

WELCOME TO THE
ORENCIA RESPONSE PROGRAM®

Real Support from Real People



A guide to your new rheumatoid arthritis therapy with
subcutaneous ORENCIA® and the ORENCIA RESPONSE PROGRAM



ORENCIA
(abatacept)



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You are not alone.

There's an entire support team with real people ready to help you.

**Call the
ORENCIA RESPONSE PROGRAM
at 1-877-979-3200.**

Surrounding you with support with the ORENCIA RESPONSE PROGRAM

When you need us, we're here for you.

Let's face it, life can be pretty busy – with work, family and all of the other things you do. Starting on a treatment isn't something that you have to do alone. You don't have to figure it out by yourself, feel lost, or feel anxious because you're not sure about something.

The **ORENCIA RESPONSE PROGRAM (ORP)** is here for you. The ORP's mission is to help you access your prescribed ORENCIA as soon as possible and to assist you with every aspect of your treatment journey.

Now that you are enrolled in the ORP, your ORP Case Manager will keep you connected and help put your mind at ease by assisting you with many of the things you may have questions about when taking ORENCIA, such as:

- ▶ Getting support from a nurse*
- ▶ Where and when you will receive your medication
- ▶ Help with injection instructions
- ▶ Disposing of your syringes
- ▶ Exploring options for reducing costs

* The nurse cannot provide medical advice. Your doctor is the best source of information about your health.





What is ORENCIA and what does it do?

Why have I been prescribed ORENCIA?

ORENCIA is prescribed by doctors to treat adults with moderate-to-severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Your doctor has decided to treat you with ORENCIA because your disease is still active even though you have tried other treatments.

RA is a disease that causes pain, tenderness and swelling in your joints and can also damage your joints.

How does ORENCIA work?

ORENCIA keeps the immune system from attacking healthy parts of your body.

The immune system is the body's defense against attacks, such as infections. A normal immune system leaves the healthy parts of your body alone.

In people with RA, the immune system attacks normal body tissues. This can cause pain and swelling especially in and around your joints.

ORENCIA helps reduce joint pain and swelling as well as the damage to your bones and cartilage caused by RA. ORENCIA may also make it easier for you to do your daily activities (such as getting dressed, walking and climbing stairs).

ORENCIA can make it harder for your body to fight infection. ORENCIA treatment can make you more likely to get infections or make any infection you have worse. It is important to tell your doctor if you think you have any infections, like a cold, flu, infected cuts, etc.

How do I take ORENCIA?

Your doctor has prescribed subcutaneous ORENCIA for you, which means that it's an injection given under the skin.

ORENCIA subcutaneous (SC) is injected once a week.

You may start your treatment with one IV dose and then you will switch to weekly SC injections.

Your first SC dose should be given by your healthcare provider. If your healthcare provider decides that you or a caregiver may be able to give your injections of ORENCIA at home, you should receive training on the right way to prepare and inject ORENCIA. Do not try to inject ORENCIA yourself until you have been shown the right way to give the injections by your healthcare provider.

If you forget to receive your ORENCIA injection, ask your doctor when to take your next SC injection.

Please refer to the Step-by-Step Injection Guide in your Welcome Kit to learn about the right way to prepare and administer your ORENCIA SC injections at home.

Call the ORENCIA RESPONSE PROGRAM

at 1-877-979-3200 and connect with an
ORENCIA team member!



Case Manager support

We understand that you may have questions, especially when first starting ORENCIA or even later on in your treatment.

Sometimes it's helpful to talk to an experienced ORENCIA Case Manager when you have questions about treatment with ORENCIA.*

Our ORENCIA Case Managers are available to answer any of your questions about ORENCIA treatment.

With our Case Managers ready to help you, you can be sure that your questions about ORENCIA are being heard by specially trained professionals. Don't hesitate to contact your personal ORP Case Manager and ask to speak with a nurse if you would like.

You are the reason they are at the other end of the line.

* The nurse cannot provide medical advice. Your doctor is the best source of information about your health.

ORENCIA Nurses are available for assistance Monday through Friday from 8AM to 8PM Eastern time. Nurses will return your calls within 1 business day.

Help with Syringe Disposal?

Call your ORENCIA Case Manager
at ORP at **1-877-979-3200**.



Sharps disposal service

A Sharps container can “take the hassle out” of what to do with your used ORENCIA syringes.

A Sharps container for home use will be sent to you by mail.

When it is time to dispose of your Sharps container and replace it with a new one, please contact ORP for support.

IMPORTANT: *Always keep your Sharps containers out of reach of children and animals. Never empty the contents of your Sharps container in order to reuse it. If you don't have another Sharps container, you may dispose of your used syringe in a puncture-resistant, hard, plastic container with a screw-on cap (such as an empty detergent bottle) or in a metal container with a plastic lid (such as a coffee can). When the container is full, tape around the cap or lid to make sure the cap or lid does not come off. Ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist about provincial and local laws regarding the proper disposal of medical products that contain needles.*



Need a Travel Cold Case?

