

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**  
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use ETICOVO safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for ETICOVO.

ETICOVO® (etanercept-ykro) injection, for subcutaneous use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 2019  
ETICOVO (etanercept-ykro) is biosimilar\* to ENBREL (etanercept).

**WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS and MALIGNANCIES**  
*See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.*

**SERIOUS INFECTIONS**

- Increased risk of serious infections leading to hospitalization or death, including tuberculosis (TB), bacterial sepsis, invasive fungal infections (such as histoplasmosis), and infections due to other opportunistic pathogens. (5.1)
- Eticovo should be discontinued if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis during treatment. (5.1)
- Perform test for latent TB; if positive, start treatment for TB prior to starting Eticovo. (5.1)
- Monitor all patients for active TB during treatment, even if initial latent TB test is negative. (5.1)

**MALIGNANCIES**

- Lymphoma and other malignancies, some fatal, have been reported in children and adolescent patients treated with TNF blockers, including etanercept products. (5.3)

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Eticovo is a tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blocker indicated for the treatment of: Adult patients with:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) (1.1)
- Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) (1.3)
- Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS) (1.4)
- Plaque Psoriasis (PsO) (1.5)

Pediatric patients with:

- Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (pJIA), 2 years of age or older (1.2)
- Plaque Psoriasis (PsO), 4 years of age or older (1.5)

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Eticovo is administered by subcutaneous injection.

Patient Population	Recommended Dose and Frequency
Adult RA and PsA (2.3)	50 mg once weekly with or without methotrexate (MTX)
AS (2.3)	50 mg once weekly
Adult PsO (2.3)	50 mg twice weekly for 3 months, followed by 50 mg once weekly
pJIA and Pediatric PsO (patients who weigh 63 kg (138 pounds) or more) (2.4)	50 mg once weekly

- DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**
- Injection: 25 mg/0.5 mL and 50 mg/mL solution in a single-dose prefilled syringe (3)
  - Injection: 50 mg/mL solution in a single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen (3)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Eticovo is contraindicated in patients with sepsis (4)

- WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**
- Do not start Eticovo during an active infection. If an infection develops, monitor carefully and stop Eticovo if infection becomes serious. (5.1)
  - Consider empiric anti-fungal therapy for patients at risk for invasive fungal infections who develop a severe systemic illness on Eticovo (those who reside or travel to regions where mycoses are endemic). (5.1)
  - Demyelinating disease, exacerbation or new onset, may occur. (5.2)
  - Cases of lymphoma have been observed in patients receiving TNF-blocking agents. (5.3)
  - Congestive heart failure, worsening or new onset, may occur. (5.4)
  - Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if symptoms of pancytopenia or aplastic anemia develop, and consider stopping Eticovo. (5.5)
  - Monitor patients previously infected with hepatitis B virus for reactivation during and several months after therapy. If reactivation occurs, consider stopping Eticovo and beginning anti-viral therapy. (5.6)
  - Anaphylaxis or serious allergic reactions may occur. (5.7)
  - Stop Eticovo if lupus-like syndrome or autoimmune hepatitis develops. (5.9)

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Most common adverse reactions (incidence > 5%): infections and injection site reactions. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Samsung Bioepis Co., Ltd. at 1-877-888-4231 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

- DRUG INTERACTIONS**
- Live vaccines – Avoid concurrent administration with Eticovo (5.8, 7.1)
  - Anakinra – Increased risk of serious infection (5.12, 7.2)
  - Abatacept – Increased risk of serious adverse events, including infections (5.12, 7.2)
  - Cyclophosphamide – Not recommended for use with Eticovo. (7.3)

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\* Biosimilar means that the biological product is approved based on data demonstrating that it is highly similar to an FDA-approved biological product, known as a reference product, and that there are no clinically meaningful differences between the biosimilar product and the reference product. Biosimilarity of ETICOVO has been demonstrated for the condition(s) of use (e.g. indication(s), dosing regimen(s)), strength(s), dosage form(s), and route(s) of administration described in its Full Prescribing Information.

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS and MALIGNANCIES

#### SERIOUS INFECTIONS

Patients treated with etanercept products are at increased risk for developing serious infections that may lead to hospitalization or death [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)* and *Adverse Reactions (6)*]. Most patients who developed these infections were taking concomitant immunosuppressants such as methotrexate or corticosteroids.

Eticovo should be discontinued if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis.

Reported infections include:

- Active tuberculosis, including reactivation of latent tuberculosis. Patients with tuberculosis have frequently presented with disseminated or extrapulmonary disease. Test patients for latent tuberculosis before Eticovo use and during therapy. Initiate treatment for latent infection prior to Eticovo use.
- Invasive fungal infections, including histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, candidiasis, aspergillosis, blastomycosis, and pneumocystosis. Patients with histoplasmosis or other invasive fungal infections may present with disseminated, rather than localized, disease. Antigen and antibody testing for histoplasmosis may be negative in some patients with active infection. Consider empiric anti-fungal therapy in patients at risk for invasive fungal infections who develop severe systemic illness.
- Bacterial, viral, and other infections due to opportunistic pathogens, including *Legionella* and *Listeria*.

The risks and benefits of treatment with Eticovo should be carefully considered prior to initiating therapy in patients with chronic or recurrent infection.

Monitor patients closely for the development of signs and symptoms of infection during and after treatment with Eticovo, including the possible development of tuberculosis in patients who tested negative for latent tuberculosis infection prior to initiating therapy.

#### MALIGNANCIES

Lymphoma and other malignancies, some fatal, have been reported in children and adolescent patients treated with TNF blockers, including etanercept products.

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

### 1.1 Rheumatoid Arthritis

Eticovo is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms, inducing major clinical response, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Eticovo can be initiated in combination with methotrexate (MTX) or used alone.

### 1.2 Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

Eticovo is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms of moderately to severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older.

### 1.3 Psoriatic Arthritis

Eticovo is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms, inhibiting the progression of structural damage of active arthritis, and improving physical function in adult patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA). Eticovo can be used with or without methotrexate.

### 1.4 Ankylosing Spondylitis

Eticovo is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms in patients with active ankylosing spondylitis (AS).

### 1.5 Plaque Psoriasis

Eticovo is indicated for the treatment of patients 4 years or older with chronic moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Testing and Procedures Prior to Treatment Initiation

Perform the following evaluations and procedures prior to initiating treatment with Eticovo:

- Prior to initiating Eticovo and periodically during therapy, evaluate patients for active tuberculosis and test for latent infection [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].
- Complete all age-appropriate vaccinations as recommended by current immunization guidelines prior to initiating treatment with Eticovo [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.8)].

### 2.2 Important Administration Instructions

Administration of one 50 mg Eticovo single-dose prefilled syringe or one 50 mg Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen provides a dose equivalent to two 25 mg Eticovo single-dose prefilled syringes.

### 2.3 Recommended Dosage in Adult Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis, and Plaque Psoriasis

Eticovo is administered by subcutaneous injection (Table 1).

Table 1. Recommended Dosage for Adult Patients with RA, AS, PsA and PsO	
Patient Population	Recommended Dosage
Adult RA, AS, and PsA	50 mg weekly
Adult PsO	<u>Starting Dose:</u> 50 mg twice weekly for 3 months
	<u>Maintenance Dose:</u> 50 mg once weekly

See the Eticovo (etanercept-ykro) “Instructions for Use” insert for detailed information on injection site selection and dose administration [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3) and *Patient Counseling Information* (17)].

#### Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, and Psoriatic Arthritis Patients

Methotrexate, glucocorticoids, salicylates, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), or analgesics may be continued during treatment with Eticovo.

Based on a study of 50 mg etanercept twice weekly in patients with RA that suggested higher incidence of adverse reactions but similar American College of Rheumatology (ACR) response rates, doses higher than 50 mg per week are not recommended.

#### Adult Plaque Psoriasis Patients

In addition to the 50 mg twice weekly recommended starting dose, starting doses of 25 mg or 50 mg per week were shown to be efficacious. The proportion of responders was related to etanercept dosage [see *Clinical Studies* (14.5)].

## 2.4 Recommended Dosage for Pediatric Patients with Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, and Plaque Psoriasis

The recommended weight-based dosage for pediatric patients is administered by subcutaneous injection (Table 2).

**Table 2. Recommended Dosage for Pediatric Patients with pJIA and PsO**

Body Weight	Recommended Dosage
63 kg (138 pounds) or more	50 mg weekly

**There is no dosage form for Eticovo that allows weight-based dosing for pediatric patients below 63 kg (138 pounds).**

Dosages of etanercept products higher than those described in Table 2 have not been studied in pediatric patients.

In pJIA patients, glucocorticoids, NSAIDs, or analgesics may be continued during treatment with Eticovo.

## 2.5 Preparation Instructions for Eticovo

Eticovo is intended for use under the guidance and supervision of a physician. Patients may self-inject when deemed appropriate and if they receive medical follow-up, as necessary. Patients should not self-administer until they receive proper training in how to prepare and administer the correct dose. Administer injections subcutaneously in the thigh, abdomen or outer area of the upper arm.

The Eticovo (etanercept-ykro) “Instructions for Use” insert for each presentation contains more detailed instructions on injection site selection and the preparation of Eticovo.

### Preparation of Eticovo Single-dose Prefilled Syringe

For a more comfortable injection, leave Eticovo single-dose prefilled syringe at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before injecting. DO NOT remove the needle cover while allowing the prefilled syringe to reach room temperature.

Inspect visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. There may be small white particles of protein in the solution. This is not unusual for proteinaceous solutions. The solution should not be used if discolored or cloudy, or if foreign particulate matter is present.

### Preparation of Eticovo Single-dose Prefilled Auto Injector Pen

For a more comfortable injection, leave Eticovo single-dose prefilled pen at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before injecting. DO NOT remove the needle cover while allowing the prefilled pen to reach room temperature.

Inspect visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. There may be small white particles of protein in the solution. This is not unusual for proteinaceous solutions. The solution should not be used if discolored or cloudy, or if foreign particulate matter is present.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Injection: 25 mg/0.5 mL and 50 mg/mL clear to opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution in a single-dose prefilled syringe
- Injection: 50 mg/mL clear to opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution in a single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Eticovo is contraindicated in patients with sepsis.

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

## 5.1 Serious Infections

Patients treated with Eticovo are at increased risk for developing serious infections involving various organ systems and sites that may lead to hospitalization or death.

Opportunistic infections due to bacterial, mycobacterial, invasive fungal, viral, parasitic, or other opportunistic pathogens including aspergillosis, blastomycosis, candidiasis, coccidioidomycosis, histoplasmosis, legionellosis, listeriosis, pneumocystosis, and tuberculosis have been reported with TNF blockers. Patients have frequently presented with disseminated rather than localized disease.

Treatment with Eticovo should not be initiated in patients with an active infection, including clinically important localized infections. Patients greater than 65 years of age, patients with co-morbid conditions, and/or patients taking concomitant immunosuppressants (such as corticosteroids or methotrexate), may be at greater risk of infection. The risks and benefits of treatment should be considered prior to initiating therapy in patients:

- With chronic or recurrent infection;
- Who have been exposed to tuberculosis;
- With a history of an opportunistic infection;
- Who have resided or traveled in areas of endemic tuberculosis or endemic mycoses, such as histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, or blastomycosis; or
- With underlying conditions that may predispose them to infection, such as advanced or poorly controlled diabetes [*see Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

Patients should be closely monitored for the development of signs and symptoms of infection during and after treatment with Eticovo.

Eticovo should be discontinued if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis. A patient who develops a new infection during treatment with Eticovo should be closely monitored, undergo a prompt and complete diagnostic workup appropriate for an immunocompromised patient, and appropriate antimicrobial therapy should be initiated.

### Tuberculosis

Cases of reactivation of tuberculosis or new tuberculosis infections have been observed in patients receiving etanercept products, including patients who have previously received treatment for latent or active tuberculosis. Data from clinical trials and preclinical studies suggest that the risk of reactivation of latent tuberculosis infection is lower with etanercept than with TNF-blocking monoclonal antibodies. Nonetheless, postmarketing cases of tuberculosis reactivation have been reported for TNF blockers, including etanercept products. Tuberculosis has developed in patients who tested negative for latent tuberculosis prior to initiation of therapy. Patients should be evaluated for tuberculosis risk factors and tested for latent infection prior to initiating Eticovo and periodically during therapy. Tests for latent tuberculosis infection may be falsely negative while on therapy with Eticovo.

Treatment of latent tuberculosis infection prior to therapy with TNF-blocking agents has been shown to reduce the risk of tuberculosis reactivation during therapy. Induration of 5 mm or greater with tuberculin skin testing should be considered a positive test result when assessing if treatment for latent tuberculosis is needed prior to initiating Eticovo, even for patients previously vaccinated with Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG).

Anti-tuberculosis therapy should also be considered prior to initiation of Eticovo in patients with a past history of latent or active tuberculosis in whom an adequate course of treatment cannot be confirmed, and for patients with a negative test for latent tuberculosis but having risk factors for tuberculosis infection. Consultation with a physician with expertise in the treatment of tuberculosis is recommended to aid in the decision whether initiating anti-tuberculosis therapy is appropriate for an individual patient.

Tuberculosis should be strongly considered in patients who develop a new infection during Eticovo treatment, especially in patients who have previously or recently traveled to countries with a high prevalence of tuberculosis, or who have had close contact with a person with active tuberculosis.

#### Invasive Fungal Infections

Cases of serious and sometimes fatal fungal infections, including histoplasmosis, have been reported with TNF blockers, including etanercept products. For patients who reside or travel in regions where mycoses are endemic, invasive fungal infection should be suspected if they develop a serious systemic illness. Appropriate empiric anti-fungal therapy should be considered while a diagnostic workup is being performed. Antigen and antibody testing for histoplasmosis may be negative in some patients with active infection. When feasible, the decision to administer empiric anti-fungal therapy in these patients should be made in consultation with a physician with expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of invasive fungal infections and should take into account both the risk for severe fungal infection and the risks of anti-fungal therapy. In 38 etanercept clinical trials and 4 cohort studies in all approved indications representing 27,169 patient-years of exposure (17,696 patients) from the United States and Canada, no histoplasmosis infections were reported among patients treated with etanercept.

### **5.2 Neurologic Reactions**

Treatment with TNF-blocking agents, including etanercept products, has been associated with rare (< 0.1%) cases of new onset or exacerbation of central nervous system demyelinating disorders, some presenting with mental status changes and some associated with permanent disability, and with peripheral nervous system demyelinating disorders. Cases of transverse myelitis, optic neuritis, multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barre syndromes, other peripheral demyelinating neuropathies, and new onset or exacerbation of seizure disorders have been reported in postmarketing experience with etanercept products therapy. Prescribers should exercise caution in considering the use of Eticovo in patients with preexisting or recent-onset central or peripheral nervous system demyelinating disorders [*see- Postmarketing Experience (6.3)*].

### **5.3 Malignancies**

#### Lymphomas

In the controlled portions of clinical trials of TNF-blocking agents, more cases of lymphoma have been observed among patients receiving a TNF-blocker compared to control patients. During the controlled portions of etanercept trials in adult patients with RA, AS, and PsA, 2 lymphomas were observed among 3306 etanercept-treated patients versus 0 among 1521 control patients (duration of controlled treatment ranged from 3 to 36 months).

