



ZOLGENSMA Treatment Guide

For US Healthcare Providers

ZOLGENSMA is the first one-time-only gene therapy for pediatric patients less than 2 years of age with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)¹

Indication and Important Safety Information

Indication

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Introduction to ZOLGENSMA

ZOLGENSMA® (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi) is an adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector-based gene therapy for the one-time-only treatment of pediatric patients less than 2 years of age with SMA. ZOLGENSMA is delivered as an intravenous infusion over 1 hour, but there are essential steps to treatment before and after infusion day.

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If you have questions throughout the ZOLGENSMA treatment journey, contact the OneGene Program® at: 1-855-441-GENE (4363), Monday-Friday (8 AM to 8 PM ET)

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Diagnosis and baseline testing can be performed at a ZOLGENSMA-ready institution or by a referring physician



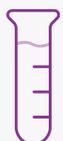
- Confirm a genetic diagnosis of SMA
- Patients treated with ZOLGENSMA® (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi) should have bi-allelic mutations in the *survival motor neuron 1 (SMN1)* gene



- Determine patient weight in kilograms, as ZOLGENSMA dosing is weight based



- Perform baseline testing for the presence of anti-AAV9 antibodies
- In clinical trials, patients were required to have baseline anti-AAV9 antibody titers of $\leq 1:50$
- The safety and efficacy of ZOLGENSMA in patients with anti-AAV9 antibody titers above 1:50 have not been evaluated
- Retesting may be performed if anti-AAV9 antibody titers are reported as $>1:50$



- Postpone infusion in patients with infections until the infection has resolved and the patient is clinically stable. Clinical signs or symptoms of infection should not be evident at the time of ZOLGENSMA infusion
- Perform baseline tests for liver function, creatinine, complete blood count (including hemoglobin and platelet count), and troponin-I
- Evaluate liver function with a clinical exam and laboratory testing of hepatic aminotransferases (aspartate aminotransferase [AST] and alanine aminotransferase [ALT]), total bilirubin, albumin, prothrombin time, partial thromboplastin time (PTT), and international normalized ratio (INR)



To begin a ZOLGENSMA prescription, fax a signed and completed ZOLGENSMA Prescription Form and Patient Consent Form to the OneGene Program® at 1-855-951-GENE (4363)

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Thrombocytopenia

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Step 2

Store and handle ZOLGENSMA properly¹

ZOLGENSMA® (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi) is shipped and delivered frozen, and must be thawed prior to infusion



- ZOLGENSMA is shipped and delivered frozen at $\leq -60^{\circ}\text{C}$ (-76°F) in clear vials
- Refrigerate ZOLGENSMA immediately upon receipt at 2°C - 8°C (36°F - 46°F)
- **DO NOT REFREEZE**
- ZOLGENSMA is stable at 2°C - 8°C (36°F - 46°F) and must be used within 14 days of receipt

Do not use ZOLGENSMA unless thawed. Once thawed, ZOLGENSMA should not be refrozen

Refrigerator Thaw



- The contents of the ZOLGENSMA kit will thaw in approximately 16 hours if placed in a refrigerator
- If thawed in the refrigerator, remove ZOLGENSMA from the refrigerator on day of dosing

—OR—

Room Temperature Thaw

- The contents of the ZOLGENSMA kit will thaw in approximately 6 hours if placed at room temperature



- When thawed, ZOLGENSMA is a clear to slightly opaque, colorless to faint white liquid, free of particles
- Inspect ZOLGENSMA visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to infusion
- Do not use vials if particulates or discoloration are present



- **DO NOT SHAKE ZOLGENSMA**

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Step 3

Premedicate and plan for infusion day¹



- Ensure required baseline testing has been completed, including anti-AAV9 titers, liver function (including clinical exam, AST, ALT, total bilirubin, albumin, prothrombin time, partial thromboplastin time [PTT], international normalized ratio [INR]), creatinine, complete blood count (including hemoglobin and platelet count), and troponin-I
- Monitoring should continue after ZOLGENSMA infusion. See Step 5 for monitoring instructions



- If patient weight changes prior to infusion, report those changes to the OneGene Program[®]



- **24 hours prior to infusion, administer systemic corticosteroids equivalent to oral prednisolone at 1 mg/kg/day**
- Treatment with corticosteroids should continue after ZOLGENSMA infusion. See Step 5 for postmedication instructions



- Administer ZOLGENSMA to patients who are clinically stable in their overall baseline health status (eg, hydration and nutritional status, absence of infection) prior to infusion
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Increases in cardiac troponin-I levels were observed following ZOLGENSMA infusion. Monitor troponin-I before ZOLGENSMA infusion and on a regular basis for at least 3 months afterwards. Consider consultation with a cardiologist if troponin elevations are accompanied by clinical signs or symptoms.

