



# IV Formulation of COSENTYX® Hospital Formulary Review Guide

For adult patients with PsA, AS, or nr-axSpA

## INDICATIONS

COSENTYX® (secukinumab) is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in patients 6 years and older who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

COSENTYX is indicated for the treatment of active psoriatic arthritis (PsA) in patients 2 years of age and older.

COSENTYX is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with active ankylosing spondylitis (AS).

COSENTYX is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) with objective signs of inflammation.

COSENTYX is indicated for the treatment of active enthesitis-related arthritis (ERA) in patients 4 years of age and older.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

COSENTYX is contraindicated in patients with a previous serious hypersensitivity reaction to secukinumab or to any of the excipients in COSENTYX. Cases of anaphylaxis have been reported during treatment with COSENTYX.

AS, ankylosing spondylitis; IV, intravenous; nr-axSpA, non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis; PsA, psoriatic arthritis.

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# Disease state background

As many as 3.3 million people in the United States may have PsA<sup>1,2\*</sup>

Psoriatic arthritis is characterized by chronic systemic inflammation with multiple manifestations<sup>3</sup>



Skin<sup>4</sup>



Joints<sup>2,5,6</sup>



Reduced physical function<sup>7,8</sup>

Chronic inflammation can cause irreversible joint damage in as little as 6 months from symptom onset<sup>9</sup>

## axSpA is a spectrum of inflammatory axial diseases

The axSpA spectrum includes both non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) and ankylosing spondylitis (AS)<sup>10</sup>

Both nr-axSpA and AS have substantial and similar symptom burdens<sup>11</sup>



Spinal pain



Fatigue



Activity impairment



Functional impairment

Delayed treatment of axSpA can be associated with an increased burden of disease, including reduced mobility, more functional impairment, and greater radiographic damage<sup>12</sup>

\*The estimated PsA prevalence of 3.3 million is based on a prevalence rate of 30 to 100 cases of PsA per 10,000 people in the United States and the US Census Bureau July 1, 2022, population estimate of 333,287,557.<sup>1,2</sup>

**References:** **1.** US Census Bureau. QuickFacts, United States. Accessed October 11, 2023. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US> **2.** Ritchlin CT, Colbert RA, Gladman DD. Psoriatic arthritis. *N Engl J Med*. 2017;376(10):957-970. **3.** Korman NJ. Management of psoriasis as a systemic disease: what is the evidence? *Br J Dermatol*. 2020;182(4):840-848. **4.** Locations and types. National Psoriasis Foundation. Accessed September 26, 2023. <https://www.psoriasis.org/locations-and-types> **5.** Lebowitz MG, Bachelez H, Barker J, et al. Patient perspectives in the management of psoriasis: results from the population-based Multinational Assessment of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Survey. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2014;70(5):871-881. **6.** Naredo E, Möller I, de Miguel E, et al. High prevalence of ultrasonographic synovitis and enthesopathy in patients with psoriasis without psoriatic arthritis: a prospective case-control study. *Rheumatology (Oxford)*. 2011;50(10):1838-1848. **7.** Kavanaugh A, Helliwell P, Ritchlin CT. Psoriatic arthritis and burden of disease: patient perspectives from the population-based multinational assessment of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis (MAPP) Survey. *Rheumatol Ther*. 2016;3(1):91-102. **8.** Mease PJ, Karki C, Palmer JB, et al. Clinical and patient-reported outcomes in patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA) by body surface area affected by psoriasis: results from the Corrona PsA/Spondyloarthritis Registry. *J Rheumatol*. 2017;44(8):1151-1158. **9.** Haroon M, Gallagher P, FitzGerald O. Diagnostic delay of more than 6 months contributes to poor radiographic and functional outcome in psoriatic arthritis. *Ann Rheum Dis*. 2015;74(6):1045-1050. **10.** Rudwaleit M, van der Heijde D, Landewé R, et al. The development of Assessment of SpondyloArthritis international Society classification criteria for axial spondyloarthritis (part II): validation and final selection. *Ann Rheum Dis*. 2009;68(6):777-783. **11.** Mease PJ, van der Heijde D, Karki C, et al. Characterization of patients with ankylosing spondylitis and nonradiographic axial spondyloarthritis in the US-based Corrona Registry. *Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken)*. 2018;70(11):1661-1670. **12.** Yi E, Ahuja A, Rajput T, George A, Park Y. Clinical, economic, and humanistic burden associated with delayed diagnosis of axial spondyloarthritis: a systematic review. *Rheumatol Ther*. 2020;7(1):65-87.

