

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use VICTOZA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for VICTOZA.

VICTOZA (liraglutide) injection, for subcutaneous use  
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**WARNING: RISK OF THYROID C-CELL TUMORS**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Liraglutide causes thyroid C-cell tumors at clinically relevant exposures in both genders of rats and mice. It is unknown whether VICTOZA causes thyroid C-cell tumors, including medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), in humans, as the human relevance of liraglutide-induced rodent thyroid C-cell tumors has not been determined (5.1, 13.1).
- VICTOZA is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of MTC or in patients with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2). Counsel patients regarding the potential risk of MTC and the symptoms of thyroid tumors (4, 5.1).

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

VICTOZA is a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus (1).

**Important Limitations of Use (1.1):**

- Not recommended as first-line therapy for patients inadequately controlled on diet and exercise (5.1).
- Has not been studied in patients with a history of pancreatitis. Consider other antidiabetic therapies in patients with a history of pancreatitis (5.2).
- Not for treatment of type 1 diabetes mellitus or diabetic ketoacidosis.
- Has not been studied in combination with prandial insulin.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- Inject subcutaneously in the abdomen, thigh or upper arm (2.1).
- Administer once daily at any time of day, independently of meals (2.2).
- Initiate at 0.6 mg per day for one week then increase to 1.2 mg. Dose can be increased to 1.8 mg for additional glycemic control (2.2).

**DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

- Injection: 6 mg/mL solution in a pre-filled, multi-dose pen that delivers doses of 0.6 mg, 1.2 mg, or 1.8 mg (3).

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

VICTOZA is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of medullary thyroid carcinoma or in patients with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (4).

VICTOZA is contraindicated in patients with a prior serious hypersensitivity reaction to VICTOZA or any of the product components (4).

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

- **Thyroid C-cell Tumors:** See Boxed Warning (5.1).
- **Pancreatitis:** Postmarketing reports, including fatal and non-fatal hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis. Discontinue promptly if pancreatitis is suspected. Do not restart if pancreatitis is confirmed. Consider other antidiabetic therapies in patients with a history of pancreatitis (5.2).
- **Never share a VICTOZA pen** between patients, even if the needle is changed (5.3).
- **Serious Hypoglycemia:** When VICTOZA is used with an insulin secretagogue (e.g. a sulfonylurea) or insulin, consider lowering the dose of the insulin secretagogue or insulin to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia (5.4).
- **Renal Impairment:** Postmarketing, usually in association with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or dehydration which may sometimes require hemodialysis. Use caution when initiating or escalating doses of VICTOZA in patients with renal impairment (5.5).
- **Hypersensitivity:** Postmarketing reports of serious hypersensitivity reactions (e.g., anaphylactic reactions and angioedema). Discontinue VICTOZA and other suspect medications and promptly seek medical advice (5.6).
- **Macrovascular Outcomes:** There have been no studies establishing conclusive evidence of macrovascular risk reduction with VICTOZA or any other antidiabetic drug (5.7).

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

- The most common adverse reactions, reported in ≥5% of patients treated with VICTOZA are: nausea, diarrhea, headache and vomiting (6.1).
- Immunogenicity-related events, including urticaria, were more common among VICTOZA-treated patients (0.8%) than among comparator-treated patients (0.4%) in clinical trials (6.2).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Novo Nordisk Inc. at 1-877-484-2869 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

- VICTOZA delays gastric emptying. May impact absorption of concomitantly administered oral medications. (7).

**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

- Renal Impairment: No dose adjustment recommended (2.3, 8.6, 12.3).

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and FDA-Approved Medication Guide.

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### WARNING: RISK OF THYROID C-CELL TUMORS

- **Liraglutide causes dose-dependent and treatment-duration-dependent thyroid C-cell tumors at clinically relevant exposures in both genders of rats and mice. It is unknown whether VICTOZA causes thyroid C-cell tumors, including medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), in humans, as the human relevance of liraglutide-induced rodent thyroid C-cell tumors has not been determined [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)].**
- **VICTOZA is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of MTC and in patients with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2). Counsel patients regarding the potential risk for MTC with the use of VICTOZA and inform them of symptoms of thyroid tumors (e.g. a mass in the neck, dysphagia, dyspnea, persistent hoarseness). Routine monitoring of serum calcitonin or using thyroid ultrasound is of uncertain value for early detection of MTC in patients treated with VICTOZA [see Contraindications (4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].**

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

VICTOZA is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

### 1.1 Important Limitations of Use

- VICTOZA is not recommended as first-line therapy for patients who have inadequate glycemic control on diet and exercise because of the uncertain relevance of the rodent C-cell tumor findings to humans. Prescribe VICTOZA only to patients for whom the potential benefits are considered to outweigh the potential risk [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].
- Based on spontaneous postmarketing reports, acute pancreatitis, including fatal and non-fatal hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis has been observed in patients treated with VICTOZA. VICTOZA has not been studied in patients with a history of pancreatitis. It is unknown whether patients with a history of pancreatitis are at increased risk for pancreatitis while using VICTOZA. Other antidiabetic therapies should be considered in patients with a history of pancreatitis.
- VICTOZA is not a substitute for insulin. VICTOZA should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus or for the treatment of diabetic ketoacidosis, as it would not be effective in these settings.
- The concurrent use of VICTOZA and prandial insulin has not been studied.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Important Administration Instructions

- Inspect visually prior to each injection. Only use if solution is clear, colorless, and contains no particles.
- Inject VICTOZA subcutaneously in the abdomen, thigh or upper arm. No dose adjustment is needed if changing the injection site and/or timing.

