

Patiromer for treating hyperkalaemia

Information for the public

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Patiromer (Veltassa) is available on the NHS as a possible treatment for hyperkalaemia in adults, if used:

- for life-threatening hyperkalaemia in emergency care or
- for persistent hyperkalaemia for people with chronic kidney disease stage 3b to 5 or heart failure, if they:
 - have a confirmed serum potassium level of at least 6.0 mmol/litre
 - are not taking, or are taking a reduced dose of, a renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS) inhibitor because of hyperkalaemia and
 - are not on dialysis.

Patiromer should be stopped if RAAS inhibitors are no longer suitable.

If you are not eligible for patiromer but are already taking it, you should be able to continue until you and your doctor decide when best to stop.

Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. Read more about [making decisions about your care](#).

Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

Information and support

The [NHS website](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Kidney Care UK](#), 01420 541424
- [Kidney Research UK](#), 0300 303 1100
- [Pumping Marvellous Foundation](#), 01772 796542

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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