Among 6543 adult rheumatology (RA, PsA, AS) patients treated with etanercept in controlled and uncontrolled portions of clinical trials, representing approximately 12,845 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of lymphoma was 0.10 cases per 100 patient-years. This was 3-fold higher than the rate of lymphoma expected in the general U.S. population based on the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Database. An increased rate of lymphoma up to several-fold has been reported in the RA patient population, and may be further increased in patients with more severe disease activity.

Among 4410 adult PsO patients treated with etanercept in clinical trials up to 36 months, representing approximately 4278 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of lymphoma was 0.05 cases per 100 patient-years, which is comparable to the rate in the general population. No cases were observed in etanercept- or placebo-treated patients during the controlled portions of these trials.

#### Leukemia

Cases of acute and chronic leukemia have been reported in association with postmarketing TNF blocker use in rheumatoid arthritis and other indications. Even in the absence of TNF blocker therapy, patients with rheumatoid arthritis may be at higher risk (approximately 2-fold) than the general population for the development of leukemia.

During the controlled portions of etanercept trials, 2 cases of leukemia were observed among 5445 (0.06 cases per 100 patient-years) etanercept-treated patients versus 0 among 2890 (0%) control patients (duration of controlled treatment ranged from 3 to 48 months).

Among 15,401 patients treated with etanercept in controlled and open portions of clinical trials representing

approximately 23,325 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of leukemia was 0.03 cases per 100 patient-years.

#### Other Malignancies

Information is available from 10,953 adult patients with 17,123 patient-years and 696 pediatric patients with 1282 patient-years of experience across 45 etanercept clinical studies.

For malignancies other than lymphoma and non-melanoma skin cancer, there was no difference in exposure-adjusted rates between the etanercept and control arms in the controlled portions of clinical studies for all indications. Analysis of the malignancy rate in combined controlled and uncontrolled portions of studies has demonstrated that types and rates are similar to what is expected in the general U.S. population based on the SEER database and suggests no increase in rates over time. Whether treatment with etanercept products might influence the development and course of malignancies in adults is unknown.

#### Melanoma and Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer (NMSC)

Melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer has been reported in patients treated with TNF antagonists including etanercept products.

Among 15,401 patients treated with etanercept in controlled and open portions of clinical trials representing approximately 23,325 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of melanoma was 0.043 cases per 100 patient-years.

Among 3306 adult rheumatology (RA, PsA, AS) patients treated with etanercept in controlled clinical trials representing approximately 2669 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of NMSC was 0.41 cases per 100 patient-years vs 0.37 cases per 100 patient-years among 1521 control-treated patients representing 1077 patient-years. Among 1245 adult PsO patients treated with etanercept in controlled clinical trials, representing approximately 283 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of NMSC was 3.54 cases per 100 patient-years vs 1.28 cases per 100 patient-years among 720 control-treated patients representing 156 patient-years.

Postmarketing cases of Merkel cell carcinoma have been reported very infrequently in patients treated with etanercept products.

Periodic skin examinations should be considered for all patients at increased risk for skin cancer.

#### Pediatric Patients

Malignancies, some fatal, have been reported among children, adolescents, and young adults who received treatment with TNF-blocking agents (initiation of therapy at  $\leq 18$  years of age), including etanercept products. Approximately half the cases were lymphomas, including Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The other cases represented a variety of different malignancies and included rare malignancies usually associated with immunosuppression and malignancies that are not usually observed in children and adolescents. The malignancies occurred after a median of 30 months of therapy (range 1 to 84 months). Most of the patients were receiving concomitant immunosuppressants. These cases were reported postmarketing and are derived from a variety of sources, including registries and spontaneous postmarketing reports.

In clinical trials of 1140 pediatric patients representing 1927.2 patient-years of therapy, no malignancies, including lymphoma or NMSC, have been reported.

#### Postmarketing Use

In global postmarketing adult and pediatric use, lymphoma and other malignancies have been reported.

### **5.4 New Onset or Worsening of Heart Failure**

Two clinical trials evaluating the use of etanercept in the treatment of heart failure were terminated early due to lack of efficacy. One of these studies suggested higher mortality in etanercept-treated patients compared to placebo [*see Adverse Reactions (6.2)*]. There have been postmarketing reports of worsening of congestive heart failure (CHF), with and without identifiable precipitating factors, in patients taking etanercept products. There have also been rare ( $< 0.1\%$ ) reports of new onset CHF, including CHF in patients without known preexisting cardiovascular disease. Some of these patients have been under 50 years of age. Physicians should exercise caution when using Eticovo in patients who also have heart failure, and monitor patients carefully.



## 5.5 Hematologic Reactions

Rare (< 0.1%) reports of pancytopenia, including very rare (< 0.01%) reports of aplastic anemia, some with a fatal outcome, have been reported in patients treated with etanercept. The causal relationship to the therapy with etanercept products remains unclear. Although no high-risk group has been identified, caution should be exercised in patients being treated with Eticovo who have a previous history of significant hematologic abnormalities. All patients should be advised to seek immediate medical attention if they develop signs and symptoms suggestive of blood dyscrasias or infection (eg, persistent fever, bruising, bleeding, pallor) while on Eticovo. Discontinuation of Eticovo therapy should be considered in patients with confirmed significant hematologic abnormalities.

Two percent of patients treated concurrently with etanercept and anakinra developed neutropenia ( $ANC < 1 \times 10^9/L$ ). While neutropenic, one patient developed cellulitis that resolved with antibiotic therapy.

## 5.6 Hepatitis B Reactivation

Reactivation of hepatitis B in patients who were previously infected with the hepatitis B virus (HBV) and had received concomitant TNF-blocking agents, including very rare cases (< 0.01%) with etanercept, has been reported. In some instances, hepatitis B reactivation occurring in conjunction with TNF blocker therapy has been fatal. The majority of these reports have occurred in patients concomitantly receiving other medications that suppress the immune system, which may also contribute to hepatitis B reactivation. Patients at risk for HBV infection should be evaluated for prior evidence of HBV infection before initiating TNF blocker therapy. Prescribers should exercise caution in prescribing TNF blockers in patients previously infected with HBV. Adequate data are not available on the safety or efficacy of treating patients who are carriers of HBV with anti-viral therapy in conjunction with TNF-blocker therapy to prevent HBV reactivation. Patients previously infected with HBV and requiring treatment with Eticovo should be closely monitored for clinical and laboratory signs of active HBV infection throughout therapy and for several months following termination of therapy. In patients who develop HBV reactivation, consideration should be given to stopping Eticovo and initiating anti-viral therapy with appropriate supportive treatment. The safety of resuming therapy with etanercept products after HBV reactivation is controlled is not known. Therefore, prescribers should weigh the risks and benefits when considering resumption of therapy in this situation.

## 5.7 Allergic Reactions

Allergic reactions associated with administration of etanercept during clinical trials have been reported in < 2% of patients. If an anaphylactic reaction or other serious allergic reaction occurs, discontinue administration of Eticovo and initiate appropriate therapy immediately.

## 5.8 Immunizations

Avoid concurrent administration of live vaccines with Eticovo. It is recommended that patients, if possible, be brought up-to-date with all immunizations in agreement with current immunization guidelines prior to initiating Eticovo therapy [see *Drug Interactions (7.1)* and *Use in Specific Populations (8.4)*].

## 5.9 Autoimmunity

Treatment with Eticovo may result in the formation of autoantibodies [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*] and, rarely (< 0.1%), in the development of a lupus-like syndrome or autoimmune hepatitis [see *Adverse Reactions (6.2)*], which may resolve following withdrawal of Eticovo. If a patient develops symptoms and findings suggestive of a lupus-like syndrome or autoimmune hepatitis following treatment with Eticovo, discontinue treatment and evaluate the patient.

## 5.10 Immunosuppression

TNF mediates inflammation and modulates cellular immune responses. TNF-blocking agents, including etanercept products, affect host defenses against infections. The effect of TNF inhibition on the development and course of malignancies is not fully understood. In a study of 49 patients with RA treated with etanercept, there was no evidence of depression of delayed-type hypersensitivity, depression of immunoglobulin levels, or change in enumeration of effector cell populations [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.3)* and *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### **5.11 Not Recommended for Use in Patients with Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis Receiving Immunosuppressants**

The use of Eticovo in patients with granulomatosis with polyangiitis receiving immunosuppressive agents is not recommended. In a study of patients with granulomatosis with polyangiitis, the addition of etanercept to standard therapy (including cyclophosphamide) was associated with a higher incidence of non-cutaneous solid malignancies and was not associated with improved clinical outcomes when compared with standard therapy alone [see *Drug Interactions* (7.3)].

### **5.12 Not Recommended for Use with Anakinra or Abatacept**

Use of Eticovo with anakinra or abatacept is not recommended [see *Drug Interactions* (7.2)].

### **5.13 Increased Mortality in Patients with Moderate to Severe Alcoholic Hepatitis**

In a study of 48 hospitalized patients treated with etanercept or placebo for moderate to severe alcoholic hepatitis, the mortality rate in patients treated with etanercept was similar to patients treated with placebo at 1 month but significantly higher after 6 months. Physicians should use caution when using Eticovo in patients with moderate to severe alcoholic hepatitis.

## **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The following serious adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in other sections of the labeling:

- Serious Infections [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)]
- Neurologic Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)]
- Malignancies [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)]
- Patients with Heart Failure [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)]
- Hematologic Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)]
- Hepatitis B Reactivation [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6)]
- Allergic Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.7)]
- Autoimmunity [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.9)]
- Immunosuppression [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.10)]

### **6.1 Clinical Trials Experience**

Across clinical studies and postmarketing experience, the most serious adverse reactions with etanercept were infections, neurologic events, CHF, and hematologic events [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5)]. The most common adverse reactions with etanercept were infections and injection site reactions.

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reactions rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not predict the rates observed in clinical practice.

#### Adverse Reactions in Adult Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, or Plaque Psoriasis

The data described below reflect exposure to etanercept in 2219 adult patients with RA followed for up to 80 months, in 182 patients with PsA for up to 24 months, in 138 patients with AS for up to 6 months, and in 1204 adult patients with PsO for up to 18 months.

In controlled trials, the proportion of etanercept-treated patients who discontinued treatment due to adverse events was approximately 4% in the indications studied.

#### Adverse Reactions in Pediatric Patients

In general, the adverse reactions in pediatric patients were similar in frequency and type as those seen in adult patients

[see Warnings and Precautions (5), Use in Specific Populations (8.4), and Clinical Studies (14.2 and 14.6)].

In a 48-week clinical study in 211 children aged 4 to 17 years with pediatric PsO, the adverse reactions reported were similar to those seen in previous studies in adults with PsO. Long-term safety profile for up to 264 additional weeks was assessed in an open-label extension study and no new safety signals were identified.

In open-label clinical studies of children with JIA, adverse reactions reported in those ages 2 to 4 years were similar to adverse reactions reported in older children.

#### Infections

Infections, including viral, bacterial, and fungal infections, have been observed in adult and pediatric patients. Infections have been noted in all body systems and have been reported in patients receiving etanercept alone or in combination with other immunosuppressive agents.

In controlled portions of trials, the types and severity of infection were similar between etanercept and the respective control group (placebo or MTX for RA and PsA patients) in RA, PsA, AS and PsO patients. Rates of infections in RA and adult PsO patients are provided in Table 3 and Table 4, respectively. Infections consisted primarily of upper respiratory tract infection, sinusitis and influenza.

In controlled portions of trials in RA, PsA, AS and PsO, the rates of serious infection were similar (0.8% in placebo, 3.6% in MTX, and 1.4% in etanercept/etanercept + MTX-treated groups). In clinical trials in rheumatologic indications, serious infections experienced by patients have included, but are not limited to, pneumonia, cellulitis, septic arthritis, bronchitis, gastroenteritis, pyelonephritis, sepsis, abscess and osteomyelitis. In clinical trials in adult PsO patients, serious infections experienced by patients have included, but are not limited to, pneumonia, cellulitis, gastroenteritis, abscess and osteomyelitis. The rate of serious infections was not increased in open-label extension trials and was similar to that observed in etanercept- and placebo-treated patients from controlled trials.

In 66 global clinical trials of 17,505 patients (21,015 patient-years of therapy), tuberculosis was observed in approximately 0.02% of patients. In 17,696 patients (27,169 patient-years of therapy) from 38 clinical trials and 4 cohort studies in the U.S. and Canada, tuberculosis was observed in approximately 0.006% of patients. These studies include reports of pulmonary and extrapulmonary tuberculosis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

The types of infections reported in pediatric patients with PsO and JIA were generally mild and consistent with those commonly seen in the general pediatric population. Two JIA patients developed varicella infection and signs and symptoms of aseptic meningitis, which resolved without sequelae.

#### Injection Site Reactions

In placebo-controlled trials in rheumatologic indications, approximately 37% of patients treated with etanercept developed injection site reactions. In controlled trials in patients with PsO, 15% of adult patients and 7% of pediatric patients treated with etanercept developed injection site reactions during the first 3 months of treatment. All injection site reactions were described as mild to moderate (erythema, itching, pain, swelling, bleeding, bruising) and generally did not necessitate drug discontinuation. Injection site reactions generally occurred in the first month and subsequently decreased in frequency. The mean duration of injection site reactions was 3 to 5 days. Seven percent of patients experienced redness at a previous injection site when subsequent injections were given.

#### Other Adverse Reactions

Table 3 summarizes adverse reactions reported in adult RA patients. The types of adverse reactions seen in patients with PsA or AS were similar to the types of adverse reactions seen in patients with RA.

**Table 3. Percent of Adult RA Patients Experiencing Adverse Reactions in Controlled Clinical Trials**

Adverse Reaction	Placebo Controlled <sup>a</sup> (Studies I, II, and a Phase 2 Study)		Active Controlled <sup>b</sup> (Study III)	
	Placebo (N=152)	Etanercept <sup>c</sup> (N=349)	MTX (N=217)	Etanercept <sup>c</sup> (N=415)
	Percent of Patients		Percent of Patients	
Infection <sup>d</sup> (total)	39	50	86	81

Upper Respiratory Infections <sup>c</sup>	30	38	70	65
Non-upper Respiratory Infections	15	21	59	54
Injection Site Reactions	11	37	18	43
Diarrhea	9	8	16	16
Rash	2	3	19	13
Pruritus	1	2	5	5
Pyrexia	-	3	4	2
Urticaria	1	-	4	2
Hypersensitivity	-	-	1	1

<sup>a</sup> Includes data from the 6-month study in which patients received concurrent MTX therapy in both arms.

<sup>b</sup> Study duration of 2 years.

<sup>c</sup> Any dose.

<sup>d</sup> Includes bacterial, viral and fungal infections.

<sup>e</sup> Most frequent Upper Respiratory Infections were upper respiratory tract infection, sinusitis and influenza.

In placebo-controlled adult PsO trials, the percentages of patients reporting adverse reactions in the 50 mg twice a week dose group were similar to those observed in the 25 mg twice a week dose group or placebo group.

Table 4 summarizes adverse reactions reported in adult PsO patients from Studies I and II.

**Table 4. Percent of Adult PsO Patients Experiencing Adverse Reactions in Placebo-Controlled Portions of Clinical Trials (Studies I & II)**

Adverse Reaction	Placebo (N=359)	Etanercept <sup>a</sup> (N=876)
	Percent of Patients	
Infection <sup>b</sup> (total)	28	27
Non-upper Respiratory Infections	14	12
Upper Respiratory Infections <sup>c</sup>	17	17
Injection Site Reactions	6	15
Diarrhea	2	3
Rash	1	1
Pruritus	2	1
Urticaria	-	1
Hypersensitivity	-	1
Pyrexia	1	-

<sup>a</sup> Includes 25 mg subcutaneous (SC) once weekly (QW), 25 mg SC twice weekly (BIW), 50 mg SC QW, and 50 mg SC BIW doses.