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# Clinical overview

## Mechanism of action<sup>1</sup>

- COSENTYX® is a human IgG1 monoclonal antibody that selectively binds to the IL-17A cytokine and inhibits its interaction with the IL-17 receptor
- IL-17A is a naturally occurring cytokine that is involved in normal inflammatory and immune responses
  - COSENTYX inhibits the release of proinflammatory cytokines and chemokines

## The IV formulation of COSENTYX was developed in response to the need for additional options for patients who<sup>1,2</sup>:

- May not be comfortable with SC self-injections
- Prefer in-office administration by their healthcare provider
- Might be interested in a new MOA

## Dosing was based on pharmacokinetic modeling predictions<sup>1</sup>

- The IV formulation of COSENTYX was developed based on PK modeling, targeting an IV dose that was within the steady-state concentration parameters of the 150-mg and 300-mg doses given Q4W
- It is a 1.75-mg/kg maintenance dose Q4W following a 6-mg/kg loading dose with an overall exposure within the range of the SC doses, to extrapolate to the established effectiveness and safety profile of the 150-mg and 300-mg SC doses. Maximum maintenance dose is 300 mg per infusion. COSENTYX IV formulation may be administered with or without a loading dose

For SC clinical trial results in adult patients with PsA, AS, or nr-axSpA, please see the [COSENTYX Prescribing Information](#).

IgG1, immunoglobulin G1; IL, interleukin; MOA, mechanism of action; PK, pharmacokinetics; Q4W, every 4 weeks; SC, subcutaneous.  
**References:** **1.** Cosentyx. Prescribing information. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. **2.** Bolge SC, Eldridge HM, Lofland JH, Ravin C, Hart PJ, Ingham MP. Patient experience with intravenous biologic therapies for ankylosing spondylitis, Crohn's disease, psoriatic arthritis, psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, and ulcerative colitis. *Patient Prefer Adherence*. 2017;11:661-669.

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# FDA approval letter



BLA 761349

BLA APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation  
Attention: Jake Myhill, PharmD, MBA  
Senior Global Program Regulatory Manager  
One Health Plaza  
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Dear Dr. Myhill:

Please refer to your biologics license application (BLA) dated and received December 7, 2022, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Cosentyx (secukinumab) injection, for intravenous (IV) use.

LICENSING

We have approved your BLA for Cosentyx (secukinumab) for IV use effective this date. You are hereby authorized to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, Cosentyx under your existing Department of Health and Human Services U.S. License No. 1244.

Cosentyx for IV use is indicated for adults with:

- Active psoriatic arthritis (PsA),
- Active ankylosing spondylitis (AS),
- Active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) with objective signs of inflammation.

MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS

Under this license, you are approved to manufacture secukinumab drug substance at Novartis Pharma S.A.S. Centre de Biotechnologie in Huningue, France, and Sandoz GmbH Business Unit Biopharmaceuticals in Langkampfen, Austria. The final formulated drug product will be manufactured, filled, labeled, and packaged at Novartis Pharma Stein AG, Stein, Switzerland. You may label your product with the proprietary name, Cosentyx, and market it in 125 mg/5 mL single-dose vial.

DATING PERIOD

The dating period for Cosentyx shall be 24 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 2°C to 8°C. The date of manufacture shall be defined as the date of final sterile filtration of the formulated drug product. The dating period for your drug substance shall be 60 months from the date of manufacture when stored at ≤ -60°C.

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We have approved the stability protocol(s) in your license application for the purpose of extending the expiration dating period of your drug product under 21 CFR 601.12.

### **FDA LOT RELEASE**

You are not currently required to submit samples of future lots of Cosentyx to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) for release by the Director, CDER, under 21 CFR 610.2. We will continue to monitor compliance with 21 CFR 610.1, requiring completion of tests for conformity with standards applicable to each product prior to release of each lot.

