



# INFUSION OVERVIEW

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## Indication

VILTEPSO is for the treatment of DMD in patients amenable to exon 53 skipping. Accelerated approval is based on an increase in dystrophin. There is an ongoing study to confirm the clinical benefit of VILTEPSO.

## Important Safety Information

In clinical studies, no patients experienced kidney toxicity during treatment with VILTEPSO. However, kidney toxicity from drugs like VILTEPSO may be possible. Your doctor may monitor the health of your kidneys before starting and during treatment with VILTEPSO.

**Please see additional Important Safety Information throughout and accompanying Product Information.**

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# YOUR GUIDE TO VILTEPSO INFUSION

At this point it is likely that your doctor has introduced VILTEPSO and explained how it is administered. As always, your doctor is your primary source for any questions you may have regarding VILTEPSO treatment and Duchenne muscular dystrophy. The following is information that may help prepare both you and your child for treatment.



**The first step is to have your insurance benefit coverage verified by NS Support.**

Your doctor will help you complete a Patient Start Form to learn about your coverage. If at any time you lose your coverage, or change plans, you **MUST** reverify any benefits before seeking the next treatment. If you have co-pay support, always have your card available. If you have questions, you may call 833-NSSUPRT (833-677-8778).

## Indication

VILTEPSO is indicated for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) in patients who have a confirmed mutation of the DMD gene that is amenable to exon 53 skipping. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on an increase in dystrophin production in skeletal muscle observed in patients treated with VILTEPSO. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial.

## Important Safety Information

Common side effects include upper respiratory tract infection, injection site reaction, cough, and fever.

**Please see Important Safety Information throughout.**





# UNDERSTANDING INFUSION THERAPY

## What is an infusion?

An intravenous (IV) infusion delivers medication directly into the bloodstream through a small needle and tube attached to a fluid bag. It is a fast way to get VILTEPSO into the body. You and your doctor will decide if there will be a needle stick at each infusion, or if a temporary line or access port would be best. VILTEPSO is a medication for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and it can be given by a doctor or registered nurse (RN), either at home, in a hospital, or at a freestanding infusion center.

## What is VILTEPSO, and how much medication is in each VILTEPSO dose?

VILTEPSO is a medication for specific types of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, such as patients amenable to exon 53 skipping.

The weekly VILTEPSO dosing is calculated based on body weight; 80 milligrams of medication is given for each kilogram (1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds) of body weight. The dosage may vary from patient to patient. Prior to the infusion, the medication will be prepared into one bag of fluid.

**Please see Important Safety Information throughout.**

## How long is the infusion?

The actual infusion lasts for 60 minutes. Be sure to plan for some extra time before and after treatment in case there are questions for the nurse, or post-observation time is required. If you are traveling for infusion, allow extra time for traffic, parking, and getting into the infusion center.

## Can I switch locations for infusion?

Please contact NS Support (833-677-8778) or speak to your doctor about this prior to making any change. Changing sites may require new benefit verification, a new prior authorization, and even a different co-pay or coinsurance. ALWAYS check the insurance coverage before making a switch.

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## Taking advantage of treatment **AT HOME**

- Once your insurance benefits have been reviewed and it is determined that home infusion is covered, you may find it to be the easiest and most comfortable option. It may put you at ease being in your own environment, and can save travel time
- Pediatric home infusion nurses are specially trained to work with young patients and will work with your family to ensure comfort
- Generally, you may have the same RN come to the home each time, and this may help you and/or your child be more relaxed. The RN will prepare the infusion that has been delivered to your home before beginning the infusion process
- Once the infusion is complete, the RN will help to schedule the next appointment. If for any reason a scheduled infusion needs to be moved, please let the home infusion company know and reschedule as soon as possible after the scheduled dose time

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## VILTEPSO infusions at a **TREATMENT CENTER**

- Ask your insurance provider to confirm that your benefits cover infusions at a hospital or infusion center. Some insurance plans do not allow infusion in a hospital setting without prior medical approval
- As noted previously, travel will be required, so you must be prepared and bring anything you and/or your child may need along with you
- It may be helpful to arrive at the center early for the first appointment, so there is time to settle in
- Once settled in, an RN will be available to ensure that you and your child are comfortable, then will prepare and deliver the infusion and schedule the next visit
- Depending on the center, you may not have the same infusion nurse for every treatment
- Please reach out to NS Support with any questions on starting treatment with VILTEPSO at 833-NSSUPRT (833-677-8778), Monday–Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM ET

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## BEFORE TREATMENT

It is important to be well-hydrated before the procedure, which means drinking more hydrating fluids (like water) for a day before infusion. This can make the initial steps of the infusion process easier.

If you and/or your child is uncomfortable with needles, your physician may consider an alternative type of intravenous access. There are several semipermanent procedures that can allow the RN access without a stick at each infusion. Please discuss these with your doctor.

Wear comfortable clothes, have snacks and drinks handy, and bring a tablet, books, or headphones for music to occupy yourself and/or your child. A special blanket or stuffed toy might bring comfort. If you are traveling for this procedure, pack a bag in advance that contains everything you and/or your child might need. Check with your infusion site about certain items you may wish to bring.

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### What to expect when you are

## READY TO GET STARTED

Check in with the receptionist or greet your home RN. You may be asked for your insurance card and ID, co-pay card, or other related paperwork.

The doctor/RN will ask some medical questions and check vital signs (blood pressure, temperature, pulse) and weight. The doctor/RN will then set up the area where the infusion will be received.

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## DURING THE INFUSION

First, the IV will be set up. Once the treatment has started, it should take 60 minutes to complete the delivery of the bag of fluid containing VILTEPSO.

If you or your child notices anything unusual during this time period, please let the doctor/RN know right away.

Typically, it is fine to eat, drink, watch TV, or use a tablet during the infusion, but please check with the doctor/RN.



### What to expect

## AFTER THE INFUSION

Once completed, the doctor/RN will recheck vital signs and ask how you and/or your child is feeling before beginning the discharge process.

The care team will help schedule the next appointment; it is important that VILTEPSO be given on a regular weekly basis.

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If any issues arise regarding treatment, please share your thoughts with your doctor or the center's staff. If you decide to change locations for any reason, such as insurance coverage requirements, please be sure to **ALWAYS** have your health plan coverage rechecked before scheduling.

Speak to your doctor for more information,  
or visit [VILTEPSO.com](https://www.viltepsosupport.com)



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