



# 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

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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?

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## WHAT IS SPINRAZA®?

SPINRAZA (nusinersen) is a prescription medicine used to treat spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in pediatric and adult patients.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**Increased risk of bleeding complications** has been observed after administration of similar medicines. Your healthcare provider should perform blood tests before you start treatment with SPINRAZA and before each dose to monitor for signs of these risks. Seek medical attention if unexpected bleeding occurs.

**Increased risk of kidney damage, including potentially fatal acute inflammation of the kidney**, has been observed after administration of similar medicines. Your healthcare provider should perform urine testing before you start treatment with SPINRAZA and before each dose to monitor for signs of this risk.

**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.

**Before taking SPINRAZA**, tell your healthcare provider if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

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This information is not intended to replace discussions with your healthcare provider.