<sup>b</sup> Includes bacterial, viral and fungal infections.

<sup>c</sup> Most frequent Upper Respiratory Infections were upper respiratory tract infection, nasopharyngitis and sinusitis.

## 6.2 Immunogenicity

The observed incidence of anti-drug antibodies is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Differences in assay methods preclude meaningful comparisons of the incidence of anti-drug antibodies in the studies described below with the incidence of anti-drug antibodies in other studies, including those of etanercept or of other etanercept products.

### Immunogenicity

Patients with RA, PsA, AS or PsO were tested at multiple time points for antibodies to etanercept. Antibodies to the TNF receptor portion or other protein components of the etanercept drug product were detected at least once in sera of approximately 6% of adult patients with RA, PsA, AS or PsO. These antibodies were all non-neutralizing. Results from JIA patients were similar to those seen in adult RA patients treated with etanercept.

In adult PsO studies that evaluated the exposure of etanercept for up to 120 weeks, the percentage of patients testing positive at the assessed time points of 24, 48, 72 and 96 weeks ranged from 3.6%-8.7% and were all non-neutralizing. The percentage of patients testing positive increased with an increase in the duration of study; however, the clinical significance of this finding is unknown. No apparent correlation of antibody development to clinical response or adverse events was observed. The immunogenicity data of etanercept beyond 120 weeks of exposure are unknown.

In pediatric PsO studies, approximately 10% of subjects developed antibodies to etanercept by Week 48 and approximately 16% of subjects developed antibodies to etanercept by Week 264. All of these antibodies were non-neutralizing. However, because of the limitations of the immunogenicity assays, the incidence of binding and neutralizing antibodies may not have been reliably determined.

The data reflect the percentage of patients whose test results were considered positive for antibodies to etanercept in an ELISA assay, and are highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay.

### Autoantibodies

Patients with RA had serum samples tested for autoantibodies at multiple time points. In RA Studies I and II, the percentage of patients evaluated for antinuclear antibodies (ANA) who developed new positive ANA (titer  $\geq$  1:40) was higher in patients treated with etanercept (11%) than in placebo-treated patients (5%). The percentage of patients who developed new positive anti-double-stranded DNA antibodies was also higher by radioimmunoassay (15% of patients treated with etanercept compared to 4% of placebo-treated patients) and by Crithidia luciliae assay (3% of patients treated with etanercept compared to none of placebo-treated patients). The proportion of patients treated with etanercept who developed anticardiolipin antibodies was similarly increased compared to placebo-treated patients. In RA Study III, no pattern of increased autoantibody development was seen in etanercept patients compared to MTX patients [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.9)].

## 6.3 Postmarketing Experience

Adverse reactions have been reported during post approval use of etanercept products in adults and pediatric patients. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to etanercept exposure.

Adverse reactions are listed by body system below:

Blood and lymphatic system disorders:	pancytopenia, anemia, leukopenia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, lymphadenopathy, aplastic anemia [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> (5.5)]
Cardiac disorders:	congestive heart failure [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> (5.4)]
Gastrointestinal disorders:	inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
General disorders:	angioedema, chest pain

Hepatobiliary disorders:	autoimmune hepatitis, elevated transaminases, hepatitis B reactivation
Immune disorders:	macrophage activation syndrome, systemic vasculitis, sarcoidosis
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:	lupus-like syndrome
Neoplasms benign, malignant, and unspecified:	melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers, Merkel cell carcinoma [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> (5.3)]
Nervous system disorders:	convulsions, multiple sclerosis, demyelination, optic neuritis, transverse myelitis, paresthesias, headache [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> (5.2)]
Ocular disorders:	uveitis, scleritis
Renal and urinary disorders:	glomerulonephritis
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:	interstitial lung disease
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:	cutaneous lupus erythematosus, cutaneous vasculitis (including leukocytoclastic vasculitis), erythema multiforme, Stevens- Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, subcutaneous nodule, new or worsening psoriasis (all subtypes including pustular and palmoplantar)

Opportunistic infections, including atypical mycobacterial infection, herpes zoster, aspergillosis and *Pneumocystis jiroveci* pneumonia, and protozoal infections have also been reported in postmarketing use.

Rare (< 0.1%) cases of IBD have been reported in JIA patients receiving etanercept, which is not effective for the treatment of IBD.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Specific drug interaction studies have not been conducted with etanercept products.

### 7.1 Vaccines

Most PsA patients receiving etanercept were able to mount effective B-cell immune responses to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, but titers in aggregate were moderately lower and fewer patients had 2-fold rises in titers compared to patients not receiving etanercept. The clinical significance of this is unknown. Patients receiving Eticovo may receive concurrent vaccinations, except for live vaccines. No data are available on the secondary transmission of infection by live vaccines in patients receiving etanercept products.

Patients with a significant exposure to varicella virus should temporarily discontinue Eticovo therapy and be considered for prophylactic treatment with varicella zoster immune globulin [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.8, 5.10)].

### 7.2 Immune-Modulating Biologic Products

In a study in which patients with active RA were treated for up to 24 weeks with concurrent etanercept and anakinra therapy, a 7% rate of serious infections was observed, which was higher than that observed with etanercept alone (0%) [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.12)] and did not result in higher ACR response rates compared to etanercept alone. The most common infections consisted of bacterial pneumonia (4 cases) and cellulitis (4 cases). One patient with pulmonary fibrosis and pneumonia died due to respiratory failure. Two percent of patients treated concurrently with etanercept and anakinra developed neutropenia (ANC < 1 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L).

In clinical studies, concurrent administration of abatacept and etanercept resulted in increased incidences of serious adverse events, including infections, and did not demonstrate increased clinical benefit [see *Warnings and*

*Precautions (5.12)]*.

### **7.3 Cyclophosphamide**

The use of Eticovo in patients receiving concurrent cyclophosphamide therapy is not recommended [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.11)]*.

### **7.4 Sulfasalazine**

Patients in a clinical study who were on established therapy with sulfasalazine, to which etanercept was added, were noted to develop a mild decrease in mean neutrophil counts in comparison to groups treated with either etanercept or sulfasalazine alone. The clinical significance of this observation is unknown.

## **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

### **8.1 Pregnancy**

#### Risk Summary

Available studies with use of etanercept during pregnancy do not reliably support an association between etanercept and major birth defects. Clinical data are available from the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS) Pregnancy Registry in women with rheumatic diseases or psoriasis and a Scandinavian study in pregnant women with chronic inflammatory disease. Both the OTIS Registry and the Scandinavian study showed the proportion of liveborn infants with major birth defects was higher for women exposed to etanercept compared to diseased etanercept unexposed women. However, the lack of pattern of major birth defects is reassuring and differences between exposure groups (eg. disease severity) may have impacted the occurrence of birth defects (*see Data*).

Reports of etanercept use during the third trimester of pregnancy demonstrated that placental transfer of etanercept was low in infants at birth (*see Data*). There are risks to the mother and fetus associated with active rheumatoid arthritis. The theoretical risks of administration of live or live-attenuated vaccines to the infants exposed *in utero* to Eticovo should be weighed against the benefits of vaccinations (*see Clinical Considerations*).

In animal reproduction studies with pregnant rats and rabbits, no fetal harm or malformations were observed with subcutaneous administration of etanercept during the period of organogenesis at doses that achieved systemic exposures 48 to 58 times the exposure in patients treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly (*see Data*).

All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated populations is unknown. In the United States, about 2-4% of liveborn babies have a major birth defect and about 15-20% of pregnancies end in miscarriage, regardless of drug exposure.

#### Clinical Considerations

##### *Disease-Associated Maternal and/or Embryo/Fetal Risk*

Published data suggest that the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes in women with rheumatoid arthritis is correlated with maternal disease activity and that active disease increases the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, including fetal loss, preterm delivery (before 37 weeks of gestation), low birth weight (less than 2500 g) and small for gestational age birth.

##### *Fetal/Neonatal Adverse Reactions*

The risk of fetal/neonatal adverse reactions with in utero exposure to etanercept products is unknown. Risks and benefits should be considered prior to administering live or live -attenuated vaccines to infants exposed to Eticovo *in utero* [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.8) and Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

#### Data

##### *Human Data*

A prospective cohort pregnancy registry conducted by OTIS in the US and Canada between 2000 and 2012 compared the risk of major birth defects in liveborn infants of women with rheumatic diseases or psoriasis exposed to etanercept

in the first trimester. The proportion of major birth defects among liveborn infants in the etanercept-exposed (N = 319) and diseased etanercept unexposed cohorts (N = 144) was 9.4% and 3.5%, respectively. The findings showed no statistically significant increased risk of minor birth defects and no pattern of major or minor birth defects.

A Scandinavian study compared the risk of major birth defects in liveborn infants of women with chronic inflammatory disease (CID) exposed to TNF-inhibitors during early pregnancy. Women were identified from the Danish (2004-2012) and Swedish (2006-2012) population-based health registers. The proportion of major birth defects among liveborn infants in the etanercept-exposed (N=344) and CID etanercept unexposed cohorts (N = 21,549) was 7.0% and 4.7%, respectively.

Overall, while both the OTIS Registry and Scandinavian study show a higher proportion of major birth defects in etanercept-exposed patients compared to diseased etanercept unexposed patients, the lack of pattern of birth defects is reassuring and differences between exposure groups (e.g., disease severity) may have impacted the occurrence of birth defects.

Reports from the literature showed that cord blood levels of etanercept at delivery, in infants born to women administered etanercept during pregnancy, varied from undetectable to 32% of the maternal serum level. In a cohort study of 30 pregnant women with RA, 29 were treated with etanercept until 30 weeks of gestation and 1 was treated until 36 weeks of gestation. Etanercept was not detected in the cord blood sample from any infant at delivery. In three published case reports, etanercept was detected in cord blood at levels of 3.3, 3.6, and 7.4% of the maternal concentration, when etanercept was administered at 50 mg every 7-12 days in pregnancy until 4 days prior to delivery, 25 mg twice weekly until 36 weeks of gestation, and 25 mg subcutaneous every week through the third trimester, respectively. There was one post-marketing safety report of a pregnant woman who received etanercept 25 mg once to twice weekly throughout pregnancy, and etanercept was detected in cord blood at 32% of the maternal concentration.

#### *Animal Data*

In embryofetal development studies with etanercept administered during the period of organogenesis to pregnant rats from gestation day (GD) 6 through 20 or pregnant rabbits from GD 6 through 18, there was no evidence of fetal malformations or embryotoxicity in rats or rabbits at respective doses that achieved systemic exposures 48 to 58 times the exposure in patients treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly (on an AUC basis with maternal subcutaneous doses up to 30 mg/kg/day in rats and 40 mg/kg/day in rabbits). In a peri-and post-natal development study with pregnant rats that received etanercept during organogenesis and the later gestational period from GD 6 through 21, development of pups through post-natal day 4 was unaffected at doses that achieved exposures 48 times the exposure in patients treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly (on an AUC basis with maternal subcutaneous doses up to 30 mg/kg/day).

## **8.2 Lactation**

### Risk Summary

Data from published literature show that etanercept is present in low levels in human milk but is not detected in the plasma of breastfed infants (*see Data*). There are no data on the effects of etanercept products on milk production. There have been no consistent reports of adverse events in breastfed infants over decades of use. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Eticovo and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from the drug or from the underlying maternal condition.

### Data

In three case reports, etanercept was detected in breast milk at levels ranging from <2 to 7.5 ng/mL after lactating women had received doses of etanercept of 25 mg weekly or twice weekly. Although etanercept was detected in breast milk in these cases, etanercept was not detected in the serum of the breastfed infants.

## **8.4 Pediatric Use**

### Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

The safety and effectiveness of Eticovo have been established in pediatric patients 2 years of age and older with pJIA. Etanercept has been studied in 69 children with moderately to severely active polyarticular JIA 2 to 17 years of age.



The safety and effectiveness of Eticovo in pediatric patients less than 2 years of age with pJIA have not been established.

#### Plaque Psoriasis

The safety and effectiveness of Eticovo for plaque psoriasis have been established in pediatric patients 4 years of age and older. Etanercept has been studied in 211 pediatric patients with moderate to severe PsO aged 4 to 17 years.

The safety and effectiveness of Eticovo in pediatric patients below the age of 4 years with PsO have not been established.

#### Malignancies in Pediatric Patients

Malignancies, some fatal, have been reported among children, adolescents, and young adults who received treatment with TNF-blocking agents (initiation of therapy at  $\leq 18$  years of age), including etanercept products [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)].

### **8.5 Geriatric Use**

A total of 480 RA patients ages 65 years or older have been studied in clinical trials. In PsO randomized clinical trials, a total of 138 out of 1965 patients treated with etanercept or placebo were age 65 or older. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these patients and younger patients, but the number of geriatric PsO patients is too small to determine whether they respond differently from younger patients. Because there is a higher incidence of infections in the elderly population in general, caution should be used in treating the elderly.

### **8.6 Use in Patients with Diabetes**

There have been reports of hypoglycemia following initiation of etanercept therapy in patients receiving medication for diabetes, necessitating a reduction in anti-diabetic medication in some of these patients.

## **10 OVERDOSAGE**

No dose-limiting toxicities have been observed during clinical trials of etanercept. Single IV doses up to 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (approximately twice the recommended dose) have been administered to healthy volunteers in an endotoxemia study without evidence of dose-limiting toxicities.

## **11 DESCRIPTION**

Etanercept-ykro, a tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blocker, is a dimeric fusion protein consisting of the extracellular ligand-binding portion of the human 75 kilodalton (p75) tumor necrosis factor receptor (TNFR) linked to the Fc portion of human IgG1. The Fc component of etanercept-ykro contains the C<sub>H</sub>2 domain, the C<sub>H</sub>3 domain and hinge region, but not the C<sub>H</sub>1 domain of IgG1. Etanercept-ykro is produced by recombinant DNA technology in a Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) mammalian cell expression system. It consists of 934 amino acids and has an apparent molecular weight of approximately 150 kilodaltons.

Eticovo (etanercept-ykro) injection in the single-dose prefilled syringe and the single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen is clear to opalescent, colorless to pale yellow, sterile, and preservative-free solution, and is formulated at pH 6.2  $\pm$  0.3.

**Table 5. Contents of Eticovo**

<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Active Ingredient Content</b>	<b>Inactive Ingredients Content</b>
Eticovo 50 mg prefilled syringe and prefilled Auto Injector pen	50 mg etanercept-ykro in 1 mL	8.18 mg sodium chloride 0.665 mg sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate 1.038 mg sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate 10 mg sucrose Water for Injection, USP
Eticovo 25 mg prefilled syringe	25 mg etanercept-ykro in 0.5 mL	4.09 mg sodium chloride 0.333 mg sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate 0.519 mg sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate 5 mg sucrose Water for Injection, USP

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

TNF is a naturally occurring cytokine that is involved in normal inflammatory and immune responses. It plays an important role in the inflammatory processes of RA, polyarticular JIA, PsA, and AS and the resulting joint pathology. In addition, TNF plays a role in the inflammatory process of PsO. Elevated levels of TNF are found in involved tissues and fluids of patients with RA, JIA, PsA, AS, and PsO.

