



Acthar[®] GEL
(repository corticotropin injection) 80 U/mL

Patient Support

Your Support Starts Here

Don, taking Acthar Gel.
Individual results may vary.

Your Acthar Patient Support Team is ready to help
as you start and continue your treatment plan.

Please see Important Safety Information on pages 8-10
and the full [Prescribing Information](#).

What is Acthar® Gel?

Acthar Gel is a treatment for people living with certain chronic inflammatory or autoimmune conditions. It is administered as an injection. It can be given subcutaneously (under the skin) or intramuscularly (into the muscle). Acthar Gel is a mixture of proteins from natural sources similar to ones that already exist in your body.

Support From the Start

Acthar Patient Support is here to assist you as you start and continue on your treatment plan. You are automatically enrolled in Acthar Patient Support when your doctor submits your referral (prescription). A dedicated team, including a Nurse Navigator and a Case Manager, is ready to help you understand treatment with Acthar Gel, review your insurance options, and help you get the medicine your doctor has prescribed.



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Ready to learn more?

In this brochure, you'll find information about your dedicated Acthar Patient Support Team, next steps in your treatment journey, and results people have achieved after taking Acthar Gel.

SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

DO NOT take Acthar until you have talked to your doctor if you have any of the following conditions:

- Have been given or are about to receive a live or live attenuated vaccine
- A skin condition called scleroderma
- Bone density loss or osteoporosis

Your Partners Throughout Your Treatment Journey



Nurse Navigator

Your Nurse Navigator will:

- Coordinate free Acthar Gel injection training to help you take Acthar Gel
- Help you understand treatment with Acthar Gel and offer support along your journey
- Answer questions about your condition and guide you to support resources

Have a question about injection training?

Speak to your Nurse Navigator*

*Nurse Navigators do not give medical advice and will direct you to your healthcare professional for any treatment-related questions, including further referrals.



Case Manager

Your Case Manager will call to welcome you and provide an overview of how Acthar Patient Support may help, including with:

- Insurance coverage
- Co-pay or coinsurance
- Financial assistance
- Scheduling injection training
- Information about your Welcome Letter and Starter Kit

Have a question about insurance coverage?

Speak to your Case Manager

Call Acthar Patient Support at 1-888-435-2284

to speak with your Nurse Navigator or Case Manager

Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 9 PM ET

Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM ET†

†Please note that Nurse Navigators are not available on Saturdays.



You've got a team by your side.

Remember, **your doctor** is always your best resource for information about your condition and treatment. Reach out to him or her if you have any questions.

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With Acthar® Gel, Your Patient Support Team



1 Prescription

Once your Case Manager receives your referral (prescription) for Acthar Gel, you are automatically enrolled in the Acthar Patient Support Program. To receive the complete level of support available to you, **you may need to sign an Acthar Consent Form.** Your Case Manager will work with you to get the form signed and submitted.

2 Prior Authorizations and Appeals

Often, insurance companies require your doctor to complete an extra step before approving Acthar Gel. This is called a prior authorization. Your Case Manager will work with your doctor to submit the needed forms to your insurance company. Your Case Manager will also give you regular updates so you know what's going on during the insurance approval process.

Acthar Gel may be denied for insurance coverage for any number of reasons. A denial is common. If this happens, **you have a right to appeal the decision.** Acthar Patient Support can help you and your doctor with the appeals process. Ask your Case Manager about ways that you can get involved!

3 Assistance Options

No matter what type of insurance you have, we can help you explore your coverage options. Your Case Manager will guide you through the options and programs that may be available to you and that you may qualify for. We want to help you gain access to the medicine your doctor prescribed for you.

Is by Your Side **Every Step of the Way**



4 Free Acthar Gel Injection Training

While your prescription is going through the approval process, your Nurse Navigator will contact you to discuss your injection training needs. They will **coordinate your training session** to take place in your home, online, or by phone. Remember, your Nurse Navigator is here to answer your questions and guide you along the way.*

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5 Delivery

Because the way you get specialty medicines like Acthar Gel is different than going to your neighborhood drug store, we know you may have questions about how it works. Your Case Manager will let you know when your prescription has been approved. RxCrossroads by McKesson Specialty Pharmacy will call you to set up a delivery time for when someone will be home to sign for, receive, and immediately refrigerate the medicine.

6 Ongoing Support

When it is time to refill your prescription, your Case Manager and Nurse Navigator will continue to help. As you move along your journey, your Acthar Patient Support Team will remain by your side.

For more information, visit us at [Acthar.com/acthar-patient-support](https://acthar.com/acthar-patient-support)

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Acthar® Gel Patient Stories

Meet some of the people whose experiences make up the stories of Acthar Gel.



Gloria,
taking Acthar Gel for rheumatoid arthritis.
Individual results may vary.

“I feel like Acthar has helped me
with my symptoms and when
I’m having a flare-up.”



Kerry,
taking Acthar Gel for sarcoidosis.
Individual results may vary.

“The pain is less, which makes
my mobility a lot better.”



Dianna,
taking Acthar Gel for uveitis.
Individual results may vary.

“Since being on Acthar,
the pain in my eyes
has decreased.”



Don,
taking Acthar Gel for proteinuria due to
nephrotic syndrome. Individual results may vary.

“Strength has taken on
a different meaning now.”



Kimberly,
taking Acthar Gel for multiple sclerosis attacks.
Individual results may vary.

“I noticed that Acthar helped
to speed the relief of my
MS relapse symptoms.”

Watch videos

of people’s experiences with Acthar Gel
at [Acthar.com/patient-stories](https://acthar.com/patient-stories)

SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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- Any infections, including fungal, bacterial, or viral
- Eye infections, such as ocular herpes simplex
- Had recent surgery

What is Acthar Gel?

