

Difelikefalin for treating pruritus in people having haemodialysis

Information for the public

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Difelikefalin (Kapruvia) is available on the NHS as a possible treatment for moderate to severe pruritus (itching) in adults with chronic kidney disease having haemodialysis in a hospital or dialysis centre.

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. See [our webpage on 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 webpage on chronic kidney disease](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Kidney Research UK](#), 0300 303 1100
- [Kidney Care UK](#), 01420 541 424

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

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