

## **Package leaflet: Information for the patient**

### **Kesimpta 20 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe** ofatumumab

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. See the end of section 4 for how to report side effects.

#### **Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

#### **What is in this leaflet**

1. What Kesimpta is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you use Kesimpta
3. How to use Kesimpta
4. Possible side effects
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#### **1. What Kesimpta is and what it is used for**

##### **What Kesimpta is**

Kesimpta contains the active substance ofatumumab. Ofatumumab belongs to a group of medicines called monoclonal antibodies.

##### **What Kesimpta is used for**

Kesimpta is used to treat adults with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (RMS).

##### **How Kesimpta works**

Kesimpta works by attaching to a target called CD20 on the surface of B cells. B cells are a type of white blood cell which are part of the immune system (the body's defences). In multiple sclerosis, the immune system attacks the protective layer around nerve cells. B cells are involved in this process. Kesimpta targets and removes the B cells and thereby reduces the chance of a relapse, relieves symptoms and slows down the progression of the disease.

#### **2. What you need to know before you use Kesimpta**

##### **Do not use Kesimpta**

- if you are allergic to ofatumumab or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you have been told that you have severe problems with your immune system.
- if you are suffering from a severe infection.
- if you have cancer.

## **Warnings and precautions**

### **Talk to your doctor before using Kesimpta**

- Kesimpta may cause the hepatitis B virus to become active again. Your doctor will perform a blood test to check if you are at risk of hepatitis B infection. If this shows that you have had hepatitis B or are a carrier of the hepatitis B virus, your doctor will ask you to see a specialist.
- Before you start treatment with Kesimpta, your doctor may check your immune system.
- If you have an infection, your doctor may decide that you cannot be given Kesimpta or may delay your treatment with Kesimpta until the infection is resolved.
- Your doctor will check if you need any vaccinations before you start your treatment with Kesimpta. If you need a type of vaccine called a live or live-attenuated vaccine, it should be given at least 4 weeks before you start Kesimpta treatment. Other types of vaccines should be given at least 2 weeks before you start Kesimpta treatment.

### **While using Kesimpta**

Tell your doctor:

- if you have a general injection-related reaction or a local injection-site reaction. These are the most common side effects of Kesimpta treatment and are described in section 4. They usually occur in the 24 hours after Kesimpta is injected, in particular after the first injection. The first injection should take place under the guidance of a healthcare professional.
- if you have an infection. You may get infections more easily or an infection you already have may get worse. This is because the immune cells that Kesimpta targets also help to fight infection. Infections could be serious and sometimes even life-threatening.
- if you plan to have any vaccinations. Your doctor will tell you whether the vaccination you need is a live vaccine, a live-attenuated vaccine, or another type of vaccine. You should not be given live or live-attenuated vaccines during treatment with Kesimpta as this may result in infection. Other types of vaccines may work less well if they are given during treatment with Kesimpta.

Tell your doctor straight away if you get any of the following during your treatment with Kesimpta, because they could be signs of a serious condition:

- if you have rash, hives, trouble breathing, swelling of the face, eyelids, lips, mouth, tongue or throat, chest tightness, or feel faint. These could be signs or symptoms of an allergic reaction.
- if you think your multiple sclerosis is getting worse (e.g. weakness or visual changes) or if you notice any new or unusual symptoms. These effects may indicate a rare brain disorder called progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML), which is caused by a virus infection.

### **Children and adolescents**

Do not give this medicine to children and adolescents below 18 years of age because Kesimpta has not yet been studied in this age group.

### **Other medicines and Kesimpta**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

In particular, tell your doctor or pharmacist:

- if you are taking, have recently taken or might take medicines that affect the immune system. This is because these may have an added effect on the immune system.
- if you plan to have any vaccinations (see “Warnings and Precautions” above).

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor for advice before using this medicine.

### Pregnancy

You should avoid becoming pregnant while using Kesimpta and for 6 months after you stop using it.

If there is a possibility that you could become pregnant you should use an effective birth control method during treatment and for 6 months after stopping Kesimpta. Ask your doctor about the available options.

If you do become pregnant or think you may be pregnant during treatment or within 6 months after the last dose, tell your doctor straight away. Your doctor will discuss with you the potential risks of Kesimpta on pregnancy. This is because Kesimpta can reduce the number of immune cells (B cells) in both the mother and the unborn baby. Your doctor should report your pregnancy to Novartis. You can also report your pregnancy by contacting the local representative of Novartis (see section 6), in addition to contacting your doctor.

#### Breast-feeding

Kesimpta can pass into breast milk. Talk to your doctor about the benefits and risks before breast-feeding your baby while using Kesimpta.