Any changes in the manufacturing, testing, packaging, or labeling of Cosentyx, or in the manufacturing facilities, will require the submission of information to your BLA for our review and written approval, consistent with 21 CFR 601.12.

### **APPROVAL & LABELING**

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling.

### **WAIVER OF ½ PAGE LENGTH REQUIREMENT FOR HIGHLIGHTS**

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of Prescribing Information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

### **CONTENT OF LABELING**

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, via the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 CFR 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format.<sup>1</sup> Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, Medication Guide, and Instructions for Use). Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As* (October 2009).<sup>2</sup>

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>

<sup>2</sup> We update guidances periodically. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA Guidance Documents Database at <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

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### **CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING**

Submit final printed carton and container labeling that are identical to the enclosed carton and container labeling as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labeling electronically according to the guidance for industry *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs & As*. For administrative purposes, designate this submission "**Final Printed Carton and Container Labeling for approved BLA 761349.**" Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Your application for secukinumab was not referred to an FDA advisory committee because outside expertise was not necessary; there were no controversial issues that would benefit from advisory committee discussion.

### **REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS**

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients (which includes new salts and new fixed combinations), new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric studies requirements for patients with AS and nr-axSpA ages 0 to <18 years and for patients with PsA ages 0 to <2 years because these conditions are extremely rare in these age groups and the necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable.

We are deferring submission of your pediatric study for patients with PsA ages 2 to <18 years for this application because this product is ready for approval for use in adults and the pediatric study have not been completed.

Your deferred pediatric study required by section 505B(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is a required postmarketing study. The status of this postmarketing study must be reported annually according to 21 CFR 601.28 and section 505B(a)(4)(B) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. This required study is listed below.

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Conduct an open-label study to evaluate the pharmacokinetics and safety of IV secukinumab plus background standard therapy in pediatric subjects ages 2 years to 17 years of age with psoriatic arthritis.

Final Protocol Submission: 10/2024  
Study Completion: 10/2029  
Final Report Submission: 04/2030

FDA considers the term *final* to mean that the applicant has submitted a protocol, the FDA review team has sent comments to the applicant, and the protocol has been revised as needed to meet the goal of the study or clinical trial.<sup>3</sup>

Submit the protocol to your IND 012678, with a cross-reference letter to this BLA. Reports of this required pediatric postmarketing study must be submitted as a BLA or as a supplement to your approved BLA with the proposed labeling changes you believe are warranted based on the data derived from this study. When submitting the reports, please clearly mark your submission **"SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS"** in large font, bolded type at the beginning of the cover letter of the submission.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. For information about submitting promotional materials, see the final guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic and Non-Electronic Format-Promotional Labeling and Advertising Materials for Human Prescription Drugs*.<sup>4</sup>

You must submit final promotional materials and Prescribing Information, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i)]. Form FDA 2253 is available at FDA.gov.<sup>5</sup> Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at FDA.gov.<sup>6</sup>

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

You must submit adverse experience reports under the adverse experience reporting requirements at 21 CFR 600.80.

<sup>3</sup> See the guidance for Industry *Postmarketing Studies and Clinical Trials—Implementation of Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act* (October 2019).  
<https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

<sup>4</sup> For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at <https://www.fda.gov/media/128163/download>.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>

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Prominently identify all adverse experience reports as described in 21 CFR 600.80.

You must submit distribution reports under the distribution reporting requirements at 21 CFR 600.81.

You must submit reports of biological product deviations under 21 CFR 600.14. You should promptly identify and investigate all manufacturing deviations, including those associated with processing, testing, packing, labeling, storage, holding and distribution. If the deviation involves a distributed product, may affect the safety, purity, or potency of the product, and meets the other criteria in the regulation, you must submit a report on Form FDA 3486 to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Division of Compliance Risk Management and Surveillance  
5901-B Amundson Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

Biological product deviations, sent by courier or overnight mail, should be addressed to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Division of Compliance Risk Management and Surveillance  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Bldg. 51, Room 4207  
Silver Spring, MD 20903

If you have any questions, call Saharat Patanavanich, Regulatory Project Manager, at (240) 402-0139.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Nikolay P. Nikolov, MD  
Director (Acting)  
Office of Immunology and Inflammation  
Office of New Drugs  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE(S):

