

Staying on Sandostatin® LAR Depot (octreotide acetate) for Injectable Suspension

Hi, I'm Sandy, your Sandostatin LAR Depot RealSupport™ sidekick. If you have severe diarrhea and flushing associated with carcinoid syndrome, you are not alone. Once you've started on Sandostatin, RealSupport™ is here with information and tools that can help you learn how to manage your symptoms.

Today we're going to talk about what to expect once you've been taking Sandostatin LAR Depot for a few months. But first a little bit about Sandostatin® LAR Depot (octreotide acetate) for injectable suspension.

Sandostatin® LAR Depot (octreotide acetate) for injectable suspension is a prescription medicine for the long-term treatment of the severe diarrhea and flushing episodes associated with metastatic carcinoid tumors. In patients with carcinoid syndrome, the effect of Sandostatin LAR Depot on tumor size, rate of growth, and development of metastases has not been determined.

Sandostatin is available in 2 formulations. Your health care provider gives you Sandostatin LAR Depot once a month by injecting it into the buttocks (intragluteal injection).

Sandostatin® (octreotide acetate) Immediate-Release Injection is the same medicine. But you self-inject this formula 2 to 4 times per day under the skin of the thigh, upper arm, or abdomen.

Your doctor will decide if Sandostatin LAR Depot is right for you based on how your body responds to Sandostatin Immediate-Release Injection.

Treatment with Sandostatin LAR Depot may affect gallbladder function, with postmarketing reports of gallstones resulting in complications (inflammation of the gallbladder, bile duct, and pancreas, and requiring surgical removal of the gallbladder); sugar metabolism; thyroid and heart function; and nutritional absorption, which may require monitoring by your doctor. Call your doctor if you experience signs or symptoms of gallstones or any of their complications.

Please watch this video in its entirety for additional Important Safety Information.

By now, your doctor has adjusted your dose to help give you some control over your severe diarrhea and flushing. That's great!

But remember: improved symptoms doesn't mean you should stop taking your medicine. It's important to stick with your treatment plan and visit your doctor regularly.

If you're having trouble making your doctor visits, visit [us.sandostatin.com/MAP](https://www.us.sandostatin.com/MAP) to see if you're eligible to have your monthly dose given at home by a trained nurse.

Staying on treatment is key. But lifestyle choices may also have an impact. For example, stress, alcohol and certain eating habits can all trigger flare-ups.

Go to [us.sandostatin.com/5Es](https://www.us.sandostatin.com/5Es) to download our guide to understanding the potential triggers and how they may play a role.

You can also visit RealSupport™ for useful tips on ordering food and creating meals that may help prevent your symptoms from getting worse.

Changing eating habits can be challenging. So we've put together a recipe library with a wide variety of meals prepared by a nutritionist.

Go to [us.sandostatin.com/recipes](https://www.us.sandostatin.com/recipes) to check those out.

Remember, RealSupport™ is the place for information and tools that can help you learn to manage your symptoms.

RealSupport™ is something you'll get when you are prescribed Sandostatin. In fact, Sandostatin has been helping patients for over 30 years. We're proud of that.

And we're still here with RealSupport™. Every step of the way.

Did you know that you may be eligible for immediate co-pay savings on your next prescription?

Go to [us.sandostatin.com/resources](https://www.us.sandostatin.com/resources) to learn more.

Sandostatin LAR Depot is the number one prescribed medicine of its kind in the world.

Approved Use and Important Safety Information

Sandostatin® LAR Depot (octreotide acetate) for injectable suspension

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Sandostatin® LAR Depot (octreotide acetate) for injectable suspension is indicated for patients in whom initial treatment with immediate-release Sandostatin® (octreotide acetate)

Injection has been shown to be effective and tolerated for

- Long-term treatment of the severe diarrhea and flushing episodes associated with metastatic carcinoid tumors
- Long-term treatment of the profuse watery diarrhea associated with VIP-secreting tumors

In patients with carcinoid syndrome and VIPomas, the effect of Sandostatin Injection and Sandostatin LAR Depot on tumor size, rate of growth, and development of metastases has not been determined.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Warnings and Precautions: Treatment with Sandostatin LAR Depot may affect gallbladder function, with postmarketing reports of gallstones resulting in complications (inflammation of the gallbladder, bile duct, and pancreas, and requiring surgical removal of the gallbladder); sugar metabolism; thyroid and heart function; and nutritional absorption, which may require monitoring by your doctor. Call your doctor if you experience signs or symptoms of gallstones or any of their complications.

Before Taking Sandostatin LAR Depot: Tell your doctor if you have a history of heart disease or are taking other medications, including cyclosporine, insulin, oral hypoglycemic agents, beta-blockers, and bromocriptine.

Common Side Effects: Most patients experience side effects at some time. Some common side effects you may experience include back pain, fatigue, headache, abdominal pain, nausea, and dizziness.

Other Information: Patients with carcinoid tumors and VIPomas should adhere closely to their scheduled return visits for reinjection in order to minimize exacerbation of symptoms.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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