxoSmithKline product, please call: 1-800-387-7374.

Always read the patient information leaflet before taking this medicine. If you have any questions, speak to your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. If you think you may be having an allergic or allergic-like reaction to NUCALA, stop taking NUCALA and seek medical attention immediately.

What is “severe eosinophilic asthma,” or “SEA”?

Whether it happened last week or last year, it is important for you to try to understand your diagnosis of severe eosinophilic asthma. This is a type of severe asthma where there is a presence of eosinophils. At some point, your asthma was no longer controlled with your current asthma medicines.



Now, your doctor has prescribed NUCALA in addition to your other asthma medicines to help treat your severe eosinophilic asthma. NUCALA (also known as mepolizumab) is an injection given under the skin once every four weeks. It helps treat adults with severe eosinophilic asthma whose asthma is not controlled with their current asthma medicines, such as high-dose inhalers.



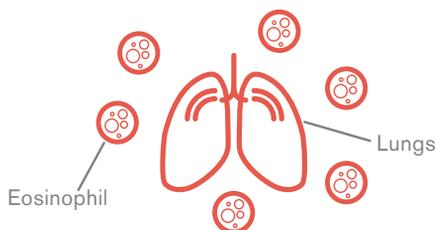
What does NUCALA do in severe eosinophilic asthma?

There are different types of severe asthma. This booklet is focused on severe eosinophilic asthma. Severe eosinophilic asthma is a type of severe asthma in which there is a presence of eosinophils (a type of white blood cell). Eosinophils have an important role in helping your body fight off infections. But for some people, eosinophils are also associated with inflammation of the airways that can cause your asthma to get worse or can increase the number of asthma attacks.



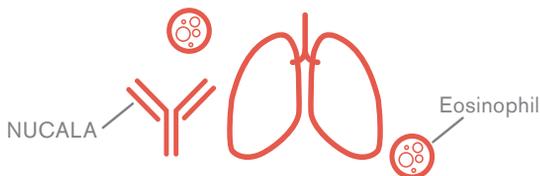
How does **NUCALA** work?

NUCALA works by binding to a specific protein called interleukin-5. By blocking the action of interleukin-5, NUCALA limits the production of more eosinophils from the bone marrow and lowers the number of eosinophils in the blood, lungs, and tissues.



Severe eosinophilic asthma

Eosinophil levels are increased and can cause airway inflammation



Treatment with NUCALA

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What do I need to know about NUCALA?

Your doctor has prescribed you NUCALA to help you with your severe eosinophilic asthma.

The recommended dose of NUCALA is 100 mg, given as 1 injection every four weeks.

It is important to take NUCALA as directed by your doctor. Do not stop using NUCALA unless advised by your doctor. Interrupting or stopping the treatment with NUCALA may cause your symptoms to become worse or occur more frequently.

Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if your asthma remains uncontrolled (or gets worse) after you start NUCALA treatment.

Remember: It's important that you immediately report any side effects you get to your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. See the inside back page for more information.





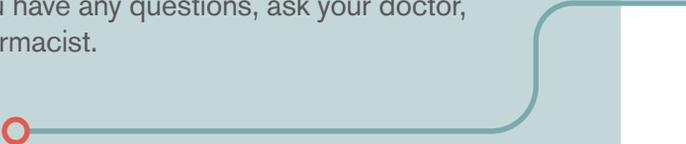
How is **NUCALA** *given?*

NUCALA is given by injection, just under the skin (a “subcutaneous” injection).

Your healthcare professional will decide if you or your caregiver can inject NUCALA. If appropriate, they will provide training to show you or your caregiver the correct way to give the injections before you use NUCALA. You should also read the Instructions for Use that come with your NUCALA pre-filled autoinjector or safety syringe for instructions about the correct way to give yourself an injection.

For a video tutorial on self-administering NUCALA using the pre-filled autoinjector or safety syringe, visit NUCALA.ca.

This kit is here to help give you information and encouragement that complements the support you’ll receive from your healthcare team. Be sure to read the package leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you. You can also refer to the quick-reference “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQs). If you have any questions, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.





Are there potential side effects?

