# What to expect for your first treatment

Nucala
(mepolizumab)
for Subcutaneous Injection
100 mg/vial

NUCALA is different from other asthma medications you've taken. It's not an inhaler or a steroid. It's an injection you get at your doctor's office every 4 weeks.

NUCALA is an add-on, prescription maintenance treatment for patients 12 and older with severe eosinophilic asthma. NUCALA is not used to treat sudden breathing problems.

NUCALA is injected just under the skin (subcutaneously) in the upper arm, thigh, or abdomen.

NUCALA works over time, so you may not feel any immediate improvement. It's important to keep receiving NUCALA as prescribed by your doctor even if you start feeling better. If you miss an appointment for any reason, please reschedule it as soon as possible.

**Questions? Write them here.**
As you prepare to begin treatment with NUCALA, you may have a lot of questions. Write those questions below. Then, bring this with you to your first appointment. Your doctor or a staff member will be able to help answer your questions.

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**TIPS**

**Wear loose-fitting clothes.** You'll receive your injection of NUCALA in the upper arm, thigh, or abdomen. Be sure that you're able to easily and comfortably adjust or remove clothing as needed to get to the injection site.

**Bring a book or tablet.** Once you receive your injection, you will be asked to stay in the office so your doctor can monitor you for any allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. Use this time to catch up on your reading or social media. Then you'll be able to leave, although sometimes serious allergic reactions can occur hours or days later.

**Important Safety Information**

**Do not use NUCALA** if you are allergic to mepolizumab or any of the ingredients in NUCALA.

Do not use to treat sudden breathing problems.

**NUCALA can cause serious side effects, including:**

- **allergic (hypersensitivity) reactions, including anaphylaxis**. Serious allergic reactions can happen after you get your injection of NUCALA. Allergic reactions can sometimes happen hours or days after you get a dose of NUCALA. Tell your healthcare provider or get emergency help right away if you have any of the following symptoms of an allergic reaction:
  - swelling of your face, mouth, and tongue
  - breathing problems
  - fainting, dizziness, feeling light-headed (low blood pressure)
  - rash
  - hives
- **Herpes zoster infections** that can cause shingles have happened in people who received NUCALA.

**Please see additional Important Safety Information on the reverse side.**
**Please see accompanying Important Facts about NUCALA.**

# Specialty Pharmacy Network

This list of specialty pharmacies currently filling prescriptions for NUCALA is for your reference. The pharmacy used for your prescription will depend on your health insurance plan.

**[AcariaHealth (Centene)**
acariahealth.com
800-511-5144]

**[Accredo Health Group, Inc.**
accredo.com
877-ACCREDO (877-222-7336)]

**[Aetna Specialty Pharmacy**
aetnaspecialtyrx.com
866-782-2779]

**[AllianceRx Walgreens-Prime**
walgreenshealth.com
888-347-3416]

**[Avella**
avella.com
877-546-5779]

**[BriovaRX (affiliate of OptumRx)**
briovarx.com
855-4BRIOVA (855-427-4682)]

**[Cigna Specialty Pharmacy Services**
cigna.com/specialty-pharmacy-services
800-351-3606]

**[CVS Health/CVS Specialty Pharmacy**
cvsspecialty.com
800-237-2767]

**[Diplomat**
diplomat.is
877-977-9118]

**[For Humana Pharmacy, Inc. (Humana)**
humanapharmacy.com/specialty
800-486-2668]

**Important Safety Information (cont'd)**

**Before receiving NUCALA, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- are taking oral or inhaled corticosteroid medicines. **Do not** stop taking your other asthma medicines, including your corticosteroid medicines, unless instructed by your healthcare provider because this may cause other symptoms to come back.
- have a parasitic (helminth) infection.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if NUCALA may harm your unborn baby.
  - o A pregnancy registry for women who receive NUCALA while pregnant collects information about the health of you and your baby. You can talk to your healthcare provider about how to take part in this registry or you can get more information and register by calling 1-877-311-8972 or visit www.mothertobaby.org/asthma.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will use NUCALA and breastfeed. You should not do both without talking with your healthcare provider first.
- are taking prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

**The most common side effects of NUCALA include:** headache, injection site reactions (pain, redness, swelling, itching, or a burning feeling at the injection site), back pain, and weakness (fatigue).

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**Please see accompanying Important Facts about NUCALA.**

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA.
Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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