- When using VICTOZA with insulin, administer as separate injections. Never mix.
- It is acceptable to inject VICTOZA and insulin in the same body region but the injections should not be adjacent to each other.

## 2.2 General Dosing and Administration

- Inject VICTOZA subcutaneously once-daily at any time of day, independently of meals.
- Initiate VICTOZA with a dose of 0.6 mg per day for one week. The 0.6 mg dose is a starting dose intended to reduce gastrointestinal symptoms during initial titration, and is not effective for glycemic control. After one week at 0.6 mg per day, the dose should be increased to 1.2 mg. If the 1.2 mg dose does not result in acceptable glycemic control, the dose can be increased to 1.8 mg. If a dose is missed, resume the once-daily regimen as prescribed with the next scheduled dose. Do not administer an extra dose or increase in dose to make up for the missed dose.
- If more than 3 days have elapsed since the last VICTOZA dose, reinitiate VICTOZA at 0.6 mg to mitigate any gastrointestinal symptoms associated with reinitiation of treatment. Upon reinitiation, VICTOZA should be titrated at the discretion of the prescriber.

## 2.3 Concomitant Use with an Insulin Secretagogue (e.g., Sulfonylurea) or with Insulin

When initiating VICTOZA, consider reducing the dose of concomitantly administered insulin secretagogues (such as sulfonylureas) to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4) and Adverse Reactions (6)*].

## 2.4 Dosage in Patients with Renal Impairment

No dose adjustment is recommended for patients with renal impairment.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: 6 mg/mL solution in a pre-filled, multi-dose pen that delivers doses of 0.6 mg, 1.2 mg, or 1.8 mg.

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

### • Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma

VICTOZA is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) or in patients with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2).

### • Hypersensitivity

VICTOZA is contraindicated in patients with a prior serious hypersensitivity reaction to VICTOZA or to any of the product components.

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Risk of Thyroid C-cell Tumors

Liraglutide causes dose-dependent and treatment-duration-dependent thyroid C-cell tumors (adenomas and/or carcinomas) at clinically relevant exposures in both genders of rats and mice [*see Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)*]. Malignant thyroid C-cell carcinomas were detected in rats and mice. It is unknown whether VICTOZA will cause thyroid C-cell tumors, including medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), in humans, as the human relevance of liraglutide-induced rodent thyroid C-cell tumors has not been determined.

Cases of MTC in patients treated with VICTOZA have been reported in the postmarketing period; the data in these reports are insufficient to establish or exclude a causal relationship between

MTC and VICTOZA use in humans.

VICTOZA is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of MTC or in patients with MEN 2. Counsel patients regarding the potential risk for MTC with the use of VICTOZA and inform them of symptoms of thyroid tumors (e.g. a mass in the neck, dysphagia, dyspnea, persistent hoarseness). Routine monitoring of serum calcitonin or using thyroid ultrasound is of uncertain value for early detection of MTC in patients treated with VICTOZA. Such monitoring may increase the risk of unnecessary procedures, due to low test specificity for serum calcitonin and a high background incidence of thyroid disease. Significantly elevated serum calcitonin may indicate MTC and patients with MTC usually have calcitonin values >50 ng/L. If serum calcitonin is measured and found to be elevated, the patient should be further evaluated. Patients with thyroid nodules noted on physical examination or neck imaging should also be further evaluated.

## 5.2 Pancreatitis

Based on spontaneous postmarketing reports, acute pancreatitis, including fatal and non-fatal hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis, has been observed in patients treated with VICTOZA. After initiation of VICTOZA, observe patients carefully for signs and symptoms of pancreatitis (including persistent severe abdominal pain, sometimes radiating to the back and which may or may not be accompanied by vomiting). If pancreatitis is suspected, VICTOZA should promptly be discontinued and appropriate management should be initiated. If pancreatitis is confirmed, VICTOZA should not be restarted. Consider antidiabetic therapies other than VICTOZA in patients with a history of pancreatitis.

In clinical trials of VICTOZA, there have been 13 cases of pancreatitis among VICTOZA-treated patients and 1 case in a comparator (glimepiride) treated patient (2.7 vs. 0.5 cases per 1000 patient-years). Nine of the 13 cases with VICTOZA were reported as acute pancreatitis and four were reported as chronic pancreatitis. In one case in a VICTOZA-treated patient, pancreatitis, with necrosis, was observed and led to death; however clinical causality could not be established. Some patients had other risk factors for pancreatitis, such as a history of cholelithiasis or alcohol abuse.

## 5.3 Never Share a VICTOZA Pen Between Patients

VICTOZA pens must never be shared between patients, even if the needle is changed. Pen-sharing poses a risk for transmission of blood-borne pathogens.

## 5.4 Use with Medications Known to Cause Hypoglycemia

Patients receiving VICTOZA in combination with an insulin secretagogue (e.g., sulfonylurea) or insulin may have an increased risk of hypoglycemia. The risk of hypoglycemia may be lowered by a reduction in the dose of sulfonylurea (or other concomitantly administered insulin secretagogues) or insulin [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2), Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

## 5.5 Renal Impairment

VICTOZA has not been found to be directly nephrotoxic in animal studies or clinical trials. There have been postmarketing reports of acute renal failure and worsening of chronic renal failure, which may sometimes require hemodialysis in VICTOZA-treated patients [*see Adverse Reactions (6.2)*]. Some of these events were reported in patients without known underlying renal disease. A majority of the reported events occurred in patients who had experienced nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or dehydration [*see Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. Some of the reported events occurred in patients receiving one or more medications known to affect renal function or hydration status. Altered renal function has been reversed in many of the reported cases with supportive treatment and discontinuation of potentially causative

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