

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

ENTRESTO® (sacubitril and valsartan) tablets, for oral use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 2015

### WARNING: FETAL TOXICITY

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- When pregnancy is detected, discontinue ENTRESTO as soon as possible. (5.1)
- Drugs that act directly on the renin-angiotensin system can cause injury and death to the developing fetus. (5.1)

### RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

- Indications and Usage (1.2) 10/2019
- Dosage and Administration (2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7) 10/2019

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

ENTRESTO is a combination of sacubitril, a neprilysin inhibitor, and valsartan, an angiotensin II receptor blocker indicated:

- to reduce the risk of cardiovascular death and hospitalization for heart failure in patients with chronic heart failure (NYHA Class II-IV) and reduced ejection fraction. (1.1)

ENTRESTO is usually administered in conjunction with other heart failure therapies, in place of an ACE inhibitor or other ARB. (1.1)

- for the treatment of symptomatic heart failure with systemic left ventricular systolic dysfunction in pediatric patients aged one year and older. ENTRESTO reduces NT-proBNP and is expected to improve cardiovascular outcomes. (1.2)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Indication	Titration Step Dose (twice daily)		
	Starting	Second	Final
Adult Heart Failure	49/51 mg	97/103 mg	
Pediatric Heart Failure Patients less than 40 kg	1.6 mg/kg	2.3 mg/kg	3.1 mg/kg
Pediatric Heart Failure Patients at least 40 kg, less than 50 kg	24/26 mg	49/51 mg	72/78 mg
Pediatric Heart Failure Patients at least 50 kg	49/51 mg	72/78 mg	97/103 mg

- Adjust adult doses every 2 to 4 weeks and pediatric doses every 2 weeks to the target maintenance dose, as tolerated by the patient. (2.2, 2.3)
- Reduce starting dose to half the usually recommended starting dosage for:
  - patients not currently taking an ACE inhibitor or ARB or previously taking a low dose of these agents (2.5)
  - patients with severe renal impairment (2.6)
  - patients with moderate hepatic impairment (2.7)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Film-coated tablets: 24/26 mg; 49/51 mg; 97/103 mg (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Hypersensitivity to any component. (4)
- History of angioedema related to previous ACEi or ARB therapy. (4)
- Concomitant use with ACE inhibitors. (4, 7.1)
- Concomitant use with aliskiren in patients with diabetes. (4, 7.1)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Observe for signs and symptoms of angioedema and hypotension. (5.2, 5.3)
- Monitor renal function and potassium in susceptible patients. (5.4, 5.5)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reactions occurring  $\geq 5\%$  are hypotension, hyperkalemia, cough, dizziness, and renal failure. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation at 1-888-669-6682 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

### DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Avoid concomitant use with aliskiren in patients with eGFR  $<60$ . (7.1)
- Potassium-sparing diuretics: May lead to increased serum potassium. (7.2)
- NSAIDs: May lead to increased risk of renal impairment. (7.3)
- Lithium: Increased risk of lithium toxicity. (7.4)

### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- Lactation: Breastfeeding or drug should be discontinued. (8.2)
- Severe Hepatic Impairment: Use not recommended. (2.7, 8.6)

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## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

### 1.1 Adult Heart Failure

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ENTRESTO is usually administered in conjunction with other heart failure therapies, in place of an ACE inhibitor or other ARB.

### 1.2 Pediatric Heart Failure

ENTRESTO is indicated for the treatment of symptomatic heart failure with systemic left ventricular systolic dysfunction in pediatric patients aged one year and older. ENTRESTO reduces NT-proBNP and is expected to improve cardiovascular outcomes.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 General Considerations

ENTRESTO is contraindicated with concomitant use of an angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor. If switching from an ACE inhibitor to ENTRESTO allow a washout period of 36 hours between administration of the two drugs [see *Contraindications (4) and Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

### 2.2 Adult Heart Failure

The recommended starting dose of ENTRESTO is 49/51 mg orally twice-daily.

Double the dose of ENTRESTO after 2 to 4 weeks to the target maintenance dose of 97/103 mg twice daily, as tolerated by the patient.

### 2.3 Pediatric Heart Failure

Refer to Table 1 for the recommended dose for pediatric patients aged one year and older. Take the recommended dose orally twice daily. Adjust pediatric patient doses every 2 weeks, as tolerated by the patient.

**Table 1: Recommended Dose Titration**

	Titration Step Dose (twice daily)		
	Starting	Second	Final
<b>Pediatric Patients Less than 40 kg<sup>†</sup></b>	1.6 mg/kg	2.3 mg/kg	3.1 mg/kg
<b>Pediatric Patients At least 40 kg, less than 50 kg</b>	24/26 mg	49/51 mg	72/78 mg <sup>‡</sup>
<b>Pediatric Patients At least 50 kg</b>	49/51 mg	72/78 mg <sup>‡</sup>	97/103 mg

<sup>†</sup> Use of the Oral Suspension recommended in these patients. Recommended mg/kg doses are of the combined amount of both sacubitril and valsartan [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4)*].

