



The SMA Treatment Discussion Guide

Considerations to help you find the SMA treatment that's right for you.

Use the following information as a guide for discussions with your healthcare provider concerning SMA treatments:

- Safety, efficacy, and tolerability
 - Side effects
 - Potential benefits
- Access to Treatment
 - Insurance coverage and out-of-pocket costs
 - Assistance programs
- Treatment logistics
 - Dosing administration
 - Monitoring, testing, and blood work

If you are interested in learning more about a treatment option, here are some questions you may want to ask your doctor:



SAFETY, EFFICACY, AND TOLERABILITY

- What's known about the safety of this treatment/medication in patients like me?
- What information about safety and side effects do I need to know about? How might they affect my/my child's day-to-day life?
- What should I know about the tolerability of this treatment/medication?
- Does the research show this product can help me achieve my treatment goals?



ACCESS TO TREATMENT

- Will insurance cover the treatment? What can I expect in terms of out-of-pocket costs?
- Are there assistance programs to help coordinate treatment and payment?
- What other types of patient support are available?
- How long would I/my child have to wait in between if I/they want to switch treatments?



TREATMENT LOGISTICS

- How often would I/my child need to take this treatment/medication?
- Where would this treatment/medication be administered?
- How do I get the medication? Are there any special requirements that I need to consider?
- Will I/my child need any special monitoring? What testing or blood work would be required before starting, and throughout treatment?
- How will my/my child's motor function be assessed over the course of treatment?
- What would my care partner need to know about this medication/treatment?