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Step 4

Prepare and infuse ZOLGENSMA¹

Follow the steps to prepare ZOLGENSMA[®] (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)



- ZOLGENSMA is provided as a kit customized to meet the weight-based dosing requirements of each patient (see Table 1). The recommended dose of ZOLGENSMA is 1.1×10^{14} vector genomes per kilogram (vg/kg) of body weight
- Draw the appropriate dose volume from all vials into a syringe



- Remove air from syringe
- Cap syringe and deliver at room temperature to patient infusion location
- Once dose is drawn into the syringe, it must be used within 8 hours



- Discard the vector-containing syringe if not infused within 8 hours of preparation
- **DO NOT REFREEZE**

Administer ZOLGENSMA as a single-dose, intravenous infusion through a venous catheter^a



- Place a primary catheter into a vein (generally a peripheral vein in the arm or leg)
- Insertion of a backup catheter is recommended
- Program syringe pump for saline priming, or prime tubing manually with saline



- Administer ZOLGENSMA as a slow infusion over 60 minutes
- **DO NOT INFUSE AS AN INTRAVENOUS PUSH OR BOLUS**



- Flush line with saline following completion of infusion

^aDue to the increased risk of serious systemic immune response, administer ZOLGENSMA to patients who are clinically stable in their overall baseline health status (eg, hydration and nutritional status, absence of infection) prior to infusion. Postpone ZOLGENSMA in patients with infections until the infection has resolved and the patient is clinically stable. Clinical signs or symptoms of infection should not be evident at the time of ZOLGENSMA infusion.

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There is a theoretical risk of tumorigenicity due to integration of AAV vector DNA into the genome. Cases of tumor have been reported in patients who received ZOLGENSMA post-approval; information on the cases is limited and causal relationship cannot be established. Report cases of tumor development in patients who received ZOLGENSMA to Novartis Gene Therapies, Inc. at 1-833-828-3947.

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Table 1.

ZOLGENSMA dosing and kit sizes							
PATIENT WEIGHT RANGE (kg)	DOSE VOLUME ^a (mL)	TOTAL VIALS PER KIT ^b	NDC NUMBER	PATIENT WEIGHT RANGE (kg)	DOSE VOLUME ^a (mL)	TOTAL VIALS PER KIT ^b	NDC NUMBER
2.6 - 3.0	16.5	2	71894-120-02	12.1 - 12.5	68.8	9	71894-139-09
3.1 - 3.5	19.3	3	71894-121-03	12.6 - 13.0	71.5	9	71894-140-09
3.6 - 4.0	22.0	3	71894-122-03	13.1 - 13.5	74.3	9	71894-141-09
4.1 - 4.5	24.8	3	71894-123-03	13.6 - 14.0	77.0	10	71894-142-10
4.6 - 5.0	27.5	4	71894-124-04	14.1 - 14.5	79.8	10	71894-143-10
5.1 - 5.5	30.3	4	71894-125-04	14.6 - 15.0	82.5	10	71894-144-10
5.6 - 6.0	33.0	4	71894-126-04	15.1 - 15.5	85.3	11	71894-145-11
6.1 - 6.5	35.8	5	71894-127-05	15.6 - 16.0	88.0	11	71894-146-11
6.6 - 7.0	38.5	5	71894-128-05	16.1 - 16.5	90.8	11	71894-147-11
7.1 - 7.5	41.3	5	71894-129-05	16.6 - 17.0	93.5	12	71894-148-12
7.6 - 8.0	44.0	6	71894-130-06	17.1 - 17.5	96.3	12	71894-149-12
8.1 - 8.5	46.8	6	71894-131-06	17.6 - 18.0	99.0	12	71894-150-12
8.6 - 9.0	49.5	6	71894-132-06	18.1 - 18.5	101.8	13	71894-151-13
9.1 - 9.5	52.3	7	71894-133-07	18.6 - 19.0	104.5	13	71894-152-13
9.6 - 10.0	55.0	7	71894-134-07	19.1 - 19.5	107.3	13	71894-153-13
10.1 - 10.5	57.8	7	71894-135-07	19.6 - 20.0	110.0	14	71894-154-14
10.6 - 11.0	60.5	8	71894-136-08	20.1 - 20.5	112.8	14	71894-155-14
11.1 - 11.5	63.3	8	71894-137-08	20.6 - 21.0	115.5	14	71894-156-14
11.6 - 12.0	66.0	8	71894-138-08	—	—	—	—

NDC = National Drug Code.

^aDose volume is calculated using the upper limit of the patient weight range for pediatric patients less than 2 years of age between 2.6 kg and 21.0 kg.

^bAll vials have a nominal concentration of 2.0×10^{13} vector genomes (vg) per mL. Each vial of ZOLGENSMA contains an extractable volume of not less than either 5.5 mL or 8.3 mL.

