Severe Diarrhea and Flushing Associated with Metastatic Neuroendocrine Tumors/Carcinoid Symptoms

What Can Be Done?

Bynfezia PEN is a new treatment option for severe diarrhea and flushing associated with metastatic carcinoid tumors or acromegaly. It offers the convenience of self-administration and the ability to treat breakthrough symptoms whenever and wherever you need.

Benefits of Bynfezia PEN

- Immediate-release formulations go anywhere and can be used to address breakthrough symptoms whenever and wherever you need.
- The new prefilled, multidose pen provides a patient-friendly solution for regular treatment, allowing for multiple doses and smaller diameter needles compared to the previous long-acting formulation.

Clinical studies have shown that Bynfezia PEN is effective and well tolerated. In a six-month clinical trial of SSA-treated patients, the average monthly days of breakthrough symptoms decreased from almost 10 days to less than 5 days, and the proportion of patients experiencing breakthrough symptoms decreased from 96% to 54%.

Indications

- Bynfezia PEN is indicated for the treatment of severe diarrhea and flushing associated with metastatic carcinoid tumors or acromegaly.

Contraindications

- Bynfezia PEN is contraindicated in patients who are allergic to it.

Warnings and Precautions

- Patients should be monitored for the development of thyroid disorders, including hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism.

Side Effects

- The most common side effects of Bynfezia PEN are:
  - Headache
  - Dizziness
  - Muscle spasm

Other potential side effects may include:

- Gallstones
- Abnormal blood sugar levels (high or low)
- Swelling
- Weakness or extreme tiredness
- Changes in mood

Important Safety Information

Before starting Bynfezia PEN, you should talk to your healthcare provider about:

- Your medical history
- Your current medications

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any of the following:

- Symptoms of low thyroid levels
- Signs of slow heart rate
- Signs of high or low blood sugar
- Signs or symptoms of gallstones

It is not known if Bynfezia PEN will harm your unborn baby or pass into breast milk.

Direct your questions to Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (800-406-7984) or drug.safetyUSA@sunpharma.com.

References:


Treatments called somatostatin analogues (SSAs) such as octreotide acetate are released by functional neuroendocrine tumors – "functional" means that these hormones cause certain symptoms. Severe diarrhea and flushing are two of the symptoms associated with carcinoid syndrome patients. Headache, dizziness, and muscle spasm are side effects of Bynfezia PEN that are generally similar to those commonly seen with neuroendocrine tumors. Acromegaly patients may experience diarrhea, loose stools, nausea, and abdominal pain. Signs or symptoms of high or low blood sugar may include increased thirst, urination, appetite, nausea, vomiting, and confusion. Signs or symptoms of gallstones may include unexplained pain in the upper right abdomen.