<sup>‡</sup> Doses of 72/78 mg can be achieved using three 24/26 mg tablets [see *Dosage Forms and Strengths (3)*]

### 2.4 Preparation of Oral Suspension

ENTRESTO oral suspension can be substituted at the recommended tablet dosage in patients unable to swallow tablets.

ENTRESTO 800 mg/200 mL oral suspension can be prepared in a concentration of 4 mg/mL (sacubitril/valsartan

To make an 800 mg/200 mL (4 mg/mL) oral suspension, transfer eight tablets of ENTRESTO 49/51 mg film-coated tablets into a mortar. Crush the tablets into a fine powder using a pestle. Add 60 mL of Ora-Plus® into the mortar and triturate gently with pestle for 10 minutes, to form a uniform suspension. Add 140 mL of Ora-Sweet® SF into mortar and triturate with pestle for another 10 minutes, to form a uniform suspension. Transfer the entire contents from the mortar into a clean 200 mL amber colored PET or glass bottle. Place a press-in bottle adapter and close the bottle with a child resistant cap.

The oral suspension can be stored for up to 15 days. Do not store above 25°C (77°F) and do not refrigerate. Shake before each use.

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## **2.5 Dose Adjustment for Patients Not Taking an ACE inhibitor or ARB or Previously Taking Low Doses of These Agents**

In patients not currently taking an ACE inhibitor or an angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB) and for patients previously taking low doses of these agents, start ENTRESTO at half the usually recommended starting dose. After initiation, increase the dose to follow the recommended dose escalation thereafter [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.2), (2.3)].

Note: Initiate pediatric patients weighing 40 to 50 kg who meet this criterion at 0.8 mg/kg twice daily using the oral suspension [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3), (2.4)].

## **2.6 Dose Adjustment for Severe Renal Impairment**

In adults and pediatric patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR < 30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), start ENTRESTO at half the usually recommended starting dose. After initiation, increase the dose to follow the recommended dose escalation thereafter [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.2), (2.3)].

Note: Initiate pediatric patients weighing 40 to 50 kg who meet this criterion at 0.8 mg/kg twice daily using the oral suspension [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3), (2.4)].

No starting dose adjustment is needed for mild or moderate renal impairment.

## **2.7 Dose Adjustment for Hepatic Impairment**

In adults and pediatric patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B classification), start ENTRESTO at half the usually recommended starting dose. After initiation, increase the dose to follow the recommended dose escalation thereafter [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.2), (2.3)].

Note: Initiate pediatric patients weighing 40 to 50 kg who meet this criterion at 0.8 mg/kg twice daily using the oral suspension [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3), (2.4)].

No starting dose adjustment is needed for mild hepatic impairment.

Use in patients with severe hepatic impairment is not recommended.

## **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

ENTRESTO is supplied as unscored, ovaloid, film-coated tablets in the following strengths:

ENTRESTO 24/26 mg, (sacubitril 24 mg and valsartan 26 mg) are violet white and debossed with “NVR” on one side and “LZ” on the other side.

ENTRESTO 49/51 mg, (sacubitril 49 mg and valsartan 51 mg) are pale yellow and debossed with “NVR” on one side and “L1” on the other side.

ENTRESTO 97/103 mg, (sacubitril 97 mg and valsartan 103 mg) are light pink and debossed with “NVR” on one side and “L11” on the other side.

## **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

ENTRESTO is contraindicated:

- in patients with hypersensitivity to any component
- in patients with a history of angioedema related to previous ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)]

- with concomitant use of ACE inhibitors. Do not administer within 36 hours of switching from or to an ACE inhibitor [see *Drug Interactions (7.1)*]
- with concomitant use of aliskiren in patients with diabetes [see *Drug Interactions (7.1)*]

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Fetal Toxicity

ENTRESTO can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Use of drugs that act on the renin-angiotensin system during the second and third trimesters of pregnancy reduces fetal renal function and increases fetal and neonatal morbidity and death. When pregnancy is detected, consider alternative drug treatment and discontinue ENTRESTO. However, if there is no appropriate alternative to therapy with drugs affecting the renin-angiotensin system, and if the drug is considered lifesaving for the mother, advise a pregnant woman of the potential risk to the fetus [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

### 5.2 Angioedema

ENTRESTO may cause angioedema. In the double-blind period of PARADIGM-HF, 0.5% of patients treated with ENTRESTO and 0.2% of patients treated with enalapril had angioedema [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. If angioedema occurs, discontinue ENTRESTO immediately, provide appropriate therapy, and monitor for airway compromise. ENTRESTO must not be re-administered. In cases of confirmed angioedema where swelling has been confined to the face and lips, the condition has generally resolved without treatment, although antihistamines have been useful in relieving symptoms.

Angioedema associated with laryngeal edema may be fatal. Where there is involvement of the tongue, glottis or larynx, likely to cause airway obstruction, administer appropriate therapy, e.g., subcutaneous epinephrine/adrenaline solution 1:1000 (0.3 mL to 0.5 mL) and take measures necessary to ensure maintenance of a patent airway.