Acthar® Gel is a prescription medicine used for:

- Treatment for flares or on a regular basis (maintenance) in people with dermatomyositis or polymyositis (DM-PM)
- Treatment for flares or on a regular basis (maintenance) in people with systemic lupus erythematosus (lupus)
- Add-on therapy for short-term administration (to tide patients over an acute episode or exacerbation) in: psoriatic arthritis (PsA); rheumatoid arthritis (RA), including juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (selected cases may require low-dose maintenance therapy); ankylosing spondylitis
- Treatment for people with symptoms of sarcoidosis
- Treatment of severe acute and chronic allergic and inflammatory conditions affecting different parts of the eye. This can include the front part of the eye such as the cornea and iris, or the back part of the eye such as the optic nerve and retina
- Reduction of proteinuria in people with nephrotic syndrome of the idiopathic type (unknown origin) without uremia (accumulation of urea in the blood due to malfunctioning kidneys) or that due to lupus erythematosus (lupus)
- Treatment for adults with acute relapses or flares of multiple sclerosis (MS). Studies have shown Acthar to be effective in speeding recovery from an MS relapse. However, there is no evidence that it affects the ultimate outcome or natural history of the disease
- Treatment of infantile spasms in infants and children under 2 years of age

Acthar is injected beneath the skin or into the muscle.

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- Bone density loss or osteoporosis
- Any infections, including fungal, bacterial, or viral
- Eye infections, such as ocular herpes simplex
- Had recent surgery
- Stomach ulcers or a history of stomach ulcers
- Heart failure
- Uncontrolled high blood pressure
- Addison's disease or Cushing's syndrome
- Allergies to pig-derived proteins
- Suspected infections at birth (in infants under 2 years of age)

Tell your doctor about any other health problems that you have. Give your doctor a complete list of medicines you are taking, including all prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

What is the most important information I should know about Acthar?

- Never inject Acthar directly into a vein
- Always inject Acthar beneath the skin or into the muscle
- Follow your doctor's instructions for injecting Acthar
- Never stop treatment suddenly unless your doctor tells you to do so
- Try not to miss any scheduled doctor's appointments. It is important for the doctor to monitor you while taking Acthar
- You may be more likely to get new infections. Also, old infections may become active. Tell your doctor if you see any signs of an infection. Contact your doctor at the first sign of an infection or fever. Signs of infection are fever, cough, vomiting, or diarrhea. Other signs may be flu or any open cuts or sores
- When taking Acthar long-term, your adrenal gland may produce too much of a hormone called cortisol. This can result in symptoms of Cushing's syndrome. This may cause increased upper body fat, a rounded "moon" face, bruising easily, or muscle weakness
- Sometimes when you stop taking Acthar long-term, your body may not produce enough natural cortisol. This is called "adrenal insufficiency." Your doctor may prescribe a steroid medicine to protect you until the adrenal gland recovers
- You might develop high blood pressure, retain too much salt and water, or have low blood potassium levels. As a result of this, your doctor may recommend some changes to your diet, such as eating less salt or taking certain supplements
- Vaccines may not work well when you are on Acthar. Talk to your doctor about which vaccines are safe to use when you are taking Acthar
- Acthar may hide symptoms of other diseases. This can make it more difficult for your doctor to make a diagnosis if something else is going on
- Stomach or intestinal problems. Acthar may increase the risk of bleeding and stomach ulcers. Tell your doctor if you have stomach pains, bloody vomit, bloody or black stools, excessive tiredness, increased thirst, difficulty breathing, or increased heart rate
- Taking Acthar can make you feel irritable or depressed. You may also have mood swings or trouble sleeping. These effects are reversible once Acthar therapy is stopped
- If you have other conditions, such as diabetes or muscle weakness, you may find they get worse
- You might develop certain eye conditions, such as cataracts, glaucoma, or optic nerve damage

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

What is the most important information I should know about Acthar? (cont'd)

- Your body may develop allergies to Acthar. Signs of allergic reaction are:
 - Skin rash and itching
 - Swelling of the face, tongue, lips, or throat
 - Trouble breathing
- The effects of Acthar may be intensified if you have an underactive thyroid or cirrhosis of the liver
- Long-term Acthar use can affect growth and physical development in children. This can be reversed when Acthar is no longer needed
- Acthar may cause osteoporosis (weak bones)
- Acthar might harm an unborn baby. Therefore, tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant

What are the most common side effects of Acthar?

Commonly reported side effects of Acthar include:

- Injection site reaction
- Fatigue, physical weakness, and lack of energy
- Fluid retention
- Insomnia (difficulty sleeping)
- Headache
- High blood sugar

The most common side effects for the treatment of infantile spasms (IS) are:

- Increased risk of infections
- Convulsions
- High blood pressure
- Irritability
- Fever

The above side effects may also be seen in adults and children over 2 years of age. Some children with IS progress to other forms of seizures; IS sometimes masks these seizures, which may become visible after treatment for IS has been completed.

These are not all of the possible side effects of Acthar.

Tell your doctor about any side effect that bothers you, or that does not go away. Call your doctor or pharmacist for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA.

Call 1-800-FDA-1088 or visit www.fda.gov/medwatch. You may also report side effects by calling 1-800-844-2830.

My Case Manager

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My Nurse Navigator

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Notes:



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

SUPPORT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Getting a denial from your insurance company can be scary and frustrating. We're here by your side every step of the way—even if your prescription is initially denied by your insurance plan.

Ask your Case Manager about available tools that can help you advocate for yourself.

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