#### Vaccination of newborn babies

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before vaccinating your newborn baby if you have used Kesimpta during your pregnancy (see “Warnings and precautions” above).

#### **Driving and using machines**

Kesimpta is unlikely to affect your ability to drive and use machines.

#### **Kesimpta contains sodium**

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, that is to say essentially ‘sodium-free’.

### **3. How to use Kesimpta**

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Kesimpta is given by subcutaneous injection (injection under your skin).

The first injection should take place under the guidance of a healthcare professional.

Kesimpta pre-filled syringes are for single use only.

For detailed instructions on how to inject Kesimpta, see “Instructions for use of Kesimpta pre-filled syringe” at the end of this leaflet.

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You can use Kesimpta at any time of day (morning, afternoon or evening).

#### **How much Kesimpta to use and how often to use it**

Do not exceed the dose prescribed by your doctor.

- The initial dosing is 20 mg Kesimpta administered on the first day of treatment (Week 0) and after 1 and 2 weeks (Week 1 and Week 2). After these first 3 injections, there is no injection in the following week (Week 3).
- Starting at Week 4 and then every month, the recommended dose is 20 mg Kesimpta.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Dose</b>
Week 0 (first day of treatment)	20 mg
Week 1	20 mg
Week 2	20 mg
Week 3	No injection
Week 4	20 mg
Every month afterwards	20 mg

### **How long to use Kesimpta**

Continue using Kesimpta every month for as long as your doctor tells you to.

Your doctor will regularly check your condition to determine whether the treatment is having the desired effect.

If you have questions about how long to use Kesimpta, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

### **If you use more Kesimpta than you should**

If you have injected too much Kesimpta, contact your doctor right away.

### **If you forget to use Kesimpta**

To get the full benefit of Kesimpta, it is important that you have every injection on time.

If you have forgotten an injection of Kesimpta, inject yourself as soon as possible. Do not wait until the next scheduled dose. The timing of future injections should then be calculated from the day you injected this dose and not based on the original schedule (see also “How much Kesimpta to use and how often to use it” above).

### **If you stop using Kesimpta**

Do not stop using Kesimpta or change your dose without talking with your doctor.

Some side effects can be related to a low level of B cells in your blood. After you stop treatment with Kesimpta your blood level of B cells will gradually increase to normal. This can take several months. During this time some side effects described in this leaflet may still occur.

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

## **4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The side effects of Kesimpta are listed below. If any of these side effects becomes severe, tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

### **Very common** (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- upper respiratory tract infections, with symptoms such as sore throat and runny nose
- injection-related reactions, such as fever, headache, muscle pain, chills and tiredness - these usually occur in the 24 hours after an injection of Kesimpta, in particular after the first injection
- urinary tract infections
- injection-site reactions, such as redness, pain, itching and swelling at the injection site

### **Common** (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- decrease in the blood level of a protein called immunoglobulin M, which helps protect against infection
- oral herpes
- nausea, vomiting (have been reported in association with injection-related reactions)

**Not known** (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)

- allergic reactions, with symptoms such as rash, hives, trouble breathing, swelling of the face, eyelids, lips, mouth, tongue or throat, chest tightness, or feeling faint

### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **5. How to store Kesimpta**

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and label after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Keep the pre-filled syringe(s) in the outer carton in order to protect from light. Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C). Do not freeze.

If necessary, Kesimpta can be left out of the refrigerator for a single period of up to 7 days at room temperature (not above 30°C). If not used during this period, Kesimpta can then be returned to the refrigerator for a maximum of 7 days.

Do not use this medicine if you notice that the solution contains visible particules or is cloudy.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

## **6. Contents of the pack and other information**

### **What Kesimpta contains**

- The active substance is ofatumumab. Each pre-filled syringe contains 20 mg ofatumumab.
- The other ingredients are L-arginine, sodium acetate trihydrate, sodium chloride, polysorbate 80, disodium edetate dihydrate, hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment) and water for injections.

### **What Kesimpta looks like and contents of the pack**

Kesimpta solution for injection is clear to slightly opalescent, and colourless to slightly brownish-yellow.

Kesimpta is available in unit packs containing 1 pre-filled syringe and in multipacks comprising 3 cartons, each containing 1 pre-filled syringe.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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## Instructions for use of Kesimpta pre-filled syringe

It is important that you understand and follow these instructions for use before injecting Kesimpta. Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you have any questions before you use Kesimpta for the first time.