- Content of Labeling
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# Important Safety Information

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

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## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### Infections

COSENTYX may increase the risk of infections. In clinical trials, a higher rate of infections was observed in COSENTYX treated subjects compared to placebo-treated subjects. In placebo-controlled clinical trials in subjects with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, higher rates of common infections, such as nasopharyngitis (11.4% versus 8.6%), upper respiratory tract infection (2.5% versus 0.7%) and mucocutaneous infections with candida (1.2% versus 0.3%) were observed with COSENTYX compared with placebo. A similar increase in risk of infection was seen in placebo-controlled trials in subjects with psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis and non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis. The incidence of some types of infections appeared to be dose-dependent in clinical studies. In the postmarketing setting, serious and some fatal infections have been reported in patients receiving COSENTYX.

Exercise caution when considering the use of COSENTYX in patients with a chronic infection or a history of recurrent infection.

Instruct patients to seek medical advice if signs or symptoms suggestive of an infection occur. If a patient develops a serious infection, monitor the patient closely and discontinue COSENTYX until the infection resolves.

### Pre-treatment Evaluation for Tuberculosis

Evaluate patients for tuberculosis (TB) infection prior to initiating treatment with COSENTYX. Avoid administration of COSENTYX to patients with active TB infection. Initiate treatment of latent TB prior to administering COSENTYX. Consider anti-TB therapy prior to initiation of COSENTYX in patients with a past history of latent or active TB in whom an adequate course of treatment cannot be confirmed. Monitor patients closely for signs and symptoms of active TB during and after treatment.

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Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Caution should be used when prescribing COSENTYX® to patients with inflammatory bowel disease. Exacerbations, in some cases serious, occurred in COSENTYX treated subjects during clinical trials in plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis and non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis. In addition, new onset inflammatory bowel disease cases occurred in clinical trials with COSENTYX. In an exploratory trial in 59 subjects with active Crohn’s disease, there were trends toward greater disease activity and increased adverse events in the secukinumab group as compared to the placebo group. Patients who are treated with COSENTYX should be monitored for signs and symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease.

Eczematous Eruptions

In postmarketing reports, cases of severe eczematous eruptions, including atopic dermatitis-like eruptions, dyshidrotic eczema, and erythroderma, were reported in patients receiving COSENTYX; some cases resulted in hospitalization. The onset of eczematous eruptions was variable, ranging from days to months after the first dose of COSENTYX.

Treatment may need to be discontinued to resolve the eczematous eruption. Some patients were successfully treated for eczematous eruptions while continuing COSENTYX.

Hypersensitivity Reactions

Anaphylaxis and cases of urticaria occurred in COSENTYX treated subjects in clinical trials. If an anaphylactic or other serious allergic reaction occurs, administration of COSENTYX should be discontinued immediately and appropriate therapy initiated.

The removable caps of the COSENTYX Sensoready® pen and the COSENTYX 1 mL and 0.5 mL prefilled syringes contain natural rubber latex, which may cause an allergic reaction in latex-sensitive individuals. The safe use of the COSENTYX Sensoready pen or prefilled syringe in latex-sensitive individuals has not been studied.

Immunizations

Prior to initiating therapy with COSENTYX, consider completion of all age appropriate immunizations according to current immunization guidelines. COSENTYX may alter a patient’s immune response to live vaccines. Avoid use of live vaccines in patients treated with COSENTYX.

MOST COMMON ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (>1%) are nasopharyngitis, diarrhea, and upper respiratory tract infection.

# Dosing and administration<sup>1</sup>

COSENTYX® (for IV use) must be diluted prior to infusion. Using aseptic technique, prepare COSENTYX for IV use as follows:



## Step 1: Volume calculation

Calculate the total volume of COSENTYX for IV use solution (in mL) required based on the patient's actual body weight, using the table below.

Dosage	Volume of COSENTYX solution per kg of body weight
6 mg/kg (loading)	0.24 mL/kg
1.75 mg/kg (maintenance)	0.07 mL/kg

**The intravenous formulation of COSENTYX may be dosed with or without a loading dose.**

Use the number of vials based on total volume needed (1 vial contains 5 mL of COSENTYX solution).



