



# EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES

Getting the support you need—  
**how your specialty pharmacy can help**



Working together to help make your  
treatment happen

**You are prescribed OCALIVA® (obeticholic acid).  
Now get ready for treatment to begin.**

OCALIVA® (obeticholic acid) is a prescription medicine that treats adults with PBC in combination with ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) or alone if UDCA is not tolerated.

**Worsening of liver problems, liver failure, in some cases leading to death, have happened in people with PBC with advanced liver cirrhosis when OCALIVA was taken more often than recommended.**

**Please see additional Important Safety Information about OCALIVA including serious side effects throughout brochure.**

## Starting treatment with help from your specialty pharmacy

Starting treatment can be a hopeful time. But it can sometimes be an uncertain time, too. You may be wondering:



**How do I get my medicine?**



**What is this specialty pharmacy my doctor mentioned?**



**How does it work—and what do I need to do?**

Many people have the same questions. This brochure can help you by providing practical information about specialty pharmacies and useful tips for working with them.

When you get started with your specialty pharmacy, you'll see all the ways they can help support you.

### Important Safety Information

What is the most important information I should know about OCALIVA?

OCALIVA may cause serious side effects including:

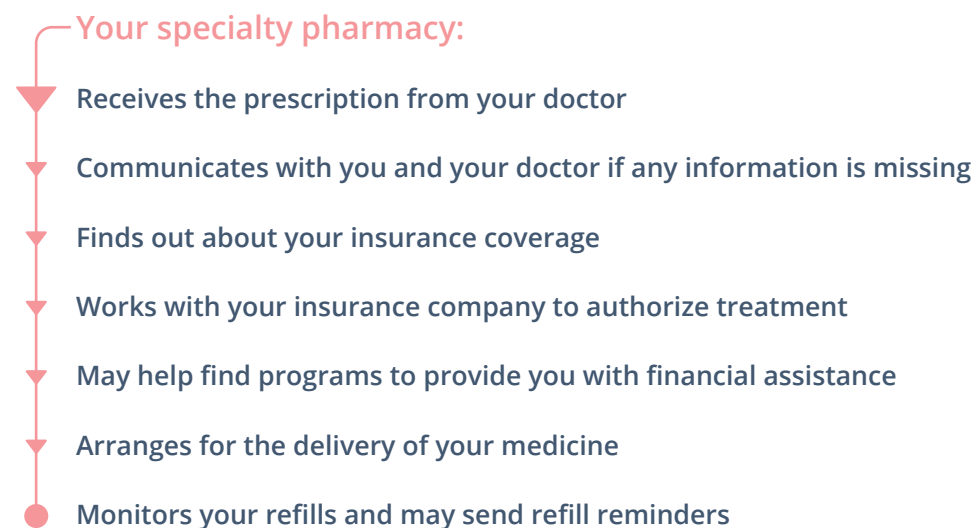
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## What's special about a specialty pharmacy?

A specialty pharmacy is different from your neighborhood pharmacy. A specialty pharmacy coordinates the delivery of specialized medicines such as OCALIVA® (obeticholic acid). These medicines may, for example:

- Be for a rare or chronic condition
- Require special handling, shipping, or storage

Here is how it may work.



**Keep in mind that these steps can take some time.** Your pharmacist or pharmacy technician may provide information about your medicine and tips for taking it correctly. They are also available to answer your questions.

**If you have primary biliary cholangitis (PBC) with advanced cirrhosis, you may need a lower dose of OCALIVA.** Before you start OCALIVA, and during your treatment with OCALIVA, your healthcare provider will do tests to check your liver. These tests will help your healthcare provider decide how much OCALIVA you should take and how often you should take it. If you have worsening liver problems, your dose of OCALIVA may be changed, stopped for a period of time, or stopped completely by your healthcare provider.



## Your medicine will be shipped from the specialty pharmacy



Your medicine can be shipped to your home. Sometimes it can be shipped to your neighborhood pharmacy, place of employment, or other location, if requested.

