

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

EYLEA® (aflibercept) Injection, for Intravitreal Use

Initial U.S. Approval: 2011

RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

- Indications and Usage (1) 5/2019
- Dosage and Administration (2) 5/2019
- Warnings and Precautions, Thromboembolic Events (5.3) 8/2018

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

EYLEA is a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) (1.1)
- Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO) (1.2)
- Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) (1.3)
- Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) (1.4)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)**
 - The recommended dose for EYLEA is 2 mg (0.05 mL) administered by intravitreal injection every 4 weeks (approximately every 28 days, monthly) for the first 3 months, followed by 2 mg (0.05 mL) via intravitreal injection once every 8 weeks (2 months). (2.2)
 - Although EYLEA may be dosed as frequently as 2 mg every 4 weeks (approximately every 25 days, monthly), additional efficacy was not demonstrated in most patients when EYLEA was dosed every 4 weeks compared to every 8 weeks. Some patients may need every 4 week (monthly) dosing after the first 12 weeks (3 months). (2.2)
 - Although not as effective as the recommended every 8 week dosing regimen, patients may also be treated with one dose every 12 weeks after one year of effective therapy. Patients should be assessed regularly. (2.2)
- **Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)**
 - The recommended dose for EYLEA is 2 mg (0.05 mL) administered by intravitreal injection once every 4 weeks (approximately every 25 days, monthly). (2.3)

• **Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) and Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)**

- The recommended dose for EYLEA is 2 mg (0.05 mL) administered by intravitreal injection every 4 weeks (approximately every 28 days, monthly) for the first 5 injections followed by 2 mg (0.05 mL) via intravitreal injection once every 8 weeks (2 months). (2.4, 2.5)
- Although EYLEA may be dosed as frequently as 2 mg every 4 weeks (approximately every 25 days, monthly), additional efficacy was not demonstrated in most patients when EYLEA was dosed every 4 weeks compared to every 8 weeks. Some patients may need every 4 week (monthly) dosing after the first 20 weeks (5 months). (2.4, 2.5)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: 2 mg/0.05 mL solution for intravitreal injection in a single-dose vial (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Ocular or periocular infection (4.1)
- Active intraocular inflammation (4.2)
- Hypersensitivity (4.3)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Endophthalmitis and retinal detachments may occur following intravitreal injections. Patients should be instructed to report any symptoms suggestive of endophthalmitis or retinal detachment without delay and should be managed appropriately. (5.1)
- Increases in intraocular pressure have been seen within 60 minutes of an intravitreal injection. (5.2)
- There is a potential risk of arterial thromboembolic events following intravitreal use of VEGF inhibitors. (5.3)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions (≥5%) reported in patients receiving EYLEA were conjunctival hemorrhage, eye pain, cataract, vitreous detachment, vitreous floaters, and intraocular pressure increased. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Regeneron at 1-855-395-3248 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION.

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

EYLEA is indicated for the treatment of:

- 1.1 **Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)**
- 1.2 **Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)**
- 1.3 **Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)**
- 1.4 **Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)**

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Important Injection Instructions

For ophthalmic intravitreal injection. EYLEA must only be administered by a qualified physician.

A 5-micron sterile filter needle (19-gauge × 1½-inch), a 1-mL Luer lock syringe and a 30-gauge × ½-inch sterile injection needle are needed.

EYLEA is available packaged as follows:

- Vial Kit with Injection Components (filter needle, syringe, injection needle)

[see [How Supplied/Storage and Handling \(16\)](#)].

2.2 Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

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2.3 Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)

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2.6 Preparation for Administration

EYLEA should be inspected visually prior to administration. If particulates, cloudiness, or discoloration are visible, the vial must not be used.

The glass vial is for single use only.

EYLEA is available packaged as follows:

- Vial Kit with Injection Components (filter needle, syringe, injection needle)

[*see How Supplied/Storage and Handling (16)*].

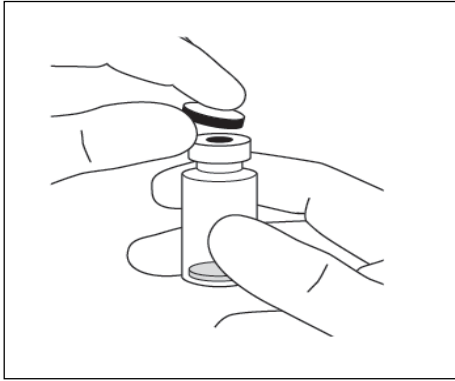
Use aseptic technique to carry out the following preparation steps:

Prepare for intravitreal injection with the following medical devices for single use:

- a 5-micron sterile filter needle (19-gauge × 1½-inch)
- a 1-mL sterile Luer lock syringe (with marking to measure 0.05 mL)
- a sterile injection needle (30-gauge × ½-inch)

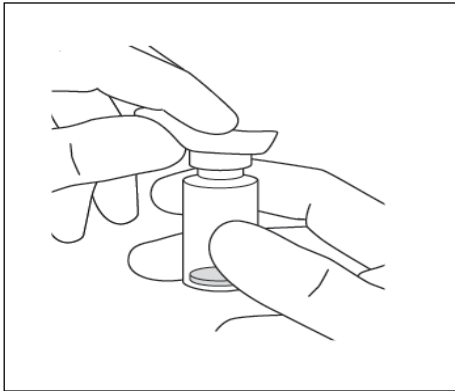
1. Remove the protective plastic cap from the vial (see [Figure 1](#)).