Two distinct receptors for TNF (TNFRs), a 55 kilodalton protein (p55) and a 75 kilodalton protein (p75), exist naturally as monomeric molecules on cell surfaces and in soluble forms. Biological activity of TNF is dependent upon binding to either cell surface TNFR.

Etanercept products are dimeric soluble forms of the p75 TNF receptor that can bind TNF molecules. Etanercept products inhibit binding of TNF- $\alpha$  and TNF- $\beta$  (lymphotoxin alpha [LT- $\alpha$ ]) to cell surface TNFRs, rendering TNF biologically inactive. In *in vitro* studies, large complexes of etanercept with TNF- $\alpha$  were not detected and cells expressing transmembrane TNF (that binds etanercept products) are not lysed in the presence or absence of complement.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Etanercept products can modulate biological responses that are induced or regulated by TNF, including expression of adhesion molecules responsible for leukocyte migration (eg, E-selectin, and to a lesser extent, intercellular adhesion molecule-1 [ICAM-1]), serum levels of cytokines (eg, IL-6), and serum levels of matrix metalloproteinase-3 (MMP-3 or stromelysin). Etanercept products have been shown to affect several animal models of inflammation, including murine collagen-induced arthritis.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

After administration of 25 mg of etanercept by a single SC injection to 25 patients with RA, a mean  $\pm$  standard deviation half-life of  $102 \pm 30$  hours was observed with a clearance of  $160 \pm 80$  mL/hr. A maximum serum concentration ( $C_{\max}$ ) of  $1.1 \pm 0.6$  mcg/mL and time to  $C_{\max}$  of  $69 \pm 34$  hours was observed in these patients following a single 25 mg dose. After 6 months of twice weekly 25 mg doses in these same RA patients, the mean  $C_{\max}$  was  $2.4 \pm 1.0$  mcg/mL ( $N = 23$ ). Patients exhibited a 2- to 7-fold increase in peak serum concentrations and approximately 4-fold increase in  $AUC_{0-72 \text{ hr}}$  (range 1- to 17-fold) with repeated dosing. Serum concentrations in patients with RA

have not been measured for periods of dosing that exceed 6 months.

In another study, serum concentration profiles at steady-state were comparable among patients with RA treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly and those treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly. The mean ( $\pm$  standard deviation)  $C_{max}$ ,  $C_{min}$ , and partial AUC were  $2.4 \pm 1.5$  mcg/mL,  $1.2 \pm 0.7$  mcg/mL, and  $297 \pm 166$  mcg•h/mL, respectively, for patients treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly (N = 21); and  $2.6 \pm 1.2$  mcg/mL,  $1.4 \pm 0.7$  mcg/mL, and  $316 \pm 135$  mcg•h/mL for patients treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly (N = 16).

Patients with JIA (ages 4 to 17 years) were administered 0.4 mg/kg of etanercept twice weekly (up to a maximum dose of 50 mg per week) for up to 18 weeks. The mean serum concentration after repeated SC dosing was 2.1 mcg/mL, with a range of 0.7 to 4.3 mcg/mL. Limited data suggest that the clearance of etanercept is reduced slightly in children ages 4 to 8 years. Population pharmacokinetic analyses predict that the pharmacokinetic differences between the regimens of 0.4 mg/kg twice weekly and 0.8 mg/kg once weekly in JIA patients are of the same magnitude as the differences observed between twice weekly and weekly regimens in adult RA patients.

The mean ( $\pm$  SD) serum steady-state trough concentrations for 50 mg QW dosing in adult PsA subjects were  $2.1 \pm 1.2$  mcg/mL and  $2.1 \pm 1.4$  mcg/mL at weeks 24 and 48, respectively.

The mean ( $\pm$  SD) serum steady-state trough concentrations for the 50 mg QW dosing in adult PsO subjects were  $1.5 \pm 0.7$  mcg/mL. Pediatric PsO patients (age 4 to 17 years) were administered 0.8 mg/kg of etanercept once weekly (up to a maximum dose of 50 mg per week) for up to 48 weeks. The mean ( $\pm$  SD) serum steady-state trough concentrations ranged from  $1.6 \pm 0.8$  to  $2.1 \pm 1.3$  mcg/mL at weeks 12, 24, and 48.

Overall, the observed etanercept concentrations in patients with JIA and pediatric PsO were within the range of those observed for adult RA, PsA and PsO after administration of etanercept.

In clinical studies with etanercept, pharmacokinetic parameters were not different between men and women and did not vary with age in adult patients. The pharmacokinetics of etanercept were unaltered by concomitant MTX in RA patients. No formal pharmacokinetic studies have been conducted to examine the effects of renal or hepatic impairment on etanercept disposition.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

Long-term animal studies have not been conducted to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of etanercept products or their effect on fertility.

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

### **14.1 Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis**

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in four randomized, double-blind, controlled studies. The results of all four trials were expressed in percentage of patients with improvement in RA using ACR response criteria.

Study I evaluated 234 patients with active RA who were  $\geq 18$  years old, had failed therapy with at least one but no more than four disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) (eg, hydroxychloroquine, oral or injectable gold, MTX, azathioprine, D-penicillamine, sulfasalazine), and had  $\geq 12$  tender joints,  $\geq 10$  swollen joints, and either erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)  $\geq 28$  mm/hr, C-reactive protein (CRP)  $> 2.0$  mg/dL, or morning stiffness for  $\geq 45$  minutes. Doses of 10 mg or 25 mg etanercept or placebo were administered SC twice a week for 6 consecutive months.

Study II evaluated 89 patients and had similar inclusion criteria to Study I except that patients in Study II had additionally received MTX for at least 6 months with a stable dose (12.5 to 25 mg/week) for at least 4 weeks and they had at least 6 tender or painful joints. Patients in Study II received a dose of 25 mg etanercept or placebo SC twice a week for 6 months in addition to their stable MTX dose.

Study III compared the efficacy of etanercept to MTX in patients with active RA. This study evaluated 632 patients who were  $\geq 18$  years old with early ( $\leq 3$  years disease duration) active RA, had never received treatment with MTX, and had  $\geq 12$  tender joints,  $\geq 10$  swollen joints, and either ESR  $\geq 28$  mm/hr, CRP  $> 2.0$  mg/dL, or morning stiffness for  $\geq 45$  minutes. Doses of 10 mg or 25 mg etanercept were administered SC twice a week for 12 consecutive months. The study was unblinded after all patients had completed at least 12 months (and a median of 17.3 months) of therapy. The majority of patients remained in the study on the treatment to which they were randomized through 2 years, after which they entered an extension study and received open-label 25 mg etanercept. MTX tablets (escalated from 7.5 mg/week to a maximum of 20 mg/week over the first 8 weeks of the trial) or placebo tablets were given once a week on the same day as the injection of placebo or etanercept doses, respectively.

Study IV evaluated 682 adult patients with active RA of 6 months to 20 years duration (mean of 7 years) who had an inadequate response to at least one DMARD other than MTX. Forty-three percent of patients had previously received MTX for a mean of 2 years prior to the trial at a mean dose of 12.9 mg. Patients were excluded from this study if MTX had been discontinued for lack of efficacy or for safety considerations. The patient baseline characteristics were similar to those of patients in Study I. Patients were randomized to MTX alone (7.5 to 20 mg weekly, dose escalated as described for Study III; median dose 20 mg), etanercept alone (25 mg twice weekly), or the combination of etanercept and MTX initiated concurrently (at the same doses as above). The study evaluated ACR response, Sharp radiographic score, and safety.

#### Clinical Response

A higher percentage of patients treated with etanercept and etanercept in combination with MTX achieved ACR 20, ACR 50, and ACR 70 responses and Major Clinical Responses than in the comparison groups. The results of Studies I, II, and III are summarized in Table 6. The results of Study IV are summarized in Table 7.

**Table 6. ACR Responses in Placebo- and Active-Controlled Trials  
(Percent of Patients)**

Response	Placebo Controlled				Active Controlled	
	Study I		Study II		Study III	
	Placebo N=80	Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=78	MTX/Placebo N=30	MTX/Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=59	MTX N=217	Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=207
<b>ACR 20</b>						
Month 3	23%	62% <sup>b</sup>	33%	66% <sup>b</sup>	56%	62%
Month 6	11%	59% <sup>b</sup>	27%	71% <sup>b</sup>	58%	65%
Month 12	NA	NA	NA	NA	65%	72%
<b>ACR 50</b>						
Month 3	8%	41% <sup>b</sup>	0%	42% <sup>b</sup>	24%	29%
Month 6	5%	40% <sup>b</sup>	3%	39% <sup>b</sup>	32%	40%
Month 12	NA	NA	NA	NA	43%	49%
<b>ACR 70</b>						
Month 3	4%	15% <sup>b</sup>	0%	15% <sup>b</sup>	7%	13% <sup>c</sup>
Month 6	1%	15% <sup>b</sup>	0%	15% <sup>b</sup>	14%	21% <sup>c</sup>
Month 12	NA	NA	NA	NA	22%	25%

<sup>a</sup> 25 mg etanercept SC twice weekly

<sup>b</sup>  $p < 0.01$ , etanercept vs placebo

<sup>c</sup>  $p < 0.05$ , etanercept vs MTX

**Table 7. Study IV Clinical Efficacy Results: Comparison of MTX vs Etanercept vs Etanercept in Combination With MTX in Patients With Rheumatoid Arthritis of 6 Months to 20 Years Duration  
(Percent of Patients)**

Endpoint	MTX (N=228)	Etanercept (N=223)	Etanercept/MTX (N=231)
<b>ACR N<sup>a, b</sup></b>			
Month 12	40%	47%	63% <sup>c</sup>
<b>ACR 20</b>			
Month 12	59%	66%	75% <sup>c</sup>
<b>ACR 50</b>			

Month 12	36%	43%	63% <sup>c</sup>
<b>ACR 70</b>			
Month 12	17%	22%	40% <sup>c</sup>
<b>Major Clinical Response<sup>d</sup></b>	6%	10%	24% <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Values are medians.

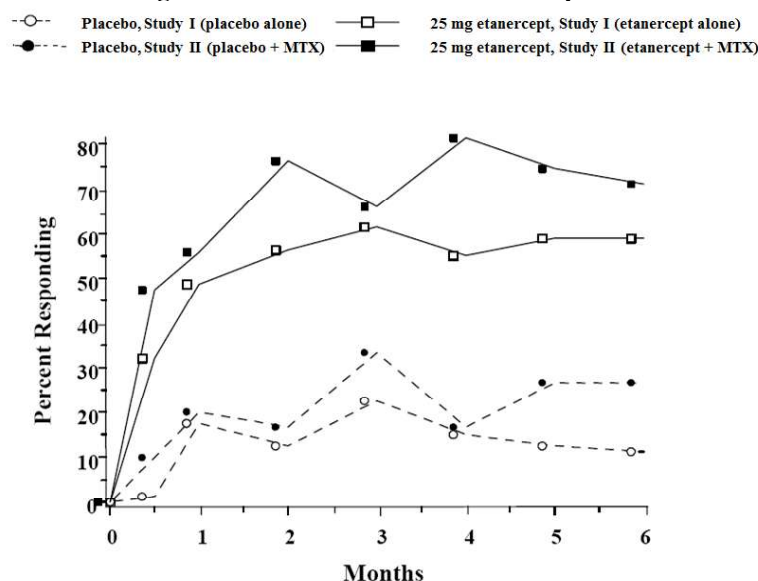
<sup>b</sup> ACR N is the percent improvement based on the same core variables used in defining ACR 20, ACR 50, and ACR 70.

<sup>c</sup>  $p < 0.05$  for comparisons of etanercept/MTX vs etanercept alone or MTX alone.

<sup>d</sup> Major clinical response is achieving an ACR 70 response for a continuous 6-month period.

The time course for ACR 20 response rates for patients receiving placebo or 25 mg etanercept in Studies I and II is summarized in Figure 1. The time course of responses to etanercept in Study III was similar.

**Figure 1. Time Course of ACR 20 Responses**



Among patients receiving etanercept, the clinical responses generally appeared within 1 to 2 weeks after initiation of therapy and nearly always occurred by 3 months. A dose response was seen in Studies I and III: 25 mg etanercept was more effective than 10 mg (10 mg was not evaluated in Study II). Etanercept was significantly better than placebo in all components of the ACR criteria as well as other measures of RA disease activity not included in the ACR response criteria, such as morning stiffness.

In Study III, ACR response rates and improvement in all the individual ACR response criteria were maintained through 24 months of etanercept therapy. Over the 2-year study, 23% of etanercept patients achieved a major clinical response, defined as maintenance of an ACR 70 response over a 6-month period.

The results of the components of the ACR response criteria for Study I are shown in Table 8. Similar results were observed for etanercept-treated patients in Studies II and III.

**Table 8. Components of ACR Response in Study I**

Parameter (median)	Placebo N= 80		Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=78	
	Baseline	3 Months	Baseline	3 Months <sup>*</sup>
Number of tender joints <sup>b</sup>	34.0	29.5	31.2	10.0 <sup>f</sup>
Number of swollen joints <sup>c</sup>	24.0	22.0	23.5	12.6 <sup>f</sup>
Physician global assessment <sup>d</sup>	7.0	6.5	7.0	3.0 <sup>f</sup>
Patient global assessment <sup>d</sup>	7.0	7.0	7.0	3.0 <sup>f</sup>
Pain <sup>d</sup>	6.9	6.6	6.9	2.4 <sup>f</sup>
Disability index <sup>e</sup>	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.0 <sup>f</sup>
ESR (mm/hr)	31.0	32.0	28.0	15.5 <sup>f</sup>
CRP (mg/dL)	2.8	3.9	3.5	0.9 <sup>f</sup>

\* Results at 6 months showed similar improvement.

<sup>a</sup> 25 mg etanercept SC twice weekly.

<sup>b</sup> Scale 0-71.

<sup>c</sup> Scale 0-68.

<sup>d</sup> Visual analog scale: 0 = best; 10 = worst.

<sup>e</sup> Health Assessment Questionnaire: 0 = best; 3 = worst; includes eight categories: dressing and grooming, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip, and activities.

<sup>f</sup>  $p < 0.01$ , etanercept vs placebo, based on mean percent change from baseline.

After discontinuation of etanercept, symptoms of arthritis generally returned within a month. Reintroduction of treatment with etanercept after discontinuations of up to 18 months resulted in the same magnitudes of response as in patients who received etanercept without interruption of therapy, based on results of open-label studies.

Continued durable responses were seen for over 60 months in open-label extension treatment trials when patients received etanercept without interruption. A substantial number of patients who initially received concomitant MTX or corticosteroids were able to reduce their doses or discontinue these concomitant therapies while maintaining their clinical responses.

#### Physical Function Response

In Studies I, II, and III, physical function and disability were assessed using the Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ). Additionally, in Study III, patients were administered the SF-36 Health Survey. In Studies I and II, patients treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly showed greater improvement from baseline in the HAQ score beginning in month 1 through month 6 in comparison to placebo ( $p < 0.001$ ) for the HAQ disability domain (where 0 = none and 3 = severe). In Study I, the mean improvement in the HAQ score from baseline to month 6 was 0.6 (from 1.6 to 1.0) for the 25 mg etanercept group and 0 (from 1.7 to 1.7) for the placebo group. In Study II, the mean improvement from baseline to month 6 was 0.6 (from 1.5 to 0.9) for the etanercept/MTX group and 0.2 (from 1.3 to 1.2) for the placebo/MTX group. In Study III, the mean improvement in the HAQ score from baseline to month 6 was 0.7 (from 1.5 to 0.7) for 25 mg etanercept twice weekly. All subdomains of the HAQ in Studies I and III were improved in patients treated with etanercept.