### Refills also come from the specialty pharmacy.

Getting your refills on time matters. It can help you stay on track with your treatment, which is important for managing your condition.

### Helpful tips to keep in mind about refills:

- ✓ **Order refills about a week before you run out of OCALIVA® (obeticholic acid).** To do this, follow the steps your specialty pharmacy describes.
- ✓ **Let your specialty pharmacy know if you will be away from home.** They can ship your refill to where you will be.
- ✓ **Ask about refill reminders.** Your specialty pharmacy may offer phone call, email, or text refill reminders.
- ✓ **Answer and return calls from your specialty pharmacy.** Your specialty pharmacy will call you about 5 days before your next refill.
  - Keep in mind that the phone number may show up on your caller ID as a 1-800 number or “unavailable.” It is important that you pick up the call or call them back right away so you can schedule your next delivery without unnecessary delays.

#### Keep your specialty pharmacy in the know.

Let your specialty pharmacy know right away if your address or insurance changes. Having the right information can help ensure you receive your refills in a timely manner.

### Important Safety Information (cont.)

Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms of worsening liver problems during treatment with OCALIVA:

- Swelling of your stomach area from a build-up of fluid; yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes; black, tarry, or bloody stools; coughing up or vomiting blood, or your vomit looks like “coffee grounds”; or mental changes (such as confusion, sleepier than usual or harder to wake up, slurred speech, mood swings, or changes in personality)



## A quick Q&A with a pharmacist: Tips for getting the most from your specialty pharmacy

**Q:** What is the one thing you wish people knew about working with a specialty pharmacy?

**A:** A specialty pharmacy is different from a neighborhood pharmacy.

With a specialty pharmacy, you'll need to plan ahead because you can't just walk in and have your prescription filled right away. It's more like a mail-order pharmacy where you have your medicine shipped to you.

If you have your OCALIVA shipped to your local pharmacy, be sure to tell them it is from the specialty pharmacy so they'll know how to find it.

Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms during treatment with OCALIVA and they are severe or do not go away:

- Stomach-area pain, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea; loss of appetite or weight loss; new or worsening fatigue, weakness, fever, or chills; light-headedness; less frequent urination

## A quick Q&A with a pharmacist: Tips for getting the most from your specialty pharmacy (cont'd)

**Q:** What is one big hurdle you have helped people overcome to receive their medication?

**A:** Co-pay assistance matters to a lot of people.

Be sure to ask your specialty pharmacy for any type of co-pay assistance you may be eligible to receive.

Know that there are different kinds of co-pay savings programs as well.

- For people with commercial insurance, your specialty pharmacy has access to a co-pay card that can be applied to your OCALIVA® (obeticholic acid) prescription.
- For people with Medicare, Medicaid, or Veterans Administration benefits, your specialty pharmacy may be aware of nonprofit organizations that can help.

**Be sure to ask about co-pay assistance.**

Many people are eligible to receive some type of assistance.

### Important Safety Information (cont.)

#### What is OCALIVA?

OCALIVA is a prescription medicine used to treat primary biliary cholangitis (PBC) in combination with ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) in adults who have not responded well enough to UDCA, or alone for adults who cannot tolerate UDCA. It is not known if taking OCALIVA will improve your chance of survival or improve your symptoms of PBC. There are ongoing studies to find out how OCALIVA works over a longer period of time.



**Q:** What are 3 important things to remember to get timely refills?

**A:**



**WHEN** do I need to ask for my refill?

It's best to reach out to your specialty pharmacy at least a week before you run out of OCALIVA.



**WHO** is the correct person to contact when it is time to refill the medicine?

Take note of who to contact and keep this information handy so you'll have it when it's time to refill.



**WHAT** types of refill reminders (emails, text messages, or calls) are available to help me remember?

Be sure to sign up for these helpful reminders.

**Be proactive.** Write down on your calendar or put an alert on your phone when it's time to order a refill.

#### Who should not take OCALIVA?

**Do not take OCALIVA if you** have or had a complete blockage in the bile ducts in your liver or gallbladder.

## A few DOs and DON'Ts for working with a specialty pharmacy

Here are some helpful reminders as you work with your specialty pharmacy.