Figure 1:



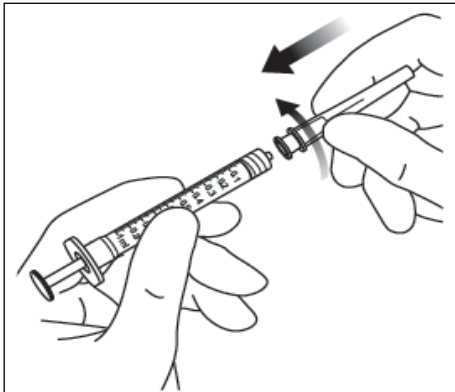
2. Clean the top of the vial with an alcohol wipe (see [Figure 2](#)).

Figure 2:



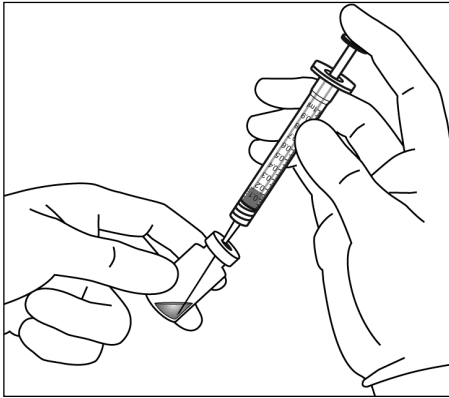
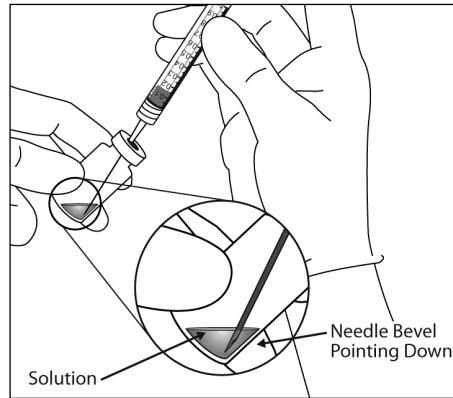
3. Remove the 19-gauge x 1½-inch, 5-micron, filter needle and the 1-mL syringe from their packaging. Attach the filter needle to the syringe by twisting it onto the Luer lock syringe tip (see [Figure 3](#)).

Figure 3:

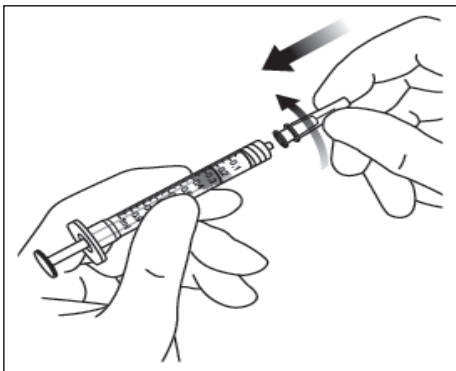


4. Push the filter needle into the center of the vial stopper until the needle is completely inserted into the vial and the tip touches the bottom or bottom edge of the vial.

- Using aseptic technique withdraw all of the EYLEA vial contents into the syringe, keeping the vial in an upright position, slightly inclined to ease complete withdrawal. To deter the introduction of air, ensure the bevel of the filter needle is submerged into the liquid. Continue to tilt the vial during withdrawal keeping the bevel of the filter needle submerged in the liquid (see [Figures 4a and 4b](#)).

Figure 4a:**Figure 4b:**

- Ensure that the plunger rod is drawn sufficiently back when emptying the vial in order to completely empty the filter needle.
- Remove the filter needle from the syringe and properly dispose of the filter needle.
Note: Filter needle is **not** to be used for intravitreal injection.
- Remove the 30-gauge x 1/2-inch injection needle from its packaging and attach the injection needle to the syringe by firmly twisting the injection needle onto the Luer lock syringe tip (see [Figure 5](#)).

Figure 5:

- When ready to administer EYLEA, remove the plastic needle shield from the needle.
- Holding the syringe with the needle pointing up, check the syringe for bubbles. If there are bubbles, gently tap the syringe with your finger until the bubbles rise to the top (see [Figure 6](#)).

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