Like all medicines, NUCALA can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The side effects caused by NUCALA are usually mild to moderate but can occasionally be serious.

The most common side effects of NUCALA (may affect more than 1 in 10 people) include: headache, joint pain, sinus infection, cough, sore throat, runny nose, nasal congestion (upper respiratory tract infection), diarrhea, vomiting, back pain, rash, neck pain, mouth and/or throat pain, injection site reaction (pain, redness, swelling, itching, and burning sensation of the skin near where the injection was given).

You can find more information about side effects in the package leaflet.

These are not all the possible side effects that you may feel when taking NUCALA. If you experience any side effects not listed in the package leaflet, contact your healthcare professional.

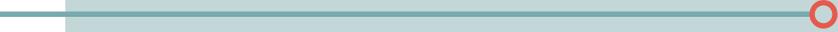
Some people may have allergic or allergic-like reactions. These reactions often occur within minutes to hours after the injection, but sometimes symptoms can start several days later. You may experience this type of reaction even if it is not your first injection of NUCALA.

Symptoms can include:

- Becoming very wheezy, cough, difficulty breathing, chest tightness
- Fainting, dizziness, suddenly feeling weak or lightheaded (due to a drop in blood pressure)
- Swelling of your eyelids, face, lips, tongue, mouth, and other areas of the body (angioedema), skin rash, hives, redness

Stop taking NUCALA and seek medical attention immediately if you think you may be having a reaction.

By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on this medicine.





The Vista Patient Support Program

By enrolling in the Vista Patient Support Program, you get access to customized services, which may include:

Reimbursement navigation

- Coordination of insurance benefits and renewals
- Reimbursement coverage assessment

Financial assistance

- Co-pay assistance
- Bridging to coverage

Patient education and support

- Access to a toll-free helpline, available Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm EST
- Registered nurses to provide patient education
- Injection services offered through your doctor's office or clinics affiliated with the patient support program
- Digital and print patient resources, including instruction for use videos
- Injection reminders and follow-up calls
- Pre-filled autoinjector and safety syringe training

Pharmacy services

- Patient counselling by experienced specialty pharmacy staff
- Convenient, free delivery to your doctor's office or clinics affiliated with the patient support program and, for self-injecting patients, this could also include your home or place of work

Talk to your doctor for more information about the Vista Patient Support Program.



***Where can I
get further
support?***



Call GSK Pharmaceutical inquiries:

1-800-387-7374

Visit our website: NUCALA.ca



Safety information

NUCALA is a prescription medicine used in addition to other asthma medicines to treat adult patients with severe eosinophilic asthma, whose asthma is not controlled with their current asthma medicines, such as high-dose inhalers.

Do not use NUCALA to treat acute asthma symptoms, such as a sudden asthma attack, or if you are allergic to mepolizumab or any of the other ingredients of this medicine.

Before you use NUCALA, talk to your healthcare professional if you:

have had a severe allergic reaction with monoclonal antibodies before; are taking corticosteroids or other asthma medicines; have an existing parasitic infection, live in a region where parasitic infections are common, or if you are travelling to such a region; have not had

chickenpox or chickenpox vaccine; are pregnant, think you may be pregnant, or are planning to become pregnant; breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed; are taking or have recently taken medicines, including drugs or medicines obtained without a prescription (vitamins, minerals, natural supplements, or alternative medicines).

Tell your healthcare team if your asthma symptoms remain uncontrolled or get worse while being treated with NUCALA.

NUCALA can cause serious side effects,

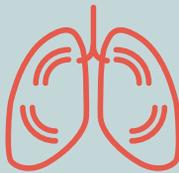
including allergic reactions. Serious allergic reactions can happen after you take your injection of NUCALA, but can sometimes happen hours or days later. **Stop taking NUCALA and seek medical attention immediately if you have any of the following symptoms of an allergic reaction:** becoming very wheezy, cough, difficulty

breathing, chest tightness; fainting, dizziness, suddenly feeling weak or lightheaded (due to a drop in blood pressure); swelling of your eyelids, face, lips, tongue, mouth, and other areas of the body (angioedema) skin rash, hives, redness. If you may have had a similar reaction before, tell your doctor before you take NUCALA.

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