In Study III, patients treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly showed greater improvement from baseline in SF-36 physical component summary score compared to etanercept 10 mg twice weekly and no worsening in the SF-36 mental component summary score. In open-label etanercept studies, improvements in physical function and disability measures have been maintained for up to 4 years.

In Study IV, median HAQ scores improved from baseline levels of 1.8, 1.8, and 1.8 to 1.1, 1.0, and 0.6 at 12 months in the MTX, etanercept, and etanercept/MTX combination treatment groups, respectively (combination versus both MTX and etanercept,  $p < 0.01$ ). Twenty-nine percent of patients in the MTX alone treatment group had an improvement of HAQ of at least 1 unit versus 40% and 51% in the etanercept alone and the etanercept/MTX combination treatment groups, respectively.

#### Radiographic Response

In Study III, structural joint damage was assessed radiographically and expressed as change in Total Sharp Score

(TSS) and its components, the erosion score and Joint Space Narrowing (JSN) score. Radiographs of hands/wrists and forefeet were obtained at baseline, 6 months, 12 months, and 24 months and scored by readers who were unaware of treatment group. The results are shown in Table 9. A significant difference for change in erosion score was observed at 6 months and maintained at 12 months.

**Table 9. Mean Radiographic Change Over 6 and 12 Months in Study III**

		MTX	25 mg Etanercept	MTX/Etanercept (95% Confidence Interval*)	P Value
12 Months	Total Sharp Score	1.59	1.00	0.59 (-0.12, 1.30)	0.1
	Erosion Score	1.03	0.47	0.56 (0.11, 1.00)	0.002
	JSN Score	0.56	0.52	0.04 (-0.39, 0.46)	0.5
6 Months	Total Sharp Score	1.06	0.57	0.49 (0.06, 0.91)	0.001
	Erosion Score	0.68	0.30	0.38 (0.09, 0.66)	0.001
	JSN Score	0.38	0.27	0.11 (-0.14, 0.35)	0.6

\* 95% confidence intervals for the differences in change scores between MTX and etanercept.

Patients continued on the therapy to which they were randomized for the second year of Study III. Seventy-two percent of patients had x-rays obtained at 24 months. Compared to the patients in the MTX group, greater inhibition of progression in TSS and erosion score was seen in the 25 mg etanercept group, and, in addition, less progression was noted in the JSN score.

In the open-label extension of Study III, 48% of the original patients treated with 25 mg etanercept have been evaluated radiographically at 5 years. Patients had continued inhibition of structural damage, as measured by the TSS, and 55% of them had no progression of structural damage. Patients originally treated with MTX had further reduction in radiographic progression once they began treatment with etanercept.

In Study IV, less radiographic progression (TSS) was observed with etanercept in combination with MTX compared with etanercept alone or MTX alone at month 12 (Table 10). In the MTX treatment group, 55% of patients experienced no radiographic progression (TSS change  $\leq 0.0$ ) at 12 months compared to 63% and 76% in the etanercept alone and the etanercept/MTX combination treatment groups, respectively.

**Table 10. Mean Radiographic Change in Study IV at 12 Months  
(95% Confidence Interval)**

	MTX (N=212)*	Etanercept (N=212)*	Etanercept/MTX (N=218)*
Total Sharp Score (TSS)	2.80 (1.08, 4.51)	0.52 <sup>a</sup> (-0.10, 1.15)	-0.54 <sup>b, c</sup> (-1.00, -0.07)
Erosion Score (ES)	1.68 (0.61, 2.74)	0.21 <sup>a</sup> (-0.20, 0.61)	-0.30 <sup>b</sup> (-0.65, 0.04)
Joint Space Narrowing (JSN) Score	1.12 (0.34, 1.90)	0.32 (0.00, 0.63)	-0.23 <sup>b, c</sup> (-0.45, -0.02)

\* Analyzed radiographic ITT population.

<sup>a</sup> p < 0.05 for comparison of etanercept vs MTX.

<sup>b</sup> p < 0.05 for comparison of etanercept/MTX vs MTX.

<sup>c</sup> p < 0.05 for comparison of etanercept/MTX vs etanercept.

### Once Weekly Dosing

The safety and efficacy of 50 mg etanercept (two 25 mg SC injections) administered once weekly were evaluated in a double-blind, placebo-controlled study of 420 patients with active RA. Fifty-three patients received placebo, 214 patients received 50 mg etanercept once weekly, and 153 patients received 25 mg etanercept twice weekly. The safety and efficacy profiles of the two etanercept treatment groups were similar.

## **14.2 Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA)**

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in a 2-part study in 69 children with polyarticular JIA who had a variety of JIA onset types. Patients ages 2 to 17 years with moderately to severely active polyarticular JIA refractory to or intolerant of MTX were enrolled; patients remained on a stable dose of a single nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug and/or prednisone ( $\leq 0.2$  mg/kg/day or 10 mg maximum). In part 1, all patients received 0.4 mg/kg (maximum 25 mg per dose) etanercept SC twice weekly. In part 2, patients with a clinical response at day 90 were randomized to remain on etanercept or receive placebo for 4 months and assessed for disease flare. Responses were measured using the JIA Definition of Improvement (DOI), defined as  $\geq 30\%$  improvement in at least three of six and  $\geq 30\%$  worsening in no more than one of the six JIA core set criteria, including active joint count, limitation of motion, physician and patient/parent global assessments, functional assessment, and ESR. Disease flare was defined as a  $\geq 30\%$  worsening in three of the six JIA core set criteria and  $\geq 30\%$  improvement in not more than one of the six JIA core set criteria and a minimum of two active joints.

In part 1 of the study, 51 of 69 (74%) patients demonstrated a clinical response and entered part 2. In part 2, 6 of 25 (24%) patients remaining on etanercept experienced a disease flare compared to 20 of 26 (77%) patients receiving placebo ( $p = 0.007$ ). From the start of part 2, the median time to flare was  $\geq 116$  days for patients who received etanercept and 28 days for patients who received placebo. Each component of the JIA core set criteria worsened in the arm that received placebo and remained stable or improved in the arm that continued on etanercept. The data suggested the possibility of a higher flare rate among those patients with a higher baseline ESR. Of patients who demonstrated a clinical response at 90 days and entered part 2 of the study, some of the patients remaining on etanercept continued to improve from month 3 through month 7, while those who received placebo did not improve.

The majority of JIA patients who developed a disease flare in part 2 and reintroduced etanercept treatment up to 4 months after discontinuation re-responded to etanercept therapy in open-label studies. Most of the responding patients who continued etanercept therapy without interruption have maintained responses for up to 48 months.

Studies have not been done in patients with polyarticular JIA to assess the effects of continued etanercept therapy in patients who do not respond within 3 months of initiating etanercept therapy, or to assess the combination of etanercept with MTX.

## **14.3 Psoriatic Arthritis**

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 205 patients with PsA. Patients were between 18 and 70 years of age and had active PsA ( $\geq 3$  swollen joints and  $\geq 3$  tender joints) in one or more of the following forms: (1) distal interphalangeal (DIP) involvement ( $N=104$ ); (2) polyarticular arthritis (absence of rheumatoid nodules and presence of psoriasis;  $N=173$ ); (3) arthritis mutilans ( $N=3$ ); (4) asymmetric psoriatic arthritis ( $N=81$ ); or (5) ankylosing spondylitis-like ( $N=7$ ). Patients also had plaque psoriasis with a qualifying target lesion  $\geq 2$  cm in diameter. Patients on MTX therapy at enrollment (stable for  $\geq 2$  months) could continue at a stable dose of  $\leq 25$  mg/week MTX. Doses of 25 mg etanercept or placebo were administered SC twice a week during the initial 6-month double-blind period of the study. Patients continued to receive blinded therapy in an up to 6-month maintenance period until all patients had completed the controlled period. Following this, patients received open-label 25 mg etanercept twice a week in a 12-month extension period.

Compared to placebo, treatment with etanercept resulted in significant improvements in measures of disease activity (Table 11).



**Table 11. Components of Disease Activity in Psoriatic Arthritis**

Parameter (median)	Placebo N=104		Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=101	
	Baseline	6 Months	Baseline	6 Months
Number of tender joints <sup>b</sup>	17.0	13.0	18.0	5.0
Number of swollen joints <sup>c</sup>	12.5	9.5	13.0	5.0
Physician global assessment <sup>d</sup>	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0
Patient global assessment <sup>d</sup>	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0
Morning stiffness (minutes)	60	60	60	15
Pain <sup>d</sup>	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0
Disability index <sup>e</sup>	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.3
CRP (mg/dL) <sup>f</sup>	1.1	1.1	1.6	0.2

<sup>a</sup>  $p < 0.001$  for all comparisons between etanercept and placebo at 6 months.

<sup>b</sup> Scale 0-78.

<sup>c</sup> Scale 0-76.

<sup>d</sup> Likert scale: 0=best; 5=worst.

<sup>e</sup> Health Assessment Questionnaire: 0=best; 3=worst; includes eight categories: dressing and grooming, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip, and activities.

<sup>f</sup> Normal range: 0-0.79 mg/dL.

Among patients with PsA who received etanercept, the clinical responses were apparent at the time of the first visit (4 weeks) and were maintained through 6 months of therapy. Responses were similar in patients who were or were not receiving concomitant MTX therapy at baseline. At 6 months, the ACR 20/50/70 responses were achieved by 50%, 37%, and 9%, respectively, of patients receiving etanercept, compared to 13%, 4%, and 1%, respectively, of patients receiving placebo. Similar responses were seen in patients with each of the subtypes of PsA, although few patients were enrolled with the arthritis mutilans and ankylosing spondylitis-like subtypes. The results of this study were similar to those seen in an earlier single-center, randomized, placebo-controlled study of 60 patients with PsA.

The skin lesions of psoriasis were also improved with etanercept, relative to placebo, as measured by percentages of patients achieving improvements in the Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI). Responses increased over time, and at 6 months, the proportions of patients achieving a 50% or 75% improvement in the PASI were 47% and 23%, respectively, in the etanercept group (N=66), compared to 18% and 3%, respectively, in the placebo group (N=62). Responses were similar in patients who were or were not receiving concomitant MTX therapy at baseline.

#### Radiographic Response

Radiographic changes were also assessed in the PsA study. Radiographs of hands and wrists were obtained at baseline and months 6, 12, and 24. A modified Total Sharp Score (TSS), which included distal interphalangeal joints (ie, not identical to the modified TSS used for RA) was used by readers blinded to treatment group to assess the radiographs. Some radiographic features specific to PsA (eg, pencil-and-cup deformity, joint space widening, gross osteolysis, and ankylosis) were included in the scoring system, but others (eg, phalangeal tuft resorption, juxta-articular and shaft periostitis) were not.

Most patients showed little or no change in the modified TSS during this 24-month study (median change of 0 in both patients who initially received etanercept or placebo). More placebo-treated patients experienced larger magnitudes of radiographic worsening (increased TSS) compared to etanercept treatment during the controlled period of the study. At 12 months, in an exploratory analysis, 12% (12 of 104) of placebo patients compared to none of the 101 etanercept-treated patients had increases of 3 points or more in TSS. Inhibition of radiographic progression was maintained in patients who continued on etanercept during the second year. Of the patients with 1-year and 2-year x-rays, 3% (2 of 71) had increases of 3 points or more in TSS at 1 and 2 years.

#### Physical Function Response

In the PsA study, physical function and disability were assessed using the HAQ Disability Index (HAQ-DI) and the SF-36 Health Survey. Patients treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly showed greater improvement from baseline in the HAQ-DI score (mean decreases of 54% at both months 3 and 6) in comparison to placebo (mean decreases of 6% at both months 3 and 6) ( $p < 0.001$ ). At months 3 and 6, patients treated with etanercept showed greater

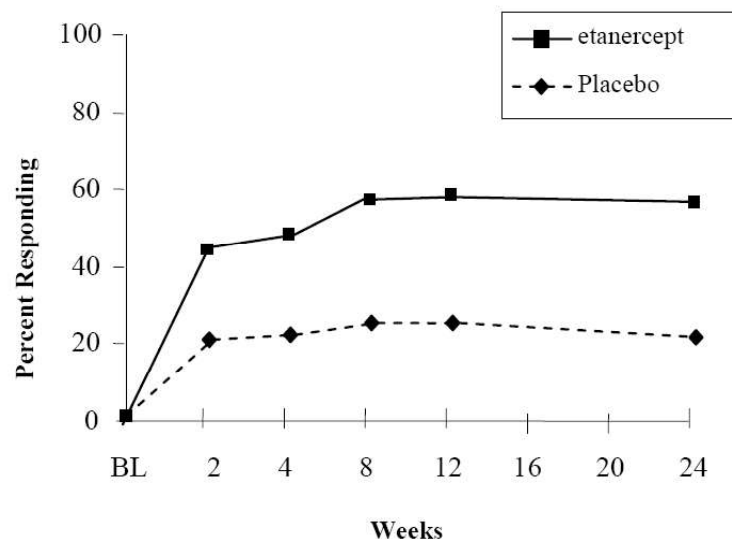
improvement from baseline in the SF-36 physical component summary score compared to patients treated with placebo, and no worsening in the SF-36 mental component summary score. Improvements in physical function and disability measures were maintained for up to 2 years through the open-label portion of the study.

#### 14.4 Ankylosing Spondylitis

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 277 patients with active AS. Patients were between 18 and 70 years of age and had AS as defined by the modified New York Criteria for Ankylosing Spondylitis. Patients were to have evidence of active disease based on values of  $\geq 30$  on a 0-100 unit Visual Analog Scale (VAS) for the average of morning stiffness duration and intensity, and two of the following three other parameters: a) patient global assessment, b) average of nocturnal and total back pain, and c) the average score on the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index (BASFI). Patients with complete ankylosis of the spine were excluded from study participation. Patients taking hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine, methotrexate, or prednisone ( $\leq 10$  mg/day) could continue these drugs at stable doses for the duration of the study. Doses of 25 mg etanercept or placebo were administered SC twice a week for 6 months.

The primary measure of efficacy was a 20% improvement in the Assessment in Ankylosing Spondylitis (ASAS) response criteria. Compared to placebo, treatment with etanercept resulted in improvements in the ASAS and other measures of disease activity (Figure 2 and Table 12).

**Figure 2. ASAS 20 Responses in Ankylosing Spondylitis**



At 12 weeks, the ASAS 20/50/70 responses were achieved by 60%, 45%, and 29%, respectively, of patients receiving etanercept, compared to 27%, 13%, and 7%, respectively, of patients receiving placebo ( $p \leq 0.0001$ , etanercept vs placebo). Similar responses were seen at Week 24. Responses were similar between those patients receiving concomitant therapies at baseline and those who were not. The results of this study were similar to those seen in a single-center, randomized, placebo-controlled study of 40 patients and a multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled study of 84 patients with AS.

