

# FASENRA FAQ

Whether you're already using FASENRA, or just thinking about it, you're bound to have some questions.

**FASENRA is an add-on treatment for people 12 and older with severe eosinophilic asthma. It's not a rescue medication or for other eosinophilic conditions.**



Here are some answers to important and some of the most common FASENRA questions. If you don't see your question below, FASENRA 360 provides nurse support\*; they may be able to help. **Call today. 1-833-360-HELP (4357).**

\*Information from our nurses does not replace the advice of your physician or other healthcare professionals. Nurses cannot provide diagnosis or treatment advice to callers.

## Eosinophilic Asthma

### What are eosinophils?

Eosinophils are white blood cells that are a normal part of the immune system but can cause lung inflammation. Nearly 7 out of 10 adults with asthma may have elevated eosinophils, which can be a key cause of asthma.<sup>†</sup> Active eosinophils in the lungs can inflame the airways.

<sup>†</sup>2005-2006 CDC survey of 310 adults who said they had asthma and had eosinophil counts of 150 cells/ $\mu$ L or more.

### How do I know if I have eosinophilic asthma?

Your healthcare provider can review your current medications, history with asthma, and breathing tests, as well as measure your eosinophil count with a simple blood test to help determine if your asthma is eosinophilic asthma.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**Do not receive FASENRA** if you are allergic to benralizumab or any of the ingredients in FASENRA.

Do not use to treat sudden breathing problems.

**The most common side effects of FASENRA include:** headache and sore throat. These are not all the possible side effects of FASENRA.

**Please see additional Important Safety Information throughout and full Prescribing Information including Patient Information available at [FASENRA.com](http://FASENRA.com)**

# About FASENRA

## What is FASENRA?

FASENRA is a prescription medicine used with other asthma medicines for the maintenance treatment of asthma in people 12 years and older whose asthma is not controlled with their current asthma medicines. FASENRA helps prevent asthma attacks (exacerbations) and may improve your breathing. Medicines such as FASENRA reduce blood eosinophils.<sup>‡</sup> Eosinophils are a type of white blood cell that may contribute to your asthma.

FASENRA is not used to treat other problems caused by eosinophils and is not used to treat sudden breathing problems.

<sup>‡</sup>The mechanism of action of FASENRA in asthma is not fully understood.

## What are the potential benefits of FASENRA?

**When added to current treatments, FASENRA can help prevent asthma attacks.** FASENRA was also proven to help:

- **Improve lung function** better than standard asthma medicines alone
- **Reduce the use of oral steroids** like prednisone by 75% for people taking them every day<sup>§</sup>
  - Some patients taking FASENRA **completely stopped oral steroid use**<sup>||</sup>

Your results may vary.

<sup>§</sup>Median reduction, compared with 25% with placebo and existing medicines in a 28-week clinical trial of FASENRA vs placebo + steroid + existing medicines.

<sup>||</sup>Only in patients taking a daily dose of 12.5 mg or less.

## How does FASENRA work?

FASENRA is designed to target and remove eosinophils, a key cause of asthma.

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## Who should not take FASENRA?

Do not receive FASENRA if you are allergic to benralizumab or any of the ingredients in FASENRA.

## What should I tell my doctor before receiving FASENRA?

Tell your doctor if you:

- are taking oral or inhaled corticosteroid medicines
- have a parasitic (helminth) infection
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed
- are taking prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements

Do not stop taking your other asthma medicines unless instructed to do so by your doctor.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

**FASENRA may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **allergic (hypersensitivity) reactions, including anaphylaxis.** Serious allergic reactions can happen after you get your FASENRA injection. Allergic reactions can sometimes happen hours or days after you get your injection.

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## What are the most common side effects?

The most common side effects of FASENRA include: headache and sore throat. These are not all the possible side effects of FASENRA.

# Using FASENRA

## How is FASENRA administered?

FASENRA is an injection administered by a healthcare provider under the skin (subcutaneously).

## How often is FASENRA given?

A healthcare provider will inject FASENRA under your skin (subcutaneously) one time every 4 weeks for the first three doses, and then every 8 weeks.

## How does FASENRA work with inhalers?

FASENRA is a maintenance medicine and should be added to current treatments.

## What happens if an appointment is missed?

It's important to keep all your FASENRA appointments because it's only dosed once every 8 weeks. Each FASENRA dose is very important, so if you do miss an appointment, call your doctor to reschedule as soon as possible.

# FASENRA support

## How can I get help with insurance questions?

AstraZeneca Access 360™ can check your insurance coverage and help with insurance questions. Call to speak with a Reimbursement Counselor at **1-833-360-HELP (4357)**.

## How much does FASENRA cost?

Many factors determine how much you will pay for FASENRA—you could pay as little as \$0 dollars. The FASENRA Savings Program is for commercially insured patients to cover patient out-of-pocket costs for FASENRA and its administration, up to \$13,000 per calendar year.

## What if I need help paying for my FASENRA?

AstraZeneca may be able to help. Get important information on FASENRA affordability programs at [www.FASENRA.com/support](http://www.FASENRA.com/support).

## How can I learn more about available support?

FASENRA 360 offers a range of support services for patients, their loved ones, and care team. Call **1-833-360-HELP (4357)** to speak with a nurse to learn more and understand how FASENRA 360 can help you.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

Tell your healthcare provider or get emergency help right away if you have any of the following symptoms of an allergic reaction:

- swelling of your face, mouth and tongue
- breathing problems
- fainting, dizziness, feeling lightheaded (low blood pressure)
- rash
- hives

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

**Before receiving FASENRA, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- are taking oral or inhaled corticosteroid medicines. **Do not** stop taking your corticosteroid medicines unless instructed by your healthcare provider. This may cause other symptoms that were controlled by the corticosteroid medicine to come back.
- have a parasitic (helminth) infection.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if FASENRA will harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant during your treatment with FASENRA.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if FASENRA passes into your breast milk. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you receive FASENRA.
- are taking prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements.

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## APPROVED USE

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FASENRA is not used to treat other problems caused by eosinophils and is not used to treat sudden breathing problems. Tell your health care provider if your asthma does not get better or if it gets worse after you start treatment with FASENRA.

It is not known if FASENRA is safe and effective in children under 12 years of age.

*You may report side effects related to AstraZeneca products by clicking [here](#).*

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