

WELCOME TO THE
ORENCIA RESPONSE PROGRAM®

Real Support from Real People



A guide to your new rheumatoid arthritis therapy with ORENCIA®
Intravenous (IV) 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
- ▶ Information about your infusions
- ▶ 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 healthy body tissues alone.

In people with RA, the immune system attacks normal body tissues. This can cause damage and inflammation especially in the tissues of your joints.

By decreasing the immune system's attack on normal tissues, ORENCIA can reduce pain, joint inflammation, and damage to your bones and cartilage. ORENCIA may also help you with your daily activities (such as getting dressed, walking and climbing stairs).

However, ORENCIA can also lower your body's ability to fight infection. ORENCIA treatment can make you more prone to getting 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?

ORENCIA will be given to you by your doctor or other healthcare professional using an IV. This is called an infusion. This means the medicine will be given to you through a needle placed in a vein in your arm. It will take about 30 minutes to give you the full dose of medicine.

You will receive your first dose of ORENCIA followed by additional doses at 2 and 4 weeks after the first dose. You will then receive a dose every 4 weeks.

You do not have to make any special preparations the day before you receive ORENCIA IV. When you receive your first infusion, you should make sure to bring someone with you who can drive you home.

If you receive your infusion at a clinic, you might want to bring a book or something else to do while you receive your dose.

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 8 a.m to 8 p.m Eastern time. Nurses will return your calls within 1 business day.

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.

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 prefilled 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. Infusion-related reactions were infrequent during the clinical studies with ORENCIA.

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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