

TEPEZZA[®] INFUSION THERAPY

A Complete Patient Guide to your
treatment at FlexCare



TEPEZZA is an infusible medication used to treat the cause and symptoms of thyroid eye disease. Learn more about what to expect before and during treatment, including the cost of TEPEZZA, possible side effects, the infusion process, and where to find additional support and resources.

What is TEPEZZA[®], and how does it work?

TEPEZZA (teprotumumab-trbw) is an infusible biologic medication that is administered via IV (intravenously) directly into the bloodstream. Like other biologic medications, TEPEZZA is made up of components of living cells, which can include proteins, antibodies, and nucleic acids containing DNA and RNA. The complexity of these types of medications means they can't be taken orally.

Inflammation in the muscle and fat tissues behind the eyes leads to symptoms of thyroid eye disease (TED). TEPEZZA is designed to block the receptors that trigger this inflammation. When inflammation is reduced, eye pain, swelling, double vision, eye bulging, and blurred vision improve.

TEPEZZA is the first drug of its kind to target both the cause and the symptoms of TED.

Cost of TEPEZZA[®] Infusion Therapy

The cost of TEPEZZA infusion therapy will depend largely on dosing, pharmacy, infusion location, and your insurance provider. Your infusion center or provider will work with your insurance to determine your total out-of-pocket cost for each TEPEZZA infusion prior to your first appointment.

There are also drug and copay assistance programs that may be able to help patients cover costs not covered by insurance. The Horizon By Your Side Program offers copay assistance and insurance coverage information to eligible TEPEZZA patients.

FlexCare Infusion Centers also offers financial support to patients who need assistance affording their medications. Contact your FlexCare clinic for more information on eligibility.

Visit
horizonbyside.com to learn
more.

How to Prepare for a TEPEZZA® Infusion

Your doctor or referring provider may require you to test and track your blood sugar levels throughout your course of TEPEZZA treatment. TEPEZZA can sometimes increase blood sugar levels, so if you have diabetes or a tendency to have elevated blood sugar, it's important to monitor levels throughout treatment.

Your provider may also order a thyroid function test before you start TEPEZZA. This ensure your levels are stable enough to start treatment. The test measures thyroid hormones that regulate bodily functions. When levels are off, this can indicate thyroid dysfunction.

To track the effectiveness of TEPEZZA therapy, your provider will perform an eye exam to determine your clinical activity score (CAS). CAS is an assessment tool that evaluates the signs and symptoms of TED before starting treatment.

A CAS exam will likely include eye measurements to record eye bulging, pressure readings, eye muscle function, and an ophthalmoscopy. Sometimes, your provider may obtain a CT or MRI of the eye.



Want tips on how to prepare for your infusion? Scan the QR code or visit flexcareinfusion.com/patients/education

What are the Side Effects of TEPEZZA® ?

Like most infusible biologics, there is a potential for some side effects. Some patients may experience mild side effects, including:

- muscle spasms
- high blood sugar
- nausea
- hearing problems
- mild hair loss
- taste changes
- diarrhea
- headache
- fatigue
- dry skin

In rare cases, infusion reactions may occur within 24 hours of treatment. Reach out to your provider immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- high blood pressure
- difficulty breathing
- fast heartbeat
- headache
- redness/warmth
- muscle pain

Most side effects from TEPEZZA are mild and do not interfere with patients' treatment. For more information, visit tepezza.com.

TEPEZZA® Treatment Timeline

Your TEPEZZA treatments will be given as an intravenous (IV) medication once every 3 weeks. A full round of TEPEZZA treatment consists of 8 infusions, and it usually takes about 5 months to complete. Your first dose will be half the amount of subsequent doses. This is to establish medication tolerance.

During the first 2 infusions, patients spend around 90 minutes at the clinic, followed by a 30-minute monitoring period to ensure there are no adverse reactions.

Patients may notice a decrease in symptoms after the first few infusions. To achieve the best outcomes, it is recommended to complete the entire TEPEZZA treatment course.

In one clinical study of TEPEZZA patients, more than 8 out of 10 patients saw a decrease in eye bulging by at least 2 mm. The average TEPEZZA patient may see an improvement in eye bulging of up to 3.32 mm after 8 infusions. For more patient results, visit tepezza.com.

Your TEPEZZA[®] Infusion at FlexCare Infusion Centers

FlexCare Infusion Centers offers TEPEZZA infusion therapy in a comfortable setting. Our clinics offer private and semi-private suites, free streaming services, WIFI, and complimentary snacks and drinks.

Our onsite Nurse Practitioners and infusion experts are available throughout your appointment to monitor your treatment and answer any questions you might have about TEPEZZA.



TEPEZZA[®] Patient Resources

Below is a list of additional resources for FlexCare TEPEZZA patients and their friends, family, and support system.

- **American Thyroid Association**
thyroid.org/thyroid-eye-disease/
- **Prevent Blindness**
preventblindness.org/thyroid-eye-disease/
- **TEPEZZA[®]**
krystexxa.com

Questions? Contact our Team



Contact your clinic location.
Scan the QR code or visit
flexcareinfusion.com/clinics/