### Remember:

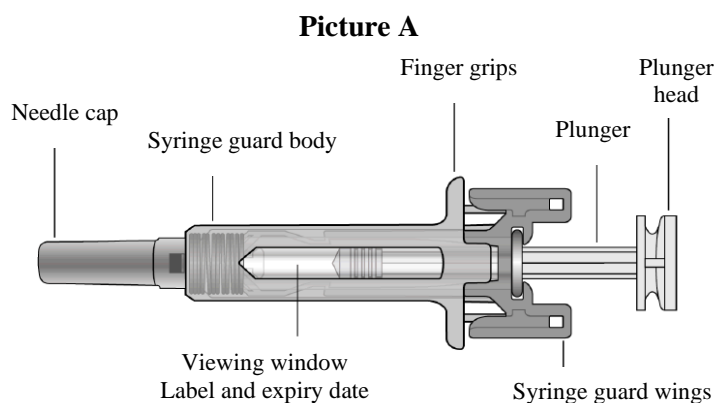
- **Do not use** the Kesimpta pre-filled syringe if either the seal on the outer carton or the seal of the blister is broken. Keep the Kesimpta pre-filled syringe in the sealed carton until you are ready to use it.
- **Do not shake** the Kesimpta pre-filled syringe.
- The pre-filled syringe has a needle guard that will automatically cover the needle after the injection is finished. The needle guard helps to prevent needlestick injuries to anyone who handles the pre-filled syringe after injection.
- Do not remove the needle cap until just before you give the injection.
- Avoid touching the syringe guard wings before use. Touching them may cause the needle guard to cover the needle too early.
- Do not use if the pre-filled syringe has been dropped onto a hard surface or dropped after removing the needle cap.
- Dispose of the used Kesimpta pre-filled syringe immediately after use. **Do not re-use a Kesimpta pre-filled syringe.** See “How should I dispose of the used Kesimpta pre-filled syringe?” at the end of these Instructions for Use.

### How should I store Kesimpta?

- Store the Kesimpta pre-filled syringe carton in a refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C.
- Keep the Kesimpta pre-filled syringe in the original carton until ready to use to protect from light.
- **Do not freeze** the Kesimpta pre-filled syringe.

**Keep Kesimpta out of the sight and reach of children.**

**Kesimpta pre-filled syringe parts (see Picture A):**



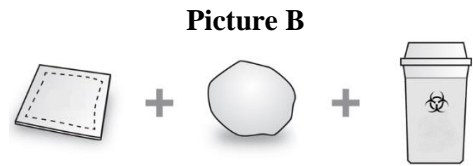
**What you need for your injection:**

Included in the carton:

- A new Kesimpta pre-filled syringe

Not included in the carton (see **Picture B**):

- 1 alcohol wipe
- 1 cotton ball or gauze
- Sharps disposal container



See “How should I dispose of the used Kesimpta pre-filled syringe?” at the end of these Instructions for Use.

**Prepare the Kesimpta pre-filled syringe**

Step 1. Find a clean, well-lit, flat work surface.

Step 2. Take the carton containing the Kesimpta pre-filled syringe out of the refrigerator and leave it **unopened** on your work surface for about 15 to 30 minutes so that it reaches room temperature.

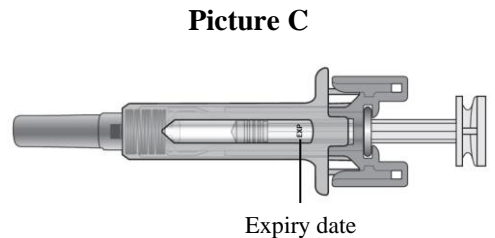
Step 3. Wash your hands well with soap and water.

Step 4. Remove the pre-filled syringe from the outer carton and take it out of the blister by holding the syringe guard body.

Step 5. Look through the viewing window on the pre-filled syringe. The liquid inside should be clear to slightly opalescent. You may see a small air bubble in the liquid, which is normal. **Do not use** the pre-filled syringe if the liquid contains visible particles or is cloudy.

Step 6. **Do not use** the pre-filled syringe if it is damaged. Return the pre-filled syringe and the package it came in to the pharmacy.

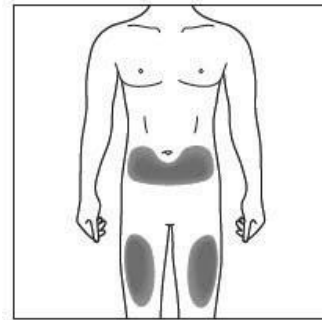
Step 7. **Do not use** the pre-filled syringe if the expiry date has passed (see **Picture C**). Return the expired pre-filled syringe and its packaging to the pharmacy.



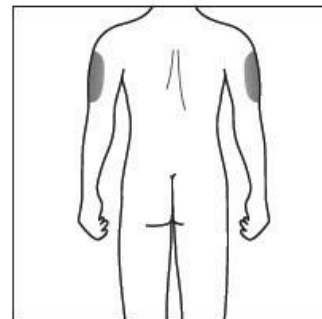
## Choose and clean the injection site

- Areas of your body that you can use for injecting Kesimpta include:
  - the front of your thighs (see **Picture D**)
  - the lower stomach area (abdomen), but **not** the area 5 cm around your navel (belly button) (see **Picture D**)
  - your upper outer arms, if a caregiver or healthcare professional is giving you the injection (see **Picture E**).