Your ORP Case Manager can help. Call ORP at **1-877-979-3200** or fill out the business reply card included in your Welcome Kit. There is a limit of **1 Travel Cold Case** per patient.

How to travel with ORENCIA

Taking ORENCIA with you while you travel?

The ORENCIA **Travel Cold Case** helps to keep your medicine cool while you travel. The On-the-Go Guide included in the **Travel Cold Case** contains step-by-step instructions you need to follow to help keep your medicine safe during travel.

When you're traveling, it's a good idea to carry a doctor's note about your medicine. Ask your doctor to fill out the card in the ORENCIA **Travel Cold Case** and keep it with you in case you are asked for proof that you need to carry your medicine with you.

Please see detailed instructions included in your **Travel Cold Case**. ORENCIA should be kept at a temperature of 2 to 8°C and protected from light until you are ready to use it.



Need help with your insurance?

Your ORP Reimbursement Specialist can help.
Call ORP at **1-877-979-3200**.

Insurance counseling

*Starting on ORENCIA? Change in your health insurance?
It's such a complicated world of forms and authorizations.
Need help figuring it out?*

The ORP can help.

Our Reimbursement Specialists are here to answer questions you may have about your insurance coverage and co-pay for ORENCIA. They can contact your health insurance company to verify your benefits and determine whether ORENCIA is covered by your plan. In addition, they can help you seek prior authorization, if needed.

For people whose insurance doesn't fully cover the cost of ORENCIA, or for people who don't have insurance, your ORENCIA Reimbursement Specialist can search for options that may provide access to ORENCIA for you. In some situations, this could include co-pay assistance, referrals to Patient Assistance Programs or other independent assistance programs that are there to help.

Just call **1-877-979-3200** and ask to talk to an ORENCIA Reimbursement Specialist.

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Questions about ORP or ORENCIA?

Visit www.myORP.ca



What is www.myORP.ca?

Your doctor, pharmacist and/or other healthcare professional are the first line of support to help you manage your disease.

In addition, you can visit www.myORP.ca for information about the ORP, ORENCIA and RA.

To access the site, the ORENCIA drug identification number (DIN) is required. Please enter 2282097.

Features of www.myORP.ca include:

- ▶ General information about RA
- ▶ Tips on living with RA, including advice on diet and exercise
- ▶ Other useful links to assist you in managing your RA
- ▶ A direct link via email to your ORP Case Manager in case you have any questions or concerns



Important safety information

You should not take ORENCIA if you have:

- ▶ ever had an allergic reaction to ORENCIA
- ▶ an infection that has spread through your body (sepsis)

Is there any risk of serious side effects while I'm on ORENCIA?

Serious infections: There have been some cases where patients receiving ORENCIA, or other RA biologic treatment, have developed serious infections, including tuberculosis (TB) and infections caused by viruses, bacteria, or fungi.

Cancer: During the clinical trials, though certain kinds of cancer have been reported in patients treated with ORENCIA, these case reports are regarded as uncommon. Lung cancer and cancer of the lymph glands were reported more often in patients treated with ORENCIA than in patients treated with placebo. The current number of reported cancer cases in the ORENCIA studies appears to be consistent with the expected number of cancer cases reported in the RA population. People with more serious RA that have had the disease for a long time may have a higher than average risk of getting a kind of cancer that affects the lymph system, called lymphoma. If you take ORENCIA or other RA biologic treatment, your risk may increase. The role of ORENCIA in the development of cancer is not known.

There have been reports of certain kinds of skin cancer in patients taking ORENCIA. Some patients receiving ORENCIA have developed types of cancer called non-melanoma skin cancer. If any changes in the healing or the appearance of your skin or growths on your skin occur during or after your treatment with ORENCIA, tell your doctor.

Allergic reactions: If you develop a severe rash, chest pain, swollen face or difficulty breathing during or after receiving ORENCIA, call your doctor immediately. The SC syringe components do not contain any latex or dry natural rubber.

If you are not sure or have any questions about any of this information, ask your doctor.

What are the most common side effects of ORENCIA?

Like all medicines that affect your immune system, ORENCIA can cause side effects, some of which may be serious.

The more common side effects with ORENCIA are headache, upper respiratory tract infection, sore throat, and nausea.

Uncommon serious side effects occurring in less than 1% of people include:

- ▶ Pneumonia (lung infection)
- ▶ Cellulitis (skin infection)
- ▶ Urinary tract infection
- ▶ Bronchitis (lung infection)
- ▶ Diverticulitis (infection of large intestine)
- ▶ Pyelonephritis (kidney infection)

Talk with your healthcare provider if you have any symptoms of an infection.

This is not a complete list of side effects. If you have any unexpected effects while taking ORENCIA, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

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