## **Finding Compassion**



Compose a letter to yourself, written with the same compassion and understanding you would use if the letter were to a friend. Write about the challenges being faced (e.g., I know it's an adjustment getting used to injecting yourself), and also point out any progress being made. Writing in this way allows you to remove judgment against yourself that you wouldn't typically hold against a close friend.

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Look back at this letter when you are feeling uncertain. Let it help to quiet any harsh judgment you might hold against yourself, and let it promote self-compassion.

#### **INDICATION**

DUPIXENT is a prescription medicine used to treat adults and children 6 months of age and older with moderate-to-severe eczema (atopic dermatitis or AD) that is not well controlled with prescription therapies used on the skin (topical), or who cannot use topical therapies. DUPIXENT can be used with or without topical corticosteroids. It is not known if DUPIXENT is safe and effective in children with atopic dermatitis under 6 months of age.

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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





### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont'd)

Before using DUPIXENT, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have eye problems.
- have a parasitic (helminth) infection.
- are scheduled to receive any vaccinations. You should not receive a "live vaccine" right before and during treatment with DUPIXENT.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known whether DUPIXENT will harm your unborn baby.
  - A pregnancy registry for women who take DUPIXENT during pregnancy collects information about the health of you and your baby. To enroll or get more information call 1-877-311-8972 or go to <a href="https://mothertobaby.org/">https://mothertobaby.org/</a> ongoing-study/dupixent/.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known whether DUPIXENT passes into your breast milk.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

**Especially tell your healthcare provider if you** are taking oral, topical or inhaled corticosteroid medicines or if you have atopic dermatitis and asthma and use an asthma medicine. **Do not** change or stop your corticosteroid medicine or other asthma medicine without talking to your healthcare provider. This may cause other symptoms that were controlled by the corticosteroid medicine or other asthma medicine to come back.

#### **DUPIXENT** can cause serious side effects, including:

- Allergic reactions. DUPIXENT can cause allergic reactions that can sometimes be severe. Stop using DUPIXENT and tell your healthcare provider or get emergency help right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms: breathing problems or wheezing, swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue, or throat, fainting, dizziness, feeling lightheaded, fast pulse, fever, hives, joint pain, general ill feeling, itching, skin rash, swollen lymph nodes, nausea or vomiting, or cramps in your stomach-area.
- Eye problems. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new or worsening eye problems, including eye pain or changes in vision, such as blurred vision. Your healthcare provider may send you to an ophthalmologist for an eye exam if needed.
- Joint aches and pain. Some people who use DUPIXENT have had trouble walking or moving due to their joint symptoms, and in some cases needed to be hospitalized. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or worsening joint symptoms. Your healthcare provider may stop DUPIXENT if you develop joint symptoms.

The most common side effects in patients with eczema include injection site reactions, eye and eyelid inflammation, including redness, swelling, and itching, sometimes with blurred vision, dry eye, cold sores in your mouth or on your lips, and high count of a certain white blood cell (eosinophilia).

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the possible side effects of DUPIXENT. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit <a href="https://www.fda.gov/medwatch">www.fda.gov/medwatch</a>, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Use DUPIXENT exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider. It's an injection given under the skin (subcutaneous injection). Your healthcare provider will decide if you or your caregiver can inject DUPIXENT. **Do not** try to prepare and inject DUPIXENT until you or your caregiver have been trained by your healthcare provider. In children 12 years of age and older, it's recommended DUPIXENT be administered by or under supervision of an adult. In children 6 months to less than 12 years of age, DUPIXENT should be given by a caregiver.

Please see accompanying full <u>Prescribing Information</u> including <u>Patient Information</u>.