**Table 12. Components of Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity**

Median values at time points	Placebo N=139		Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=138	
	Baseline	6 Months	Baseline	6 Months
ASAS response criteria				
Patient global assessment <sup>b</sup>	63	56	63	36
Back pain <sup>c</sup>	62	56	60	34
BASFI <sup>d</sup>	56	55	52	36
Inflammation <sup>e</sup>	64	57	61	33
Acute phase reactants				
CRP (mg/dL) <sup>f</sup>	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.6
Spinal mobility (cm):				
Modified Schober's test	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.3
Chest expansion	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.9
Occiput-to-wall measurement	5.3	6.0	5.6	4.5

<sup>a</sup>  $p < 0.0015$  for all comparisons between etanercept and placebo at 6 months. P values for continuous endpoints were based on percent change from baseline.

<sup>b</sup> Measured on a Visual Analog Scale (VAS) with 0="none" and 100="severe."

<sup>c</sup> Average of total nocturnal and back pain scores, measured on a VAS with 0="no pain" and 100="most severe pain."

<sup>d</sup> Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index (BASFI), average of 10 questions.

<sup>e</sup> Inflammation represented by the average of the last 2 questions on the 6-question Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI).

<sup>f</sup> C-reactive protein (CRP) normal range: 0-1.0 mg/dL.

#### 14.5 Adult Plaque Psoriasis

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies in adults with chronic stable PsO involving  $\geq 10\%$  of the body surface area, a minimum Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score of 10 and who had received or were candidates for systemic antipsoriatic therapy or phototherapy. Patients with guttate, erythrodermic, or pustular psoriasis and patients with severe infections within 4 weeks of screening were excluded from study. No concomitant major antipsoriatic therapies were allowed during the study.

Study I evaluated 672 subjects who received placebo or etanercept SC at doses of 25 mg once a week, 25 mg twice a week, or 50 mg twice a week for 3 months. After 3 months, subjects continued on blinded treatments for an additional 3 months during which time subjects originally randomized to placebo began treatment with blinded etanercept at 25 mg twice weekly (designated as placebo/etanercept in Table 13); subjects originally randomized to etanercept continued on the originally randomized dose (designated as etanercept/etanercept groups in Table 13).

Study II evaluated 611 subjects who received placebo or etanercept SC at doses of 25 mg or 50 mg twice a week for 3 months. After 3 months of randomized, blinded treatment, subjects in all three arms began receiving open-label etanercept at 25 mg twice weekly for 9 additional months.

Response to treatment in both studies was assessed after 3 months of therapy and was defined as the proportion of subjects who achieved a reduction in PASI score of at least 75% from baseline. The PASI is a composite score that takes into consideration both the fraction of body surface area affected and the nature and severity of psoriatic changes within the affected regions (induration, erythema and scaling).

Other evaluated outcomes included the proportion of subjects who achieved a score of "clear" or "minimal" by the Static Physician Global Assessment (sPGA) and the proportion of subjects with a reduction of PASI of at least 50% from baseline. The sPGA is a 6-category scale ranging from "5=severe" to "0=none" indicating the physician's overall assessment of the PsO severity focusing on induration, erythema and scaling. Treatment success of "clear" or "minimal" consisted of none or minimal elevation in plaque, up to faint red coloration in erythema and none or minimal fine scale over  $< 5\%$  of the plaque.

Subjects in all treatment groups and in both studies had a median baseline PASI score ranging from 15 to 17, and

the percentage of subjects with baseline sPGA classifications ranged from 54% to 66% for moderate, 17% to 26% for marked and 1% to 5% for severe. Across all treatment groups, the percentage of subjects who previously received systemic therapy for PsO ranged from 61% to 65% in Study I and 71% to 75% in Study II, and those who previously received phototherapy ranged from 44% to 50% in Study I and 72% to 73% in Study II.

More subjects randomized to etanercept than placebo achieved at least a 75% reduction from baseline PASI score (PASI 75) with a dose response relationship across doses of 25 mg once a week, 25 mg twice a week and 50 mg twice a week (Tables 13 and 14). The individual components of the PASI (induration, erythema and scaling) contributed comparably to the overall treatment-associated improvement in PASI.

**Table 13. Study I Outcomes at 3 and 6 Months**

	Placebo/Etanercept 25 mg BIW (N=168)	Etanercept/Etanercept		
		25 mg QW (N=169)	25 mg BIW (N=167)	50 mg BIW (N=168)
<b>3 Months</b>				
PASI 75 n (%)	6 (4%)	23 (14%) <sup>a</sup>	53 (32%) <sup>b</sup>	79 (47%) <sup>b</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		10% (4, 16)	28% (21, 36)	43% (35, 52)
sPGA, “clear” or “minimal” n (%)	8 (5%)	36 (21%) <sup>b</sup>	53 (32%) <sup>b</sup>	79 (47%) <sup>b</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		17% (10, 24)	27% (19, 35)	42% (34, 50)
PASI 50 n (%)	24 (14%)	62 (37%) <sup>b</sup>	90 (54%) <sup>b</sup>	119 (71%) <sup>b</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		22% (13, 31)	40% (30, 49)	57% (48, 65)
<b>6 Months</b>				
PASI 75 n (%)	55 (33%)	36 (21%)	68 (41%)	90 (54%)

<sup>a</sup> p=0.001 compared with placebo.

<sup>b</sup> p < 0.0001 compared with placebo.

**Table 14. Study II Outcomes at 3 Months**

	Placebo (N=204)	Etanercept	
		25 mg BIW (N=204)	50 mg BIW (N=203)
PASI 75 n (%)	6 (3%)	66 (32%) <sup>a</sup>	94 (46%) <sup>a</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		29% (23, 36)	43% (36, 51)
sPGA, “clear” or “minimal” n (%)	7 (3%)	75 (37%) <sup>a</sup>	109 (54%) <sup>a</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		34% (26, 41)	50% (43, 58)
PASI 50 n (%)	18 (9%)	124 (61%) <sup>a</sup>	147 (72%) <sup>a</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		52% (44, 60)	64% (56, 71)

<sup>a</sup> p < 0.0001 compared with placebo.

Among PASI 75 achievers in both studies, the median time to PASI 50 and PASI 75 was approximately 1 month and approximately 2 months, respectively, after the start of therapy with either 25 or 50 mg twice a week.

In Study I, subjects who achieved PASI 75 at month 6 were entered into a study drug withdrawal and retreatment period. Following withdrawal of study drug, these subjects had a median duration of PASI 75 of between 1 and 2 months.

In Study I, among subjects who were PASI 75 responders at 3 months, retreatment with their original blinded etanercept dose after discontinuation of up to 5 months resulted in a similar proportion of responders as in the initial

double-blind portion of the study.

In Study II, most subjects initially randomized to 50 mg twice a week continued in the study after month 3 and had their etanercept dose decreased to 25 mg twice a week. Of the 91 subjects who were PASI 75 responders at month 3, 70 (77%) maintained their PASI 75 response at month 6.

#### 14.6 Pediatric Plaque Psoriasis

A 48-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study enrolled 211 pediatric subjects 4 to 17 years of age, with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) (as defined by a sPGA score  $\geq 3$  [moderate, marked, or severe], involving  $\geq 10\%$  of the body surface area, and a PASI score  $\geq 12$ ) who were candidates for phototherapy or systemic therapy, or were inadequately controlled on topical therapy. Subjects in all treatment groups had a median baseline PASI score of 16.4, and the percentage of subjects with baseline sPGA classifications was 65% for moderate, 31% for marked, and 3% for severe. Across all treatment groups, the percentage of subjects who previously received systemic or phototherapy for PsO was 57%.

Subjects received etanercept 0.8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 50 mg per dose) or placebo once weekly for the first 12 weeks. After 12 weeks, subjects entered a 24-week open-label treatment period, in which all subjects received etanercept at the same dose. This was followed by a 12-week withdrawal-retreatment period.

Response to treatment was assessed after 12 weeks of therapy and was defined as the proportion of subjects who achieved a reduction in PASI score of at least 75% from baseline. The PASI is a composite score that takes into consideration both the fraction of body surface area affected and the nature and severity of psoriatic changes within the affected regions (induration, erythema and scaling).

Other evaluated outcomes included the proportion of subjects who achieved a score of “clear” or “almost clear” by the sPGA and the proportion of subjects with a reduction in PASI score of at least 90% from baseline. The sPGA is a 6-category scale ranging from “5 = severe” to “0 = none” indicating the physician’s overall assessment of the PsO severity focusing on induration, erythema and scaling. Treatment success of “clear” or “almost clear” consisted of none or minimal elevation in plaque, up to faint red coloration in erythema and none or minimal fine scale over < 5% of the plaque.

Efficacy results are summarized in Table 15.

**Table 15. Pediatric Plaque Psoriasis Outcomes at 12 Weeks**

	Placebo (N = 105)	Etanercept 0.8 mg/kg Once Weekly (N = 106)
PASI 75, n (%)	12 (11%)	60 (57%)
PASI 90, n (%)	7 (7%)	29 (27%)
sPGA “clear” or “almost clear” n (%)	14 (13%)	55 (52%)

#### Maintenance of Response

To evaluate maintenance of response, subjects who achieved PASI75 response at Week 36 were re-randomized to either etanercept or placebo during a 12-week randomized withdrawal period. The maintenance of PASI 75 response was evaluated at Week 48. The proportion of subjects who maintained PASI75 response at Week 48 was higher for subjects treated with etanercept (65%) compared to those treated with placebo (49%).

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## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### Eticovo Single-Dose Prefilled Syringe, Eticovo Single-Dose Prefilled Auto Injector pen

Each Eticovo (etanercept-ykro) injection is supplied as a clear to opalescent, colorless to pale yellow, sterile, and preservative-free solution for subcutaneous administration in single-dose prefilled syringes and an Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen with a 27-gauge, ½-inch needle.

<b>50 mg/mL</b> single-dose prefilled syringe	Carton of 4	NDC 71202-003-04
<b>50 mg/mL</b> single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen	Carton of 4	NDC 71202-005-05
<b>25 mg/0.5 mL</b> single-dose prefilled syringe	Carton of 4	NDC 71202-004-04

Eticovo should be refrigerated at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C). Do not use Eticovo beyond the expiration date stamped on the carton or barrel label. DO NOT SHAKE. Store Eticovo in the original carton to protect from light or physical damage.

For convenience, storage of individual single-dose prefilled syringes or single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pens at room temperature between 73°F to 81°F (23°C to 27°C) for a maximum single period of 14 days is permissible, with protection from light and sources of heat. Once a single-dose prefilled syringe, single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen has been stored at room temperature, it should not be placed back into the refrigerator. If not used within 14 days at room temperature, the single-dose prefilled syringe, single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen should be discarded. Do not store Eticovo in extreme heat or cold. DO NOT FREEZE. Keep out of the reach of children.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient and/or caregiver to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (*Medication Guide and Instructions for Use*) before the patient starts using Eticovo, and each time the prescription is renewed, as there may be new information they need to know.

Patients or their caregivers should be provided the Eticovo “Medication Guide” and provided an opportunity to read it and ask questions prior to initiation of therapy. The healthcare provider should ask the patient questions to determine any risk factors for treatment. Patients developing signs and symptoms of infection should seek medical evaluation immediately.

### Patient Counseling

Patients should be advised of the potential benefits and risks of Eticovo. Physicians should instruct their patients to read the Medication Guide before starting Eticovo therapy and to reread each time the prescription is renewed.

#### Infections

Inform patients that Eticovo may lower the ability of their immune system to fight infections. Advise patients of the importance of contacting their doctor if they develop any symptoms of infection, tuberculosis or reactivation of hepatitis B virus infections.

#### Other Medical Conditions

Advise patients to report any signs of new or worsening medical conditions, such as central nervous system demyelinating disorders, heart failure or autoimmune disorders, such as lupus-like syndrome or autoimmune hepatitis. Counsel about the risk of lymphoma and other malignancies while receiving Eticovo. Advise patients to report any symptoms suggestive of a pancytopenia, such as bruising, bleeding, persistent fever or pallor.

#### Allergic Reactions

Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if they experience any symptoms of severe allergic reactions.

## **Administration of Eticovo**

If a patient or caregiver is to administer Eticovo, the patient or caregiver should be instructed in injection techniques and how to measure and administer the correct dose [see “Instructions for Use”].

The first injection should be performed under the supervision of a qualified healthcare professional. The patient’s or caregiver’s ability to inject subcutaneously should be assessed. Patients and caregivers should be instructed in the technique, as well as proper syringe and needle disposal, and be cautioned against reuse of needles and syringes.

When using the single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen to administer Eticovo, the patient or caregiver should be informed that the window turns yellow when the injection is complete. After removing the prefilled pen, if the window has not turned yellow, or if it looks like the medicine is still injecting, this means the patient has not received a full dose. The patient or caregiver should be advised to call their healthcare provider immediately.

A puncture-resistant container for disposal of needles, and syringes, Auto Injector pens should be used.

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**Medication Guide**  
**Eticovo (E-Ti-Ko-Vo)**  
**(etanercept-ykro)**  
**injection, for subcutaneous use**

Read the Medication Guide that comes with Eticovo before you start using it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. It is important to remain under your healthcare provider's care while using Eticovo. Eticovo is a prescription medicine called a Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) blocker that affects your immune system.

**What is the most important information I should know about Eticovo?**

Eticovo may cause serious side effects, including:

1. Risk of Infection
2. Risk of Cancer

**1. Risk of infection**

Eticovo can lower the ability of your immune system to fight infections. Some people have serious infections while taking etanercept products. These infections include tuberculosis (TB), and infections caused by viruses, fungi, or bacteria that spread throughout their body. Some people have died from these infections.

- Your healthcare provider should test you for TB before starting Eticovo.
- Your healthcare provider should monitor you closely for symptoms of TB during treatment with Eticovo even if you tested negative for TB.
- Your healthcare provider should check you for symptoms of any type of infection before, during, and after your treatment with Eticovo.

You should not start taking Eticovo if you have any kind of infection unless your healthcare provider says it is okay.

**2. Risk of cancer**

- There have been cases of unusual cancers, some resulting in death, in children and teenagers who started using TNF-blocking agents at less than 18 years of age.
- For children, teenagers, and adults taking TNF-blocker medicines, including etanercept products, the chances of getting lymphoma or other cancers may increase.
- People with rheumatoid arthritis, especially those with very active disease, may be more likely to get lymphoma.

**Before starting Eticovo, be sure to talk to your healthcare provider:**

Eticovo may not be right for you. Before starting Eticovo, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including:

**Infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you:**

- have an infection. See **"What is the most important information I should know about Eticovo?"**
- are being treated for an infection.
- think you have an infection.
- have symptoms of an infection such as fever, sweats or chills, cough or flu-like symptoms, shortness of breath, blood in your phlegm, weight loss, muscle aches, warm, red or painful areas on your skin, sores on your body, diarrhea or stomach pain, burning when you urinate or urinating more often than normal, and feel very tired.
- have any open cuts on your body.
- get a lot of infections or have infections that keep coming back.
- have diabetes, HIV, or a weak immune system. People with these conditions have a higher chance for infections.
- have TB, or have been in close contact with someone with TB.
- were born in, lived in, or traveled to countries where there is a risk for getting TB. Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure.
- live, have lived in, or traveled to certain parts of the country (such as the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys, or the Southwest) where there is a greater risk for getting certain kinds of fungal infections (histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, blastomycosis). These infections may happen or become more severe if you use Eticovo. Ask your healthcare provider if you do not know if you live or have lived in an area where these infections are common.
- have or have had hepatitis B.