Administration of ZOLGENSMA to **premature neonates** before reaching full-term gestational age is not recommended, because concomitant treatment with corticosteroids may adversely affect neurological development. Delay ZOLGENSMA infusion until the corresponding full-term gestational age is reached.

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ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most commonly observed adverse reactions (incidence $\geq 5\%$) in clinical studies were elevated aminotransferases and vomiting.

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Step 5

Monitor and postmedicate after ZOLGENSMA infusion¹

After infusion, assess liver function, platelet count, and troponin-I for at least 3 months following infusion (see Table 2 for schedule of assessments)

Liver Function

- Acute serious liver injury, acute liver failure, and elevated aminotransferases may occur with ZOLGENSMA® (onasemnogene abeparovvec-xioi)
- Liver function should be evaluated by clinical exam and an analysis of hepatic aminotransferases (AST and ALT), total bilirubin, prothrombin time, and INR
- Elevated liver function tests may reflect acute serious liver injury
- The recommended corticosteroid regimen is detailed in Table 3 on the next page and in the Prescribing Information

Platelet Count

- Transient decreases in platelet count, some of which met the criteria for thrombocytopenia, were typically observed within the first 2 weeks following infusion
- Monitor platelet counts closely within the first 2 weeks following infusion and on a regular basis afterwards, as well as signs and symptoms of TMA, such as hypertension, increased bruising, seizures, or decreased urine output (see Table 2)
- Consult a pediatric hematologist and/or pediatric nephrologist immediately to manage as clinically indicated

Troponin-I

- Increases in cardiac troponin-I levels were observed following ZOLGENSMA infusion
- Monitor troponin-I before and after ZOLGENSMA infusion (see Table 2)
- Consider consultation with a cardiologist if troponin elevations are accompanied by clinical signs or symptoms (eg, heart rate changes, cyanosis, tachypnea, and respiratory distress)

Table 2.

Baseline assessments prior to infusion												
Liver function (clinical exam, AST, ALT, total bilirubin level, albumin, prothrombin time, PTT, and INR), creatinine, complete blood count (including hemoglobin and platelet count), and troponin-I.												
Monitoring after infusion												
Test	Month 1				Month 2				Month 3			
	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12
Platelet count ^{a,b}	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Troponin-I ^b	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				✓
Liver function ^c	2 months or longer, until the patient is clinically stable with unremarkable findings								1 month			
	Monitor weekly, during the corticosteroid treatment and taper periods.								Monitor every other week at the end of the corticosteroid taper.			
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Promptly assess and closely monitor patients with worsening liver function test results and/or signs or symptoms of acute illness (eg, vomiting, deterioration in health). In case hepatic injury is suspected, further testing of albumin, PTT, and INR is recommended.												

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Wk=week; ✓=monitoring performed. ^aMonitor platelet counts as well as signs and symptoms of TMA, such as hypertension, increased bruising, seizures, or decreased urine output. ^bMonitor platelet counts and troponin-I levels for 3 months or longer until they return to baseline. ^cMonitor liver function for 3 months or longer until results are unremarkable (normal clinical exam, total bilirubin, and prothrombin and INR results; ALT and AST levels below 2 × ULN).

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Monitor and postmedicate after ZOLGENSMA infusion (cont'd)¹

Treat with systemic corticosteroids (equivalent to oral prednisolone) before and after infusion

If oral corticosteroid therapy is not tolerated, consider intravenous corticosteroids as clinically indicated.

Table 3.

Day 1: 24 hours prior to infusion
Initiate systemic corticosteroid regimen equivalent to oral prednisolone at 1 mg/kg/day.
Day 2: Infusion day
Infuse ZOLGENSMA and continue the corticosteroid regimen.
Day 30: 28 days after infusion
Check liver status clinically and by assessing ALT, AST, total bilirubin, prothrombin time, and INR. Do not stop systemic corticosteroids abruptly.
If unremarkable (normal clinical exam, total bilirubin, prothrombin time, and INR; ALT and AST levels below 2 x ULN):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Then taper the corticosteroid dose gradually over the next 28 days
If liver function abnormalities are present:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult a pediatric gastroenterologist or hepatologist Continue systemic corticosteroids (equivalent to oral prednisolone at 1 mg/kg/day) until AST and ALT values are both below 2 × ULN and all other assessments return to normal range Then taper the corticosteroid dose gradually over the next 28 days or longer if needed

ULN=upper limit of normal.

Monitor liver function for at least 3 months following ZOLGENSMA infusion, and at other times as clinically indicated.

Monitor liver function (eg, clinical exam and laboratory testing of AST, ALT, total bilirubin, prothrombin time, and INR) weekly during corticosteroid course and taper period.

If the patient is clinically stable with unremarkable findings at the end of the corticosteroid taper period, continue to monitor liver function every other week for another month. See monitoring schedule in Table 2.

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