# Patient Information DUPIXENT® (DU-pix-ent) (dupilumab) injection, for subcutaneous use

#### What is DUPIXENT?

DUPIXENT is a prescription medicine used:

- to treat adults and children 6 months of age and older with moderate-to-severe eczema (atopic dermatitis or AD) that is not well controlled with prescription therapies used on the skin (topical), or who cannot use topical therapies. DUPIXENT can be used with or without topical corticosteroids.
- with other asthma medicines for the maintenance treatment of moderate-to-severe asthma in adults and children 6 years of age
  and older whose asthma is not controlled with their current asthma medicines. DUPIXENT helps prevent severe asthma attacks
  (exacerbations) and can improve your breathing. DUPIXENT may also help reduce the amount of oral corticosteroids you need
  while preventing severe asthma attacks and improving your breathing.
   DUPIXENT is not used to treat sudden breathing problems.
- with other medicines for the maintenance treatment of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis (CRSwNP) in adults whose disease is not controlled.
- o to treat adults and children 1 year of age and older with eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE), who weigh at least 33 pounds (15 kg).
- to treat adults with prurigo nodularis (PN).
- DUPIXENT works by blocking two proteins that contribute to a type of inflammation that plays a major role in atopic dermatitis, asthma, chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis, eosinophilic esophagitis, and prurigo nodularis.
- It is not known if DUPIXENT is safe and effective in children with atopic dermatitis under 6 months of age.
- It is not known if DUPIXENT is safe and effective in children with asthma under 6 years of age.
- It is not known if DUPIXENT is safe and effective in children with chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis under 18 years of age.
- It is not known if DUPIXENT is safe and effective in children with eosinophilic esophagitis under 1 year of age, or who weigh less than 33 pounds (15 kg).
- It is not known if DUPIXENT is safe and effective in children with prurigo nodularis under 18 years of age.

**Do not use DUPIXENT** if you are allergic to dupilumab or to any of the ingredients in DUPIXENT. See the end of this Patient Information leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in DUPIXENT.

#### Before using DUPIXENT, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have eve problems.
- have a parasitic (helminth) infection.
- are scheduled to receive any vaccinations. You should not receive a "live vaccine" right before and during treatment with DUPIXENT.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known whether DUPIXENT will harm your unborn baby.
   Pregnancy Exposure Registry. There is a pregnancy exposure registry for women who use DUPIXENT during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Your healthcare provider can enroll you in this registry. You may also enroll yourself or get more information about the registry by calling 1-877-311-8972 or going to https://mothertobaby.org/ongoing-study/dupixent/.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known whether DUPIXENT passes into your breast milk.

Tell your healthcare provider about all of the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

#### Especially tell your healthcare provider if you:

- are taking oral, topical, or inhaled corticosteroid medicines
- have asthma and use an asthma medicine
- have atopic dermatitis, chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis, eosinophilic esophagitis, or prurigo nodularis and also have asthma **Do not** change or stop your corticosteroid medicine or other asthma medicine without talking to your healthcare provider. This may cause other symptoms that were controlled by the corticosteroid medicine or other asthma medicine to come back.

#### How should I use DUPIXENT?

- See the detailed "Instructions for Use" that comes with DUPIXENT for information on how to prepare and inject DUPIXENT and how to properly store and throw away (dispose of) used DUPIXENT pre-filled syringes and pre-filled pens.
- Use DUPIXENT exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you how much DUPIXENT to inject and how often to inject it.
- DUPIXENT comes as a single-dose pre-filled syringe with needle shield or as a pre-filled pen.
  - o The DUPIXENT pre-filled pen is only for use in adults and children 2 years of age and older.
  - o The DUPIXENT pre-filled syringe is for use in adults and children 6 months of age and older.
- DUPIXENT is given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneous injection).
- If your healthcare provider decides that you or a caregiver can give the injections of DUPIXENT, you or your caregiver should receive training on the right way to prepare and inject DUPIXENT. **Do not** try to inject DUPIXENT until you have been shown the right way by your healthcare provider. In children 12 years of age and older, it is recommended that DUPIXENT be given by or under the supervision of an adult. In children 6 months to less than 12 years of age, DUPIXENT should be given by a caregiver.
- If your dose schedule is every week and you miss a dose of DUPIXENT: Give the DUPIXENT injection as soon as possible and start a new every week dose schedule from the time you remember to take your DUPIXENT injection.
- If your dose schedule is every other week and you miss a dose of DUPIXENT: Give the DUPIXENT injection within 7 days from the missed dose, then continue with your original schedule. If the missed dose is not given within 7 days, wait until the next scheduled dose to give your DUPIXENT injection.
- If your dose schedule is every 4 weeks and you miss a dose of DUPIXENT: Give the DUPIXENT injection within 7 days from the missed dose, then continue with your original schedule. If the missed dose is not given within 7 days, start a new every 4 week dose schedule from the time you remember to take your DUPIXENT injection.
- If you inject too much DUPIXENT, call your healthcare provider or Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 or go to the nearest hospital
  emergency room right away.
- Your healthcare provider may prescribe other medicines to use with DUPIXENT. Use the other prescribed medicines exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to.