### DO

**Do:** Ask about co-pay assistance

**Do:** Sign up for refill reminders

**Do:** Alert the specialty pharmacy to any changes in your treatment plan, such as a change in dose

**Do:** Share your complete contact information (phone number, email address, and best times to reach you)

**Do:** Return any calls from your specialty pharmacy so they can schedule shipment of your OCALIVA® (obeticholic acid)

### DON'T

**Don't:** Assume that there are no programs to help with your co-pay or that co-pay assistance will be automatically applied

**Don't:** Wait until the last minute for refills

**Don't:** Assume that the specialty pharmacy knows exactly what you and your doctor know

**Don't:** Hesitate to call again if you haven't heard back within 24 hours or if you have an immediate concern



## Your specialty pharmacy is there for you

From the start and throughout your treatment, know that **your specialty pharmacy is there to help you.**

The pharmacists and pharmacy technicians truly want to help you. Their commitment to patients is a big reason why they do what they do.

**Your specialty pharmacy team wants to be helpful.**  
Don't hesitate to ask for the help you need.

## Important Safety Information (cont.)

What are the possible side effects of OCALIVA?

OCALIVA may cause serious side effects including:

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about OCALIVA?"**
- **Severe Itching.** Itching (pruritus) is a common side effect and can sometimes become severe (intense itching or itching all over your body). Severe itching can cause discomfort, problems sleeping, and problems doing daily activities, and usually needs to be treated. Tell your healthcare provider if you get severe itching or if your itching gets worse.
- **Decreases in Good Cholesterol.** Decreases in HDL-C ("good cholesterol") have been observed in patients taking OCALIVA. Your healthcare provider will check your cholesterol levels during treatment to see if you should continue taking OCALIVA.

**The most common side effects of OCALIVA include:** pruritus (itching of the skin), tiredness, stomach pain and discomfort, rash, joint pain, mouth and throat pain, dizziness, constipation, swelling in your hands, ankles or feet, fast or irregular heartbeat, fever, changes in how your thyroid gland works, and eczema (skin dryness, irritation, redness, crusting, or drainage).

These are not all the possible side effects associated with OCALIVA. Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects.

### My doctor:

Name:  Phone:

### My specialty pharmacy:

Name:  Phone:

### My call checklist:

- Ask about co-pay assistance
- Sign up for refill reminders
- Share my contact info

### My refills:

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### Important Safety Information (cont.)

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking OCALIVA?

Before taking OCALIVA, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- **are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.** It is not known if OCALIVA will harm your unborn baby.
- **are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.** It is not known if OCALIVA passes into your breastmilk. Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you take OCALIVA.

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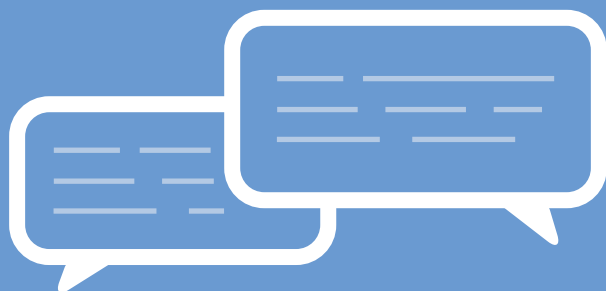
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**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. OCALIVA can affect the way certain medicines work. Certain other medicines may affect the way OCALIVA works.

YOUR SPECIALTY PHARMACY IS THERE TO  
HELP YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR TREATMENT.



Reach out to them. Talk openly.  
Ask for the help you need.

To learn more about OCALIVA® (obeticholic acid)  
visit [ocaliva.com](http://ocaliva.com).

Please see accompanying Medication Guide and full Prescribing Information, including Boxed Warning, for OCALIVA 5 mg and 10 mg tablets.

Available by prescription only.

***To report negative side effects of OCALIVA, please contact Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-844-782-ICPT or you may report to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).***



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