A Guide for Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency Patients and Caregivers

The Transition of Treatment from Pediatric to Adult Care

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Indications:
Who is Nutropin Therapy for?
Nutropin AQ® (somatropin) injection for subcutaneous use is a human growth hormone that is available by prescription only.

Doctors prescribe Nutropin therapy for children and teenagers who are short or growing slowly because they:
• Do not make enough growth hormone on their own
• Have idiopathic short stature, which means they are shorter than 98.8% of other children of the same age and sex; are growing at a rate not likely to allow them to reach normal adult height; and no other cause of short stature can be found
• Have Turner syndrome
• Have chronic kidney disease (CKD) up to the time of kidney transplant

Doctors prescribe Nutropin therapy for adults who have growth hormone deficiency that began either in:
• Adulthood as a result of pituitary disease, diseases of the hypothalamus, surgery, radiation therapy, or trauma; or
• Childhood. Patients treated for growth hormone deficiency in childhood, whose bones have stopped growing, should be reevaluated to see if they need to continue with growth hormone therapy

Your doctor will test to see if growth hormone is right for you.

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Nutropin therapy and your safety:
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Nutropin Therapy is NOT for:
• Patients having serious complications after undergoing open heart surgery, abdominal surgery, serious injuries involving many body systems, or life-threatening breathing problems. Deaths have been reported in such cases
• Children who have Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) and are very overweight or have a history of severe breathing problems. Deaths have been reported in children with PWS who are very overweight, have a history of blocked upper airways, sleep apnea (pauses in breathing during sleeping), or other severe breathing problems
• Patients who have active cancer. Because growth hormone deficiency can be an early sign of some tumors in the brain or pituitary gland, the presence of these types of tumors should be ruled out by your doctor before you start Nutropin therapy
• Patients who are allergic to somatropin, the active ingredient in Nutropin therapy, or the inactive ingredients in Nutropin therapy
• Adults or children with certain types of eye disease caused by diabetes
• Children and teenagers whose bones have finished growing

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Looking Ahead: Treatment Expectations for the Teen and Adult Years

You already know by now that growth hormone plays an important role in the development of organs, bones, and tissues for children and teens. But did you know adults need growth hormone too? In adults it helps your body maintain a healthy balance between lean mass and body fat. For pediatric GHD patients who remain growth hormone deficient as teens and adults, this means a commitment to ongoing therapy even after completing puberty and getting to full height.

Timing: When to Evolve your Treatment Goals and Treatment Team

The American College of Endocrinology recommends when your child is between the ages of 15-18, an adult endocrinologist can work with your child's pediatrician to determine the level of continued care needed. Tests to determine growth hormone levels and other measurements will be done. If it is determined your child can benefit from ongoing therapy, an adult endocrinologist will help shift treatment goals. Adult treatment goals include improvements in:

- Body composition
- Cholesterol profile
- Bone mineral density

Remember - Treatment goals are not just about height!

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What should you tell your doctor before starting Nutropin therapy?

- If you take cyclosporine, hormone replacement therapy, insulin or other diabetes medications, drugs containing steroids, or drugs for seizures. These medications may need to be adjusted during Nutropin therapy
- If you had cancer as a child. An increased risk of a new tumor, particularly certain brain tumors, has been reported in patients taking Nutropin therapy. If you have pre-existing tumors or growth hormone deficiency caused by abnormal tissue in the brain, you should be watched closely for the worsening or return of this condition

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Questions to Ask Your Doctor: Mapping Out your Treatment Plan

When you meet with your doctor, use these questions to help you make a plan for the future:

- Which pediatric patients should be tested for adult GHD and at what ages?
- Are there any long-term health risks for GHD adults?
- What are the symptoms for GHD adults?
- What kind of doctor helps manage adult GHD? Where can I find this kind of doctor?
- Are there any long-term safety considerations or side effects?
- Where can I find help navigating the insurance coverage process for adult GHD?
- What else is good for me to understand about how GHD could affect me in adulthood?

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While taking Nutropin, contact your doctor immediately if you experience:

- Changes in upper airway obstruction (including onset of or increased snoring and/or new onset sleep apnea, in patients with PWS. These patients should also have effective weight control and be monitored by a doctor for signs of respiratory infection
- Changes in vision, a bad headache, or nausea with or without vomiting. This may be a sign of increased pressure in the brain
- Any allergic reaction you experience to the injection of Nutropin therapy
- A limp or have hip or knee pain
  - A fracture in the ball of the hip joint can occur in children who have endocrine problems and in children who have rapid growth
  - Children with growth failure due to CKD should be examined periodically for evidence of loss of bone minerals. Hip x-rays should be taken before starting Nutropin therapy in these children

Reference: AACE 2019 Guidelines for Management of Growth Hormone Deficiency in Adults and Patients Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Care. Available at:

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While taking Nutropin, contact your doctor immediately if you experience:

- Progression of scoliosis (curvature of the spine) that can occur in children who have rapid growth. Nutropin therapy has not been shown to increase the occurrence of this condition
- Increases in laboratory test serum levels of inorganic phosphorus, alkaline phosphatase, parathyroid hormone (PTH), or IGF-1
- Abdominal pain. Cases of pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) have been reported rarely in children and adults receiving Nutropin therapy

Other important information about Nutropin:

- Adults may retain water during Nutropin therapy. This may be brief but may increase with higher doses of Nutropin therapy
- Patients should have their thyroid function tested periodically during Nutropin therapy. Thyroid hormone treatment may need to be started or adjusted
- Patients should be sure to inject Nutropin at a different recommended place on their body each time to avoid tissue breakdown. A doctor or nurse should provide injection training and supervise the first injection
- The use of Nutropin therapy has not been studied in patients over 65 years of age. Elderly patients may be more sensitive to Nutropin therapy and may experience more side effects
- Patients with Turner syndrome should be monitored closely by a doctor for ear infections and cardiovascular problems during Nutropin therapy

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Nutropin® NuSpin®
(somatropin) injection, for subcutaneous use

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Scan QR code to send to your mobile device.

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