



Getting started with Repatha® (evolocumab)



Answers to frequently asked questions

What is Repatha®?

Repatha® (evolocumab) is a medicine that helps to lower increased levels of **cholesterol**. Cholesterol is one of several fatty substances found in the bloodstream. Your **total cholesterol** is made up mainly of **LDL cholesterol (LDL-C)**, often referred to as “**bad**” cholesterol, and **HDL cholesterol (HDL-C)**, or “**good**” cholesterol.

LDL-C can build up in the walls of the arteries, forming plaque, which can lead to a narrowing of the arteries, slowing or blocking blood flow to vital organs such as the heart and brain. This can lead to a heart attack or stroke and could cause other health problems. **HDL-C** helps keep the bad cholesterol from building up in the arteries and protects against heart disease. **Triglycerides**, another type of fat found in the bloodstream, play an important role in the body but can increase the risk of heart disease if levels are too high.

Why have I been prescribed Repatha®?

Repatha® is used for patients whose cholesterol levels are not sufficiently controlled by following their current cholesterol-lowering medication along with diet. You should stay on your cholesterol-lowering diet while taking Repatha®.

Repatha® is used along with diet and maximally tolerated statin therapy in adults with primary hyperlipidemia or who have clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, such as heart attacks or strokes, who need additional lowering of **LDL-C**.

The effect of Repatha® on heart problems such as heart attacks, stroke or death is not known.

How does Repatha® work?

Evolocumab, the active ingredient of Repatha®, works by helping the liver’s ability to **lower** levels of total cholesterol, **LDL-C** and **triglycerides** in the blood. In addition, Repatha® **raises** levels of **HDL-C**.

How do I take Repatha®?

Repatha® is given as an injection just under the skin (subcutaneous, or SC). You can take Repatha® **every two weeks** with the 140 mg/mL single-use prefilled SureClick® Autoinjector, or **once monthly** with the 420 mg/mL Repatha® automated mini-doser.

It is important that you do not try to inject Repatha® until you have received training with a healthcare professional on how to properly use the SureClick Autoinjector or the Repatha® automated mini-doser.

If your doctor has prescribed Repatha® along with a statin or other cholesterol-lowering medicine, follow your doctor’s instructions on how to take these medicines together.

Step-by-step injection instructions for using the SureClick Autoinjector and the Repatha® automated mini-doser are provided in the Patient Medication Information leaflet included with your Repatha® package.

What is the usual dose of Repatha®?

Primary hyperlipidemia:

SureClick Autoinjector:

The usual dose for Repatha® is 140 mg every two weeks: one 1 mL prefilled SureClick Autoinjector.

OR

Repatha® automated mini-doser:

The usual dose for Repatha® is 420 mg once monthly: one 3.5 mL prefilled cartridge with automated mini-doser.

Does Repatha® cause any side effects?

Possible side effects include:

Flu (high temperature, sore throat, runny nose, cough and chills)	Joint pain (arthralgia)
Common cold, such as runny nose, sore throat or sinus infections (nasopharyngitis or upper respiratory tract infections)	Injection site reactions (redness, bruising or pain)
Nausea	Rash
Back pain	Hives, red itchy bumps on your skin

If you have a side effect that is not listed here or one that becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, talk to your healthcare professional.



Repatha[®] is available in the following dosage forms

Repatha[®] is given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneous, or SC). You can take Repatha[®] every two weeks or once monthly. You and your doctor will have discussed your preferred method for taking Repatha[®].

SureClick Autoinjector

Repatha[®] can be given with the SureClick Autoinjector. The recommended dose of Repatha[®] with the SureClick Autoinjector is one 15-second injection (140 mg) every two weeks.



Repatha[®] automated mini-doser

Repatha[®] can also be given with the Repatha[®] automated mini-doser. The recommended dose of Repatha[®] with the automated mini-doser is one 9-minute injection (420 mg) once monthly.



RepathaREADY[™]

PATIENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

YOUR PARTNER IN CARE, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

The RepathaREADY[™] Patient Support Program is your resource for personalized support to help you get started and stay on track with your Repatha[®] treatment

- Assistance accessing drug coverage
- Training to use the Repatha[®] SureClick autoinjector or automated mini-doser
- Repatha[®] starter kit including sharps container and educational resources on Repatha[®] and cardiovascular health
- Nurse support, ongoing personalized contact and treatment reminders

TO CONFIRM YOUR ENROLMENT, CALL 1-888-REPATHA (1-888-737-2842).

Questions?

Please refer to the **Patient Medication Information** leaflet included with your medication for complete information or call the RepathaREADY[™] Patient Support Program information line toll-free at 1-888-Repatha (1-888-737-2842) or visit repatha.ca (SureClick Autoinjector DIN: 02446057; automated mini-doser DIN: 02459779).

RepathaREADY[™] Patient Support Program is ready to help

You should not use Repatha[®] if you have ever had an allergic reaction to Repatha[®] or any other ingredient of Repatha[®].

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take Repatha[®]. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have.

The needle cover on the single-use prefilled SureClick Autoinjector contains dry natural rubber (latex), which should not be handled by persons allergic to it. There is no dry natural rubber in the automated mini-doser with prefilled cartridge. The use of Repatha[®] has not been studied in children under 18 years of age being treated for primary hyperlipidemia. Tell your healthcare professional about all the medications you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines. Repatha[®] has not been tested in pregnant women. If you are

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trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant when taking Repatha[®], inform your doctor. If you also are taking a statin along with Repatha[®], stop taking Repatha[®] and read the package leaflet of the statin that you are taking with Repatha[®]. It is not known whether Repatha[®] is found in breast milk.

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