**Also, before starting Eticovo, tell your healthcare provider:**

- **About all the medicines you take including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements including:**
  - **Orencia (abatacept) or Kineret (anakinra).** You have a higher chance for serious infections when taking Eticovo with Orencia or Kineret.
  - **Cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan).** You may have a higher chance for getting certain cancers when taking Eticovo with cyclophosphamide.
  - **Anti-diabetic medicines.** If you have diabetes and are taking medicine to control your diabetes, your healthcare provider may decide you need less anti-diabetic medicine while taking Eticovo.

Keep a list of all your medicines with you to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine. Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if your medicine is one listed above.

**Other important medical information you should tell your healthcare provider before starting Eticovo, includes if you:**

- have or had a nervous system problem such as multiple sclerosis or Guillain-Barré syndrome.
- have or had heart failure.
- are scheduled to have surgery.
- have recently received or are scheduled to receive a vaccine.
  - All vaccines should be brought up-to-date before starting Eticovo.
  - People taking Eticovo should not receive live vaccines.
  - Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if you received a live vaccine.
- have been around someone with varicella zoster (chicken pox).
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if Eticovo will harm your unborn baby. If you took Eticovo during pregnancy, talk to your healthcare provider prior to administration of live vaccines to your infant.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Eticovo can pass into breast milk. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby while taking Eticovo

See the section “**What are the possible side effects of Eticovo?**” below for more information.

### **What is Eticovo?**

Eticovo is a prescription medicine called a Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) blocker.

Eticovo is used to treat:

- **moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA).** Eticovo can be used alone or with a medicine called methotrexate.
- **moderately to severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) in children 2 years of age or older.**
- **psoriatic arthritis (PsA) in adults.** Eticovo can be used alone or with methotrexate.
- **ankylosing spondylitis (AS).**
- **chronic moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) in children 4 years of age or older and adults** who may benefit from taking injections or pills (systemic therapy) or phototherapy (ultraviolet light).

You may continue to use other medicines that help treat your condition while taking Eticovo, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and prescription steroids, as recommended by your healthcare provider.

Eticovo can help reduce joint damage and the signs and symptoms of the above-mentioned diseases. People with these diseases have too much of a protein called tumor necrosis factor (TNF), which is made by your immune system. Eticovo can reduce the effect of TNF in the body and block the damage that too much TNF can cause, but it can also lower the ability of your immune system to fight infections. See “**What is the most important information I should know about Eticovo?**” and “**What are the possible side effects of Eticovo?**”

### **Who should not use Eticovo?**

**Do not use Eticovo if you:**

- have an infection that has spread through your body (sepsis).

### **How should I use Eticovo?**

- Eticovo is given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneous or SC).

- If your healthcare provider decides that you or a caregiver can give the injections of Eticovo at home, you or your caregiver should receive training on the right way to prepare and inject Eticovo. Do not try to inject Eticovo until you have been shown the right way by your healthcare provider or nurse.
- Eticovo is available in the forms listed below. Your healthcare provider will prescribe the type that is best for you.
  - Single-dose Prefilled Syringe
  - Single-dose Prefilled Auto Injector Pen
- See the detailed Instructions for Use with this Medication Guide for instructions about the right way to store, prepare, and give your Eticovo injections at home.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you how often you should use Eticovo. Do not miss any doses of Eticovo. If you forget to use Eticovo, inject your dose as soon as you remember. Then, take your next dose at your regular(ly) scheduled time. In case you are not sure when to inject Eticovo, call your healthcare provider or pharmacist. **Do not use Eticovo more often than as directed by your healthcare provider.**
- Your child's dose of Eticovo depends on his or her weight. Your child's healthcare provider will tell you which form of Eticovo to use and how much to give your child.

#### **What are the possible side effects of Eticovo?**

**Eticovo can cause serious side effects, including:**

- **See “What is the most important information I should know about Eticovo?”**
- **Infections.** Eticovo can make you more likely to get infections or make any infection that you have worse. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of an infection. See **“Before starting Eticovo, be sure to talk to your healthcare provider”** for a list of symptoms of infection.
- **Previous Hepatitis B infection.** If you have been previously infected with the hepatitis B virus (a virus that affects the liver), the virus can become active while you use Eticovo. Your healthcare provider may do a blood test before you start treatment with Eticovo and while you use Eticovo.
- **Nervous system problems.** Rarely, people who use TNF-blocker medicines have developed nervous system problems such as multiple sclerosis, seizures, or inflammation of the nerves of the eyes. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of these symptoms: numbness or tingling in any part of your body, vision changes, weakness in your arms and legs, and dizziness.
- **Blood problems.** Low blood counts have been seen with other TNF-blocker medicines. Your body may not make enough of the blood cells that help fight infections or help stop bleeding. Symptoms include fever, bruising or bleeding very easily, or looking pale.
- **New heart failure or worsening of heart failure you already have.** New or worse heart failure can happen in people who use TNF-blocker medicines like Eticovo. If you have heart failure your condition should be watched closely while you take Eticovo. Call your healthcare provider right away if you get new or worsening symptoms of heart failure while taking Eticovo, such as shortness of breath or swelling of your lower legs or feet.
- **Psoriasis.** Some people using etanercept products developed new psoriasis or worsening of psoriasis they already had. Tell your healthcare provider if you develop red scaly patches or raised bumps that may be filled with pus. Your healthcare provider may decide to stop your treatment with Eticovo.
- **Allergic reactions.** Allergic reactions can happen to people who use TNF-blocker medicines. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of an allergic reaction. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include a severe rash, a swollen face, or trouble breathing.
- **Autoimmune reactions, including:**
  - **Lupus-like syndrome.** Symptoms include a rash on your face and arms that gets worse in the sun. Tell your healthcare provider if you have this symptom. Symptoms may go away when you stop using Eticovo.
  - **Autoimmune hepatitis.** Liver problems can happen in people who use TNF-blocker medicines, including Eticovo. These problems can lead to liver failure and death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms: feel very tired, skin or eyes look yellow, poor appetite or vomiting, pain on the right side of your stomach (abdomen).

**Common side effects of Eticovo include:**

- **Injection site reactions** such as redness, itching, pain, swelling, bleeding or bruising. These symptoms usually go away within 3 to 5 days. If you have pain, redness, or swelling around the injection site that does not go away or gets worse, call your healthcare provider.

- **Upper respiratory infections** (sinus infections).

These are not all the possible side effects with Eticovo. Tell your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

#### **How should I store Eticovo?**

- Store Eticovo in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- Store Eticovo in the original carton to protect from light or physical damage.
- If needed, you may store the Eticovo prefilled syringe or prefilled Auto Injector pen at room temperature between 73°F to 81°F (23°C to 27°C), 1 time, for up to 2 weeks (14 days).
  - Once Eticovo has reached room temperature, do not put it back in the refrigerator.
- Throw away Eticovo that has been stored at room temperature after 2 weeks (14 days).
- **Do not** store Eticovo in extreme heat or cold such as in your vehicle's glove box or trunk.
- **Do not freeze.**
- **Do not shake.**
- **Keep Eticovo and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

#### **General information about the safe and effective use of Eticovo.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use Eticovo for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give Eticovo to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about Eticovo. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about Eticovo that is written for health professionals.

#### **What are the ingredients in Eticovo?**

##### **Single-dose Prefilled Syringe, Single-dose Prefilled Auto Injector Pen**

**Active Ingredient:** etanercept-ykro

**Inactive Ingredients:** sodium chloride, sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate, sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate, sucrose, and Water for Injection, USP

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**Instructions for Use  
Eticovo® (E-Ti-Ko-Vo)  
(etanercept-ykro)  
injection, for subcutaneous use  
Single-dose Prefilled Syringe**

**Read this Instructions for Use before you start using Eticovo and each time you get a refill of your prescription. There may be new information.**

- **Do not** try to give yourself the injection unless your healthcare provider or nurse has shown you how to give the injection.

**How do I prepare and give an injection with Eticovo Single-dose Prefilled Syringe?**

There are 2 types of Eticovo single-dose prefilled syringes:

- The 50 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe that contains one 50 mg dose of Eticovo.
- The 25 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe that contains one 25 mg dose of Eticovo.

Your healthcare provider will tell you which one to use. **Before you start, check the prefilled syringe label to make sure that it is the right dose.**

A 50 mg dose can be given as one injection using a 50 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe or as two injections using 25 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringes. Your healthcare provider will tell you whether the two injections with 25 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringes should be given on the same day once a week or on two different days (3 or 4 days apart) in the same week.

**Children must weigh at least 138 pounds (63 kg) to use Eticovo.**

**Storage of Eticovo prefilled syringe**

- Store Eticovo prefilled syringe in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- Store Eticovo prefilled syringe in the original carton to protect from light or physical damage.
- If needed, you may store your Eticovo prefilled syringe at room temperature between 73°F to 81°F (23°C to 27°C), 1 time, for up to 2 weeks (14 days).
  - Once Eticovo prefilled syringe has reached room temperature, do not put it back in the refrigerator.
- Throw away Eticovo prefilled syringe that has been stored at room temperature after 2 weeks (14 days).
- **Do not** store Eticovo prefilled syringe in extreme heat or cold. For example, avoid storing Eticovo prefilled syringe in your vehicle's glove box or trunk.
- **Do not freeze.**
- **Do not shake.**
- **Keep Eticovo prefilled syringe and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

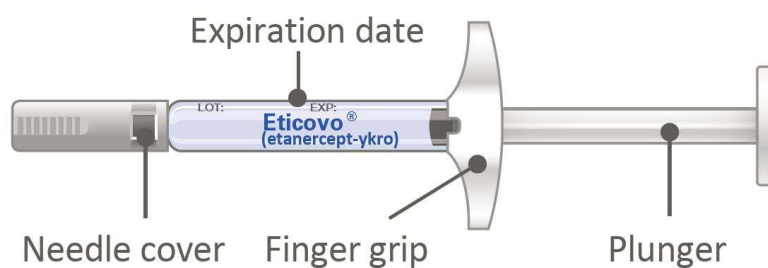
If you have any questions about storage, contact your healthcare provider or call 1-877-888-4231 for further instructions.

**What you will need for each injection.**

**Included in the carton:**

- **1 Eticovo single-dose prefilled syringe (see Figure A).**  
Each carton contains 4 Eticovo single-dose prefilled syringes.

**Figure A**



**Not included in the carton (see Figure B):**

**Figure B**

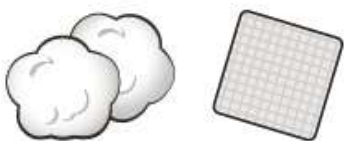
- **1 alcohol swab**



- **Sharps disposal container**



- **1 cotton ball or gauze**



- **1 adhesive bandage**



See **Step 4: "Disposing of Supplies"** at the end of this Instructions for Use.

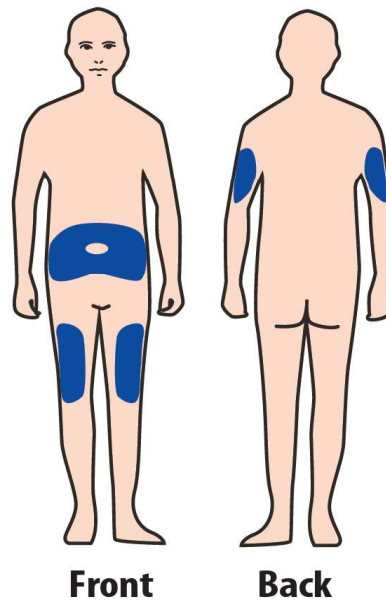
## Step 1: Setting up for an Injection

1. Select a clean, well-lit, flat work surface, such as a table.
2. Take the Eticovo carton containing the prefilled syringes out of the refrigerator and place it on your flat work surface. Remove one prefilled syringe and place it on your work surface. Carefully lift the prefilled syringe straight up out of the box. **Do not shake** the prefilled syringe of Eticovo. Place the carton containing any remaining prefilled syringes back into the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
3. Check the expiration date (EXP:) on the prefilled syringe. **Do not** use the prefilled syringe if the expiration date has passed. **Do not** use the prefilled syringe if it has been dropped onto a hard surface. Parts of the prefilled syringe may be broken. **Do not** use the prefilled syringe if the needle cover is missing or not securely attached. Contact your pharmacist for assistance if the expiration date has passed, if the prefilled syringe has been dropped on a hard surface, or if the needle cover is missing or not securely attached.
4. **Leave Eticovo prefilled syringe at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before injecting.** This is important to make the medicine easier and more comfortable to inject. **Do not** remove the needle cover while allowing it to reach room temperature. **Do not warm Eticovo in any other way** (for example, **do not** warm it in a microwave or in hot water.)
5. Gather all the additional supplies you will need for your injection. These include an alcohol swab, a cotton ball or gauze, and a sharps disposal container (see **Step 4: “Disposing of Supplies”**).
6. Wash your hand with soap and warm water.
7. **Look at the medicine in the prefilled syringe.** The medicine should be clear or almost clear, colorless to pale yellow, and may contain small white or almost clear particles. **Do not** use the solution if it is discolored, cloudy, or if it contains particles that are not small, white or almost clear.

## Step 2: Choosing and Preparing an Injection Site

1. The recommended injection sites for Eticovo are (see **Figure C**):
  - front of the middle thigh
  - stomach-area (abdomen). If you are injecting into the abdomen, choose a site that is at least 2 inches (5 cm) away from the belly button.
  - back of the upper arm. Use the back of the upper arm only if someone else is giving you the injection.

**Figure C**



2. **Rotate the site for each injection. Do not** inject into areas that are red, hard, bruised, or tender. **Do not** inject into scars or stretch marks.
3. If you have psoriasis, do not inject into any raised, thick, red, or scaly skin patches, or lesions.
4. To prepare the area of skin where Eticovo is to be injected, wipe the skin at the injection site with an alcohol swab. **Do not touch this area again before giving the injection.**

### Step 3: Injecting Eticovo Using Prefilled Syringe

**Do not** remove the needle cover from the prefilled syringe until you are ready to inject.

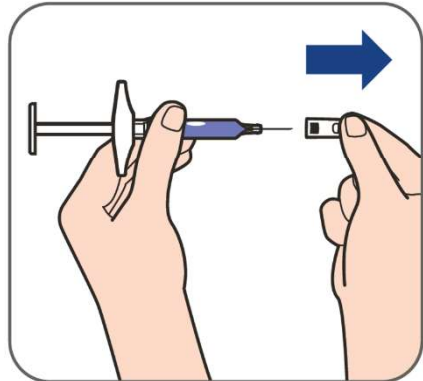
1. Pick up the prefilled syringe from your flat work surface. Pull the needle cover straight off (see **Figure D**) and throw it away (dispose of) in a sharps disposal container. **Do not** touch the plunger while removing the needle cover and **do not** twist or bend the needle cover while removing it, as this may damage the needle.

When you remove the needle cover, there may be a drop of liquid at the end of the needle. This is normal.