Step 2: Dilution

- Before dilution, allow the COSENTYX® solution in vial(s) to sit for approximately 20 minutes at room temperature, 20-25 °C (68-77 °F)
- Inspect the vial visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use if particulates and discolorations are noted
- Refer to the table below for recommended infusion bag size based on patient's body weight

Body weight at time of dosing	For loading dose (6 mg/kg) recommended infusion bag	For maintenance dose (1.75 mg/kg) recommended infusion bag
>52 kg (>115 lb)	100 mL	100 mL
≤52 kg (≤115 lb)	100 mL	50 mL*

\*If a 50-mL infusion bag is unavailable, then use a 100-mL infusion bag and withdraw and discard 50 mL of saline, using aseptic technique and continue to follow the preparation and administration steps.

- From the infusion bag, withdraw and discard a volume of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, *USP* equal to the calculated volume of the COSENTYX solution required for the patient's dose
- From the vial(s), withdraw the calculated volume (mL) of COSENTYX solution (as per the table in Step 1) and add slowly into the 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, *USP* infusion bag. To mix the solution, gently invert the bag to avoid foaming. Do not shake
- Discard unused COSENTYX product in vials because it does not contain preservatives

Administer COSENTYX diluted solution for infusion as soon as possible. If not administered immediately, store the prepared solution either:

- At room temperature up to 20-25 °C (68-77 °F) for no more than 4.5 hours from the start of the preparation (piercing the first vial) to the completion of infusion
- Under refrigeration at 2-8 °C (36-46 °F) for no more than 24 hours, from the start of the time of the preparation (piercing the first vial) to the completion of infusion. This time includes the refrigeration of the diluted solution and the time to allow the diluted solution to warm to room temperature. Protect the diluted solution from light during storage under refrigeration

USP, United States Pharmacopeia.



### Step 3: Administration

- Use only an infusion set with an in-line, sterile, nonpyrogenic, low-protein-binding filter (pore size 0.2 micrometers)
- The infusion should be administered at a flow rate of about 3.3 mL/min for a 100-mL bag or 1.7 mL/min for a 50-mL bag (total administration time: 30 minutes)
- When administration is complete, flush the line with at least 50 mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, *USP* to guarantee that all the COSENTYX® solution for infusion in the line has been administered
- COSENTYX should not be infused concomitantly in the same intravenous line with other drugs. No physical or biochemical compatibility studies have been conducted to evaluate the intravenous coadministration of COSENTYX with other drugs

For more information on dosing for the IV formulation of COSENTYX, visit [Cosentyx-DosingCalculator.com](https://www.cosentyx-dosingcalculator.com).

# Distribution and acquisition

Supplied and marketed by	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation <a href="http://www.novartis.com">www.novartis.com</a>  <a href="http://www.COSENTYXhcp.com">www.COSENTYXhcp.com</a>		
Product name	COSENTYX®		
Established name	secukinumab		
Product information <sup>1</sup>	The intravenous formulation of COSENTYX is provided as a 125-mg/5-mL solution in a single-dose vial that should be further diluted and prepared using aseptic technique and administered by a healthcare professional.		
	<b>NDC:</b> 10-digit NDC: 0078-1168-61 11-digit NDC: 00078-1168-61	<b>Description:</b> 125 mg/5 mL (25 mg/mL) single-dose vial for dilution	<b>Sale pack quantity:</b> Carton of 1 single-dose vial
Wholesale price	\$2115		
Product availability	<p>The intravenous formulation of COSENTYX will be available to ship on or about October 25, 2023.</p> <p>If your office is acquiring COSENTYX via Buy &amp; Bill, the table on the following page provides an overview of the authorized distributors through which you can order.</p>		