## What are the possible side effects of DUPIXENT? DUPIXENT can cause serious side effects, including:

- Allergic reactions. DUPIXENT can cause allergic reactions that can sometimes be severe. Stop using DUPIXENT and tell your healthcare provider or get emergency help right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms:
  - breathing problems or wheezing
     swelling of the face, lips, mouth,
     fainting, dizziness, feeling lightheaded
  - o fast pulse tongue, or throat o joint pain fever hives skin rash
  - o general ill feeling o itching o cramps in your stomach-area
  - swollen lymph nodes
     nausea or vomiting
- Eye problems. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new or worsening eye problems, including eye pain or changes in vision, such as blurred vision. Your healthcare provider may send you to an ophthalmologist for an eye exam if needed.
- Inflammation of your blood vessels. Rarely, this can happen in people with asthma who receive DUPIXENT. This may happen in people who also take a steroid medicine by mouth that is being stopped or the dose is being lowered. It is not known whether this is caused by DUPIXENT. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have:
  - o rash o chest pain
  - worsening shortness of breath
     a feeling of pins and needles or numbness of your arms or legs
  - persistent fever
- Joint aches and pain. Joint aches and pain can happen in people who use DUPIXENT. Some people have had trouble walking or
  moving due to their joint symptoms, and in some cases needed to be hospitalized. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or
  worsening joint symptoms. Your healthcare provider may stop DUPIXENT if you develop joint symptoms.

#### The most common side effects of DUPIXENT include:

- injection site reactions
- upper respiratory tract infections
- eye and eyelid inflammation, including redness, swelling, and itching, sometimes with blurred vision
- dry eye
- · herpes virus infections
- common cold symptoms (nasopharyngitis)
- cold sores in your mouth or on your lips
- high count of a certain white blood cell (eosinophilia)

- dizziness
- muscle pain
- diarrhea
- pain in the throat (oropharyngeal pain)
- gastritis
- ioint pain (arthralgia)
- trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- toothache
- parasitic (helminth) infections

The following additional side effects have been reported with DUPIXENT:

facial rash or redness

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

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

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

#### How should I store DUPIXENT?

- Store DUPIXENT in the refrigerator at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- Store DUPIXENT in the original carton to protect from light.
- DUPIXENT can be stored at room temperature up to 77°F (25°C) up to 14 days. Throw away (dispose of) any DUPIXENT that has been left at room temperature for longer than 14 days.
- Do not heat or put DUPIXENT into direct sunlight.
- Do not freeze. Do not shake.

Keep DUPIXENT and all medicines out of the reach of children.

#### General information about the safe and effective use of DUPIXENT.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use DUPIXENT for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give DUPIXENT to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about DUPIXENT that is written for health professionals.

#### What are the ingredients in DUPIXENT?

Active ingredient: dupilumab

Inactive ingredients: L-arginine hydrochloride, L-histidine, polysorbate 80, sodium acetate, sucrose, and water for injection.

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For more information about DUPIXENT, go to www.DUPIXENT.com or call 1-844-DUPIXENT (1-844-387-4936).

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