**Do not** touch the needle or allow it to touch any surface.

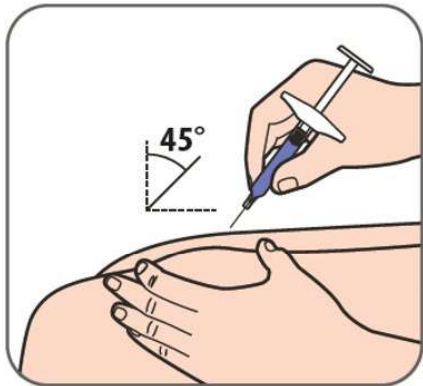
**Never recap the needle.**

**Do not** touch or bump the plunger. Doing so could cause the liquid to leak out.



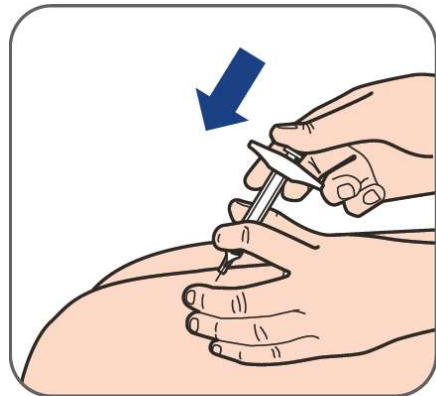
**Figure D**

2. Hold the prefilled syringe at a 45 degree angle to the skin (see **Figure E**). With your other hand, gently pinch a fold of skin at the cleaned injection site. **With a quick, dart-like motion, insert the needle fully into the skin.**



**Figure E**

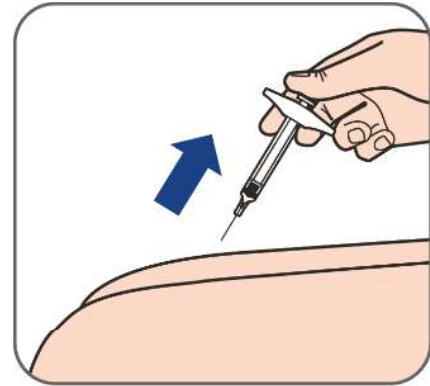
3. Let go of the skin that you are pinching after the needle is completely inserted. With your free hand, hold the syringe near its base to stabilize it. Slowly **push down the plunger to inject all of the Eticovo solution.** (see **Figure F**).



**Figure F**



4. **When the syringe is empty, pull the needle out of the skin, being careful to keep it at the same angle as inserted (see Figure G).** If there is bleeding at the injection site, press a gauze pad or cotton ball over the injection site for 10 seconds. **Do not** rub the injection site. If needed, cover the injection site with an adhesive bandage.

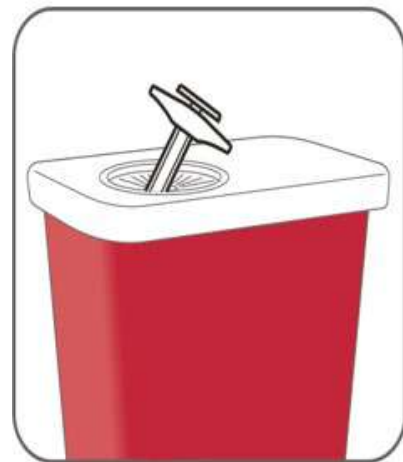


**Figure G**

#### **Step 4: Disposing of Supplies**

The syringe should **never** be reused. **Never** recap the needle. Recapping could lead to a needle stick injury.

- Put the used prefilled syringe in a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container right away after use. **Do not** throw away (dispose of) prefilled syringe in your household trash.
- If you do not have a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, you may use a household container that is:
  - made of a heavy-duty plastic,
  - can be closed with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid, without sharps being able to come out,
  - upright and stable during use,
  - leak-resistant, and
  - properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.
- When your sharps disposal container is almost full, you will need to follow your community guidelines for the right way to dispose of your sharps disposal container. There may be state or local laws about how you should throw away used syringes and needles. For more information about safe sharps disposal, and for specific information about sharps disposal in the state that you live in, go the FDA's website at: <http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal>
- Do not dispose of your used sharps disposal container in your household trash unless your community guidelines permit this.
- Do not recycle your used sharps disposal container.
- **Do not** reuse the Eticovo prefilled syringe.



**Important: Always keep the sharps disposal container out of the reach of children.**

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**Instructions for Use**  
**Eticovo® (E-Ti-Ko-Vo)**  
**(etanercept-ykro)**  
**injection, for subcutaneous use**  
**Single-dose Prefilled Auto Injector Pen**

Read this Instructions for Use before you start using Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. Call your healthcare provider if you or your caregiver has any questions about the right way to inject Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen.

**Do not** try to inject yourself until you have been shown the right way to give the injections by your healthcare provider.

The Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen contains one 50 mg dose of Eticovo. Your healthcare provider has prescribed Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen for your injections. If your healthcare provider decides that you or a caregiver may be able to give your injections of Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen at home, you should receive training on the right way to prepare and inject Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen.

**Children must weigh at least 138 pounds (63 kg) to use the Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen.**

**Storage of Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen**

- Store Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- Store Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen in the original carton to **protect from light or physical damage**.
- If needed, you may store your Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen at room temperature between 73°F to 81°F (23°C to 27°C), 1 time, for up to 2 weeks (14 days).
  - Once Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen has reached room temperature, do not put it back in the refrigerator.
- Throw away Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen that has been stored at room temperature after 2 weeks (14 days).
- **Do not** store Eticovo prefilled pen in extreme heat or cold. For example, avoid storing Eticovo prefilled pen in your vehicle's glove box or trunk.
- **Do not freeze.**
- **Do not shake the prefilled Auto Injector pen.**
- **Keep Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

If you have any questions about storage, contact your healthcare provider or call 1-877-888-4231 for further instructions.

**Start here. Before you use Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen**

**Gather all the materials you will need for your injection:**

On a clean, well-lit, flat work surface, gather all the equipment you need.

**Included in the carton:**

- **1 Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen (see Figure A).**  
Each carton contains 4 Eticovo single-dose prefilled pens.

**Figure A**



- **Do not** remove the needle cap until you are ready to inject.

**Not included in the carton (see Figure B):**

**Figure B**

- **1 alcohol swab**



- **1 cotton ball or gauze**



- **Sharps disposal container** "See step 8. Disposing of Supplies"



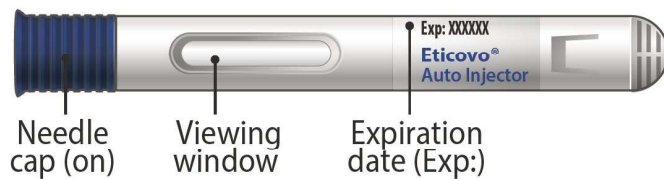
- **1 adhesive bandage**



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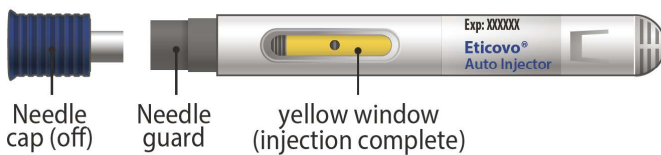
### Before use

Figure C



### After use

Figure D



## 1. Allow the medicine to reach room temperature:

Remove a prefilled pen from the refrigerator and leave at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before injecting.



This is important to make the medicine easier and more comfortable to inject.

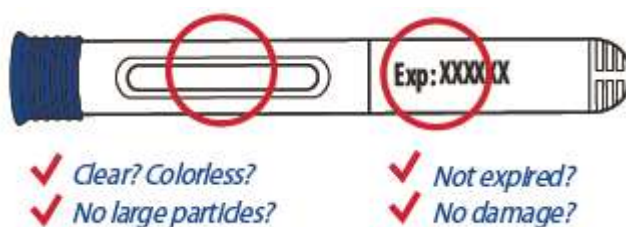
- **Do not** remove the needle cap yet.
- **Do not** try to warm the prefilled pen by using heat sources such as a microwave or hot water.

## 2. Inspect the prefilled Auto Injector pen and the medicine:

- Check the prefilled pen is not damaged
- Check the expiration date on the package or prefilled pen label
- Check the medicine in the prefilled pen

The medicine should be **clear and colorless**, but may have small white particles.

Figure E

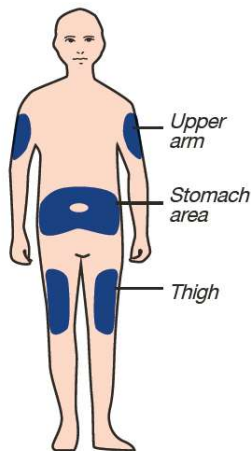


**Do not** use the prefilled Auto Injector pen if it is past the expiration date.

**Do not** use the prefilled Auto Injector pen if it has been dropped with the **cap off**.  
**Do not** use the prefilled Auto Injector pen if it has been dropped and appears cracked or broken, even if the cap is **on**.  
**Do not** use the prefilled Auto Injector pen if the needle cap is missing or not securely attached.  
**Do not** use the prefilled Auto Injector pen if any part of it appears damaged (cracked or broken).  
**Do not** use the prefilled Auto Injector pen if the medicine is cloudy, discolored, or contains large lumps, flakes, or colored particles.

### 3. Choose an injection site:

Figure F



The Eticovo prefilled Auto Injector pen is for an injection under the skin (subcutaneous injection).

It should be injected into the:

- Thigh
- Abdomen (at least 2 inches (5 cm) away from your belly button)
- Outer area of upper arm (only if someone else is giving you the injection).

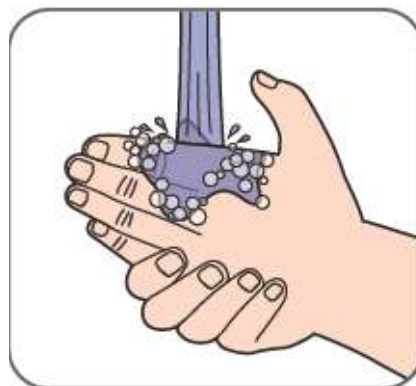
**Choose a different site each time you give your injection.** If you want to use the same injection site, make sure it is not the same spot on the injection site you used for a previous injection.

- **Do not** inject into areas that are red, hard, bruised, or tender.
- **Do not** inject into scars or stretch marks.
- If you have psoriasis, **do not** inject directly into raised, thick, red, or scaly skin patches, or lesions.

### 4. Injecting Eticovo Using Prefilled Auto Injector Pen

**Check the “Start here. Before you use Eticovo single-dose prefilled Auto Injector pen” information on the other side before you inject.**

**Step 1: Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.**

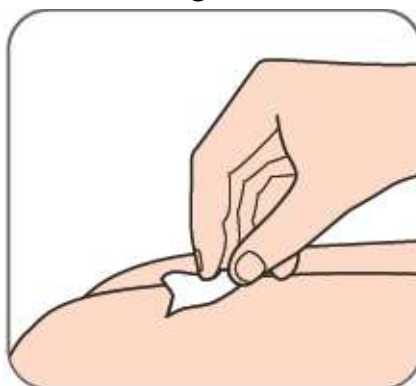


**Figure G**

**Step 2: Wipe the skin at the injection site with a new alcohol swab.**

See “Choose an injection site” for instructions on how to choose an injection site.

**Do not** touch this area again before giving the injection.



**Figure H**

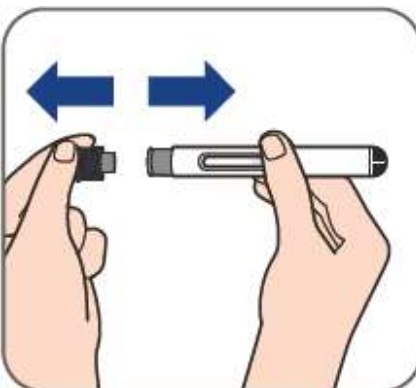
**Step 3: Pull the needle cap straight off** (see **Figure I**) **when you are ready to inject. Throw away (dispose of) the needle cap in the sharps container.** (see **Step 8 “Disposing of Supplies”**)

When you remove the needle cap, there may be a drop of liquid at the end of the needle. This is normal.

**Do not** twist or bend the needle cap.

**Never recap the needle.**

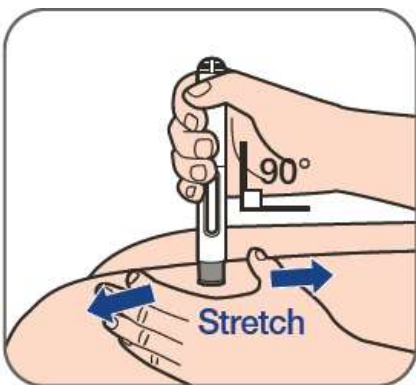
These actions may damage the needle.



**Figure I**

**Step 4: Gently stretch the skin at the cleaned injection site to create a firm surface.** (see **Figure J**)

Stretch skin firmly by moving your thumb and fingers in opposite directions, creating an area about 2 inches wide. **Place the prefilled pen straight on your skin at 90 degrees.**



**Figure J**

**Step 5: Firmly push the prefilled pen down into the site to start the injection. (see Figure K)**

The device will click when the injection begins.

**Continue stretching the skin.**

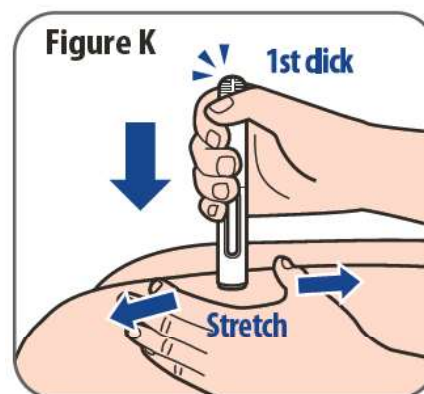


Figure K

**Step 6: Continue to press down and count slowly to 15 to make sure that the injection is complete. Your injection could take about 15 seconds. (see Figure L)**

You may hear or feel a second click that the injection is finished. If you do not hear the click sound, please check the viewing window. The viewing window becomes yellow during the injection.

**Do not** release pressure against the injection site before the injection is complete.

**Do not** move the prefilled pen during the injection.

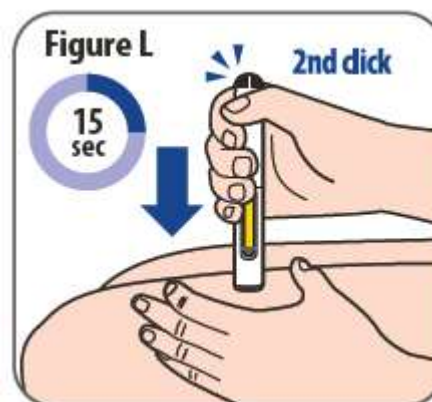


Figure L

**Step 7: Check that the viewing window has turned yellow to make sure the full dose has been delivered. Remove the empty pen from your skin. (see Figure M)**

The needle guard will completely cover the needle.

You may see a small gray band (see **Figure M**).

**Important:** When you remove the prefilled pen, if the window has not turned yellow and is different from **Figure M**, or if it looks like the medicine is still injecting, this means you have not received a full dose. Call your healthcare provider immediately.

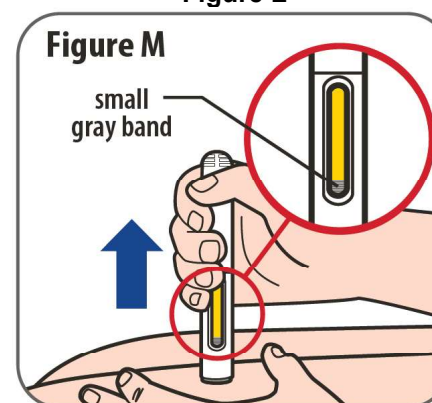


Figure M