**Picture D**



**Picture E**  
(caregiver and healthcare professional only)



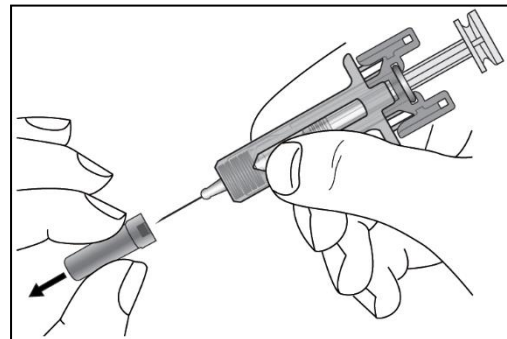
- Choose a different site each time you inject Kesimpta.
- **Do not inject** into areas where the skin is tender, bruised, red, scaly, or hard. Avoid areas with scars or stretch marks or infection sites.

Step 8. Using a circular motion, clean the injection site with the alcohol wipe. Leave it to dry before injecting. Do not touch the cleaned area again before injecting.

## Giving your injection

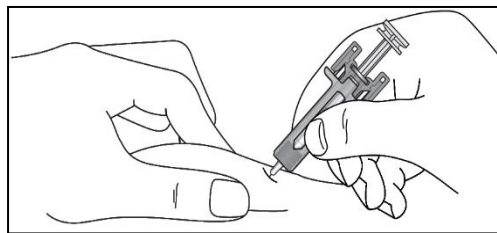
Step 9. Carefully remove the needle cap from the pre-filled syringe (see **Picture F**). Throw away the needle cap. You may see a drop of liquid at the end of the needle. This is normal.

**Picture F**



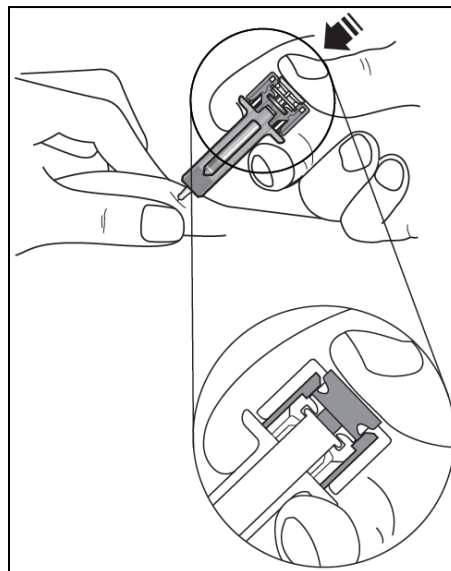
Step 10. With one hand, gently pinch the skin at the injection site. With your other hand insert the needle into your skin as shown (see **Picture G**). Push the needle all the way in to make sure that you inject your full dose.

**Picture G**



Step 11. Hold the pre-filled syringe finger grips as shown (see **Picture H**). Slowly press down on the plunger as far as it will go, so that the plunger head is completely between the syringe guard wings.

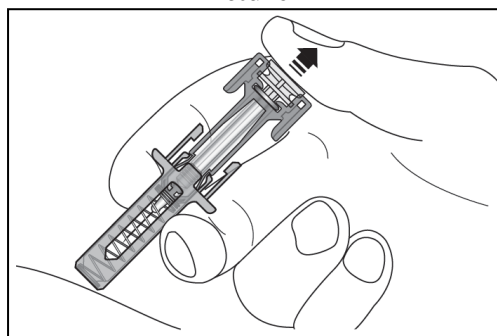
**Picture H**



Step 12. Continue to press fully on the plunger for 5 seconds while holding the syringe in place.

Step 13. **Slowly** release the plunger until the needle is covered (see **Picture I**), and then remove the syringe from the injection site.

**Picture I**



Step 14. There may be a little blood at the injection site. You can press a cotton ball or gauze over the injection site and hold it for 10 seconds. Do not rub the injection site. You may cover the injection site with a small adhesive plaster, if the bleeding continues.

**How should I dispose of the used Kesimpta pre-filled syringe?**

Step 15. Dispose of your used pre-filled syringe in a sharps disposal container (i.e. a puncture-resistant closable container, or similar) (see **Picture J**).

- **Do not dispose of** your used pre-filled syringe in your household waste.
- Never try to reuse your pre-filled syringe.

**Keep the sharps container out of the reach of children.**

**Picture J**

