



Pr **KORSUVA**[®]
(difelikefalin) Injection

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE- ASSOCIATED ITCH

A GUIDE TO YOUR CONDITION
AND TREATMENT WITH PrKORSUVA[®]

ABOUT CKD-ASSOCIATED ITCH

What is CKD-associated itch?

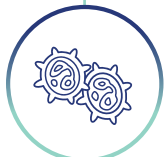
Chronic kidney disease (CKD)-associated itch—or pruritus—is the itching experienced by some patients with CKD undergoing hemodialysis.

Several factors are believed to contribute to the development of CKD-associated itch, including:



Nerves misfiring

Sometimes you feel an itching sensation when your nerves are activated out of proportion or independent of any substance causing itch.



Immune system overacting

It could be due to an imbalance in your immune system which leads to more inflammation, causing your skin to itch.

GETTING THE CONVERSATION STARTED

Your doctor and other members of your healthcare team are there to help and guide you through your treatment journey. Think of your healthcare team as your partners and it is important to talk to them about your symptoms.

Here are some tips to help you prepare for your next conversation with your healthcare team:



Bring what you need and know your symptoms.

You might find it helpful to bring a list of medications you're taking, notes on how you've been feeling, or even a friend or relative to help you remember what your doctor tells you.



Don't be afraid to speak up.

Whether you're speaking to your doctor or another member of your healthcare team, don't be shy to ask questions and get the relevant info you need about your condition and treatment.



Talk about your itch.

Describing your itch to your healthcare team can help them understand what you are experiencing.



YOU HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED ^{Pr} KORSUVA®

What is KORSUVA?

KORSUVA is used to treat itching in adults with CKD on hemodialysis.

How does KORSUVA work?

KORSUVA contains the active substance difelikefalin. KORSUVA works by relieving the need for scratching yourself.

How do I take KORSUVA?

Your healthcare professional will add KORSUVA into the venous line of the dialysis circuit 3 times per week at the end of a hemodialysis session.

No more than 4 doses of KORSUVA per week should be given even if the number of hemodialysis treatments in a week exceeds 4.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



What are possible side effects from using ^{Pr}KORSUVA®?

These are not all the possible side effects you may have when taking KORSUVA. If you experience any side effects not listed here, tell your healthcare professional.

Common side effects ($\geq 1\%$ and $< 10\%$) include:

- Sensation in the skin or mouth such as tingling prickling, burning or numbness, decreased feeling or sensitivity
- Headache
- Nausea, diarrhea
- Change in how you walk (your gait) and falls
- High blood potassium level (seen in blood tests)
- Back pain

Talk to your healthcare professional if you experience dizziness, drowsiness, or mental status changes (including feeling confused).

Get immediate medical help if you experience chest pain, shortness of breath due to heart weakness or feeling of irregular heart beat.

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

What should I tell my healthcare professional before receiving Pr KORSUVA®?

Before you receive KORSUVA, talk to your healthcare professional about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:

- Are pregnant, think you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if KORSUVA may harm your unborn baby
- Are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if KORSUVA can pass into your milk and harm your baby. Talk to your healthcare professional about the best way to feed your baby if you take KORSUVA
- Have an increased potassium level in the blood
- Have or have had heart weakness or a heart rhythm disorder
- Have problems with your liver
- Have reduced function of the blood-brain barrier (such as cancer in the brain or the central nervous system, or a disease of the central nervous system like multiple sclerosis or dementia) as this might increase your risk of side effects
- Are using medicines that could increase the risk of drowsiness or dizziness, such as:
 - medicines that slow down brain activity such as those that help with sleep disturbances and anxiety
 - medicines to treat allergies, cold, nausea and/or vomiting called sedating antihistamines
 - strong painkillers, called opioid analgesics

Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements, or alternative medicines.

ORIJIN® PATIENT SUPPORT PROGRAM



What the program has to offer



Counselling services from an ORIJIN nurse on:

- How KORSUVA will be administered
- What to expect during your treatment



Access to reimbursement specialists to help you with:

- Financial assistance
- Reimbursement navigation

Call 1-844-254-6272 to get started.

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