ENTRESTO has been associated with a higher rate of angioedema in Black than in non-Black patients.

Patients with a prior history of angioedema may be at increased risk of angioedema with ENTRESTO [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. ENTRESTO must not be used in patients with a known history of angioedema related to previous ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy [see *Contraindications (4)*]. ENTRESTO should not be used in patients with hereditary angioedema.

### 5.3 Hypotension

ENTRESTO lowers blood pressure and may cause symptomatic hypotension. Patients with an activated renin-angiotensin system, such as volume- and/or salt-depleted patients (e.g., those being treated with high doses of diuretics), are at greater risk. In the double-blind period of PARADIGM-HF, 18% of patients treated with ENTRESTO and 12% of patients treated with enalapril reported hypotension as an adverse event [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*], with hypotension reported as a serious adverse event in approximately 1.5% of patients in both treatment arms. Correct volume or salt depletion prior to administration of ENTRESTO or start at a lower dose. If hypotension occurs, consider dose adjustment of diuretics, concomitant antihypertensive drugs, and treatment of other causes of hypotension (e.g., hypovolemia). If hypotension persists despite such measures, reduce the dosage or temporarily discontinue ENTRESTO. Permanent discontinuation of therapy is usually not required.

### 5.4 Impaired Renal Function

As a consequence of inhibiting the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS), decreases in renal function may be anticipated in susceptible individuals treated with ENTRESTO. In the double-blind period of PARADIGM-HF, 5% of patients in both the ENTRESTO and enalapril groups reported renal failure as an adverse event [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. In patients whose renal function depends upon the activity of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (e.g., patients with severe congestive heart failure), treatment with ACE inhibitors and angiotensin receptor antagonists has been associated with oliguria, progressive azotemia and, rarely, acute renal failure and death. Closely monitor serum creatinine, and down-titrate or interrupt ENTRESTO in patients who develop a clinically significant decrease in renal function [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.7)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

As with all drugs that affect the RAAS, ENTRESTO may increase blood urea and serum creatinine levels in patients with bilateral or unilateral renal artery stenosis. In patients with renal artery stenosis, monitor renal function.

## 5.5 Hyperkalemia

Through its actions on the RAAS, hyperkalemia may occur with ENTRESTO. In the double-blind period of PARADIGM-HF, 12% of patients treated with ENTRESTO and 14% of patients treated with enalapril reported hyperkalemia as an adverse event [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. Monitor serum potassium periodically and treat appropriately, especially in patients with risk factors for hyperkalemia such as severe renal impairment, diabetes, hypoaldosteronism, or a high potassium diet. Dosage reduction or interruption of ENTRESTO may be required [see *Dosage and Administration (2.6)*].

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

Clinically significant adverse reactions that appear in other sections of the labeling include:

- Angioedema [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Hypotension [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Impaired Renal Function [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- Hyperkalemia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]

### 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

#### Adult Heart Failure

In the PARADIGM-HF trial, subjects were required to complete sequential enalapril and ENTRESTO run-in periods of (median) 15 and 29 days, respectively, prior to entering the randomized double-blind period comparing ENTRESTO and enalapril. During the enalapril run-in period, 1,102 patients (10.5%) were permanently discontinued from the study, 5.6% because of an adverse event, most commonly renal dysfunction (1.7%), hyperkalemia (1.7%) and hypotension (1.4%). During the ENTRESTO run-in period, an additional 10.4% of patients permanently discontinued treatment, 5.9% because of an adverse event, most commonly renal dysfunction (1.8%), hypotension (1.7%) and hyperkalemia (1.3%). Because of this run-in design, the adverse reaction rates described below are lower than expected in practice.

In the double-blind period, safety was evaluated in 4,203 patients treated with ENTRESTO and 4,229 treated with enalapril. In PARADIGM-HF, patients randomized to ENTRESTO received treatment for up to 4.3 years, with a median duration of exposure of 24 months; 3,271 patients were treated for more than one year. Discontinuation of therapy because of an adverse event during the double-blind period occurred in 450 (10.7%) of ENTRESTO treated patients and 516 (12.2%) of patients receiving enalapril.

Adverse reactions occurring at an incidence of  $\geq 5\%$  in patients who were treated with ENTRESTO in the double-blind period are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Adverse Reactions Reported in  $\geq 5\%$  of Patients Treated with ENTRESTO in the Double-Blind Period**

	<b>ENTRESTO</b> <b>(n = 4,203)</b> %	<b>Enalapril</b> <b>(n = 4,229)</b> %
Hypotension	18	12
Hyperkalemia	12	14
Cough	9	13
Dizziness	6	5
Renal failure/acute renal failure	5	5

In the PARADIGM-HF trial, the incidence of angioedema was 0.1% in both the enalapril and ENTRESTO run-in periods. In the double-blind period, the incidence of angioedema was higher in patients treated with ENTRESTO than enalapril



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