



**You've found a treatment center. What might be next?**

The next step is to get acquainted with the process for receiving SPINRAZA by talking to the point of contact at the treatment center and the administering healthcare provider (HCP). On the following page, you will find some questions that may help you address your/your child's needs before, during, and after the procedure.

If there are any questions you do not feel comfortable asking the point of contact or the administering HCP, please reach out to your Lead Case Manager (LCM) or call SMA360°™ at 1-844-4SPINRAZA (1-844-477-4672) for guidance.\*

## Preliminary questions

These initial questions will help you narrow your search results and find a local treatment center that meets your needs.

## Availability

1. Are you currently accepting new patients?
  2. Do you treat patients with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) across all ages and SMA types?

## **Insurance**

- 3.** Does my health insurance cover the costs for the SPINRAZA treatment procedure at your center?

## SMA treatment experience

4. Do you have experience treating patients with SMA who have medical complexities/complications (such as growing rods, spinal fusion, etc.)?
  5. Who is allowed in the room during the procedure (caregiver, respiratory specialist, etc.)?

## Scheduling logistics

- 6.** How long does it take to get an initial appointment to discuss SPINRAZA treatment at your center?

\*SMA360° services from Biogen are available only to those who have been prescribed SPINRAZA. SMA360° is intended for US residents only.

## INDICATION

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## **SELECTED IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

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## Getting Started

Once you have selected a treatment center, the following questions may help give you more insight into their process for administering SPINRAZA. The questions are numbered to help you keep track of your responses; they do not indicate the order in which you should ask these questions.

## Questions to help get you started

## Scheduling logistics

1. Will my/my child's procedure require an overnight stay?
  2. Since multiple family members have SMA, is it possible to coordinate appointments to be on the same day?
  3. How early should I/my child arrive prior to the procedure? Where do I check in?
  4. Do I/does my child need an intake appointment prior to the first appointment for treatment?
  5. Are there only certain days that your treatment center administers SPINRAZA?

## Insurance

1. Will I need to get prior authorization before scheduling treatment?
  2. Do you accept Medicare and/or Medicaid? Is it OK if I am/my child is an out-of-state patient?
  3. What are my options if my insurance does not cover treatment with SPINRAZA for me/my child?
  4. Does your treatment center offer payment plans?
  5. Are there additional costs associated with each procedure, such as anesthesia or use of medical devices? Are these additional costs typically covered by my insurance?

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## **Before the first procedure**

1. What is the process like for receiving SPINRAZA at your treatment facility? What should I expect the day of the procedure?
  2. Is the procedure typically inpatient or outpatient?
  3. What is the center's protocol on anesthesia use, if any? If it is required for me/my child, what are the options (anesthesia or anesthesia alternate, or local sedation)?
  4. Is there anything I need to do to prepare for my/my child's procedure, such as providing a urine sample?
  5. Are there any other specific preparation considerations that I should know about?

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## Post procedure

1. What follow-up appointments are required after the procedure? Can follow-up appointments take place remotely or must they be on site?
  2. What is the recovery process like after the procedure? How long could it take before resuming a typical routine?
  3. Who should be notified if I have/my child has any adverse reactions to the intrathecal procedure?

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**The most common side effects of SPINRAZA include** lower respiratory infection, fever, constipation, headache, vomiting, back pain, and post-lumbar puncture syndrome.

These are not all of the possible side effects of SPINRAZA. Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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### Additional tips

- Fill out the appropriate portion of the Start Form and bring it with you to your/your child's initial appointment. If you have questions, talk to your doctor or call SMA360° at 1-844-4SPINRAZA
- Bring your/your child's insurance cards and be sure the office submits copies of this information and any clinical records along with the Start Form
- Have the office submit the Start Form (preferably for the 4 loading and first 3 maintenance doses). Optionally, a signed and dated prescription can be submitted as well
- Talk to your doctor to see if any testing may be useful, including genetic testing

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