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Carton dimensions	3.82" x 2.85" x 1.32"
Storage and handling <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refrigerate vials of COSENTYX® at 2-8 °C (36-46 °F). Keep the product in the original carton to protect from light until the time of use. Do not freeze. To avoid foaming, do not shake. COSENTYX does not contain a preservative; discard any unused portion</li> </ul>
Product returns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you have questions about COSENTYX returns, please contact Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation by phone at 1-800-526-0175, or email <a href="mailto:tradeoperations.phuseh@novartis.com">tradeoperations.phuseh@novartis.com</a></li> <li>For returns of COSENTYX damaged in shipment, please contact your distributor</li> </ul>
Patient support program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COSENTYX® Connect is a free, personalized support program for people taking COSENTYX that is designed to make onboarding seamless and efficient for patients and healthcare professionals. The dedicated COSENTYX® Connect team can help patients get started, navigate the insurance process, and understand savings options</li> <li>For tools and downloadable resources, visit <a href="https://ReadySetCosentyx.com">ReadySetCosentyx.com</a></li> </ul>
Additional information	Novartis Medical Information <a href="https://medinfo.novartispharmaceuticals.com/">https://medinfo.novartispharmaceuticals.com/</a>

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Distributor	Contact information	Website
<b>AmerisourceBergen Besse Medical (physician distribution)</b>	Phone: 1-800-543-2111 Fax: 1-800-543-8695	<a href="https://www.besse.com">https://www.besse.com</a>
<b>AmerisourceBergen Oncology Supply (practice distribution)</b>	Phone: 1-800-633-7555 Fax: 1-800-248-8205	<a href="https://www.oncologysupply.com">https://www.oncologysupply.com</a>
<b>AmerisourceBergen Specialty Distribution (health systems and specialty pharmacy)</b>	Phone: 1-800-746-6273 Fax: 1-800-547-9413	<a href="https://www.asdhealthcare.com">https://www.asdhealthcare.com</a>
<b>Cardinal Health Specialty Pharmaceuticals</b>	Phone: 1-866-677-4844	<a href="https://specialtyonline.cardinalhealth.com">https://specialtyonline.cardinalhealth.com</a>
<b>CuraScript</b>	Phone: 1-877-599-7748 Fax: 1-800-862-6208	<a href="https://curascriptsd.com">https://curascriptsd.com</a>
<b>Henry Schein</b>	Phone: 1-800-772-4346 Fax: 1-800-329-9109	<a href="https://www.henryschein.com">https://www.henryschein.com</a>
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- Novartis does not recommend the use of any particular distributor
- Novartis has a large network of participating specialty pharmacies, but payers may dictate a specific specialty pharmacy
- COSENTYX® Connect can conduct a benefits verification to determine the specialty pharmacies available for your patient(s)

**Reference:** 1. Cosentyx. Prescribing information. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

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# Frequently asked questions

## Q. How were the loading IV dose of 6 mg/kg and maintenance IV dose of 1.75 mg/kg chosen?

The modeling for the IV dose was designed to provide levels of drug in the blood within the range of COSENTYX® adult 150-mg to 300-mg SC dosages.<sup>1</sup>

## Q. Why was PK modeling used in the FDA submission for the IV formulation of COSENTYX?

- PK modeling is an accepted and recognized approach by the FDA that uses a variety of quantitative methods to help balance the risks and benefits of drug products in development<sup>2</sup>
- When successfully applied, the FDA believes that PK modeling can improve clinical trial efficiency, increase the probability of regulatory success, and optimize drug dosing/therapeutic individualization in the absence of dedicated trials<sup>2</sup>
- The IV formulation of COSENTYX was developed based on PK modeling. FDA approval of IV was based on pharmacokinetic exposure analysis where the dose is modeled to be within the range of the blood levels achieved with the SC formulation of COSENTYX<sup>1</sup>

## Q. How do I switch my patients from SC to IV dosing? Is there any guidance available?

- There are no clinical trials evaluating patients who switched from the SC to the IV formulation of COSENTYX

Frequently asked questions (cont)

Q. How is the IV formulation of COSENTYX® administered?

The IV formulation of COSENTYX is administered as an IV infusion over 30 minutes<sup>1</sup>

- No premedication required
- No routine lab monitoring required
- No reconstitution required

Q. What is the cost per patient?

The WAC of the IV formulation of COSENTYX is \$2115 per vial. The total number of vials needed is dependent on patient body weight for loading vs maintenance dosing.<sup>1</sup>

Q. When do you expect a permanent J-code?

The timing of a permanent J-code and published ASP are directed by CMS. Typically, a permanent J-code is provided 7 to 9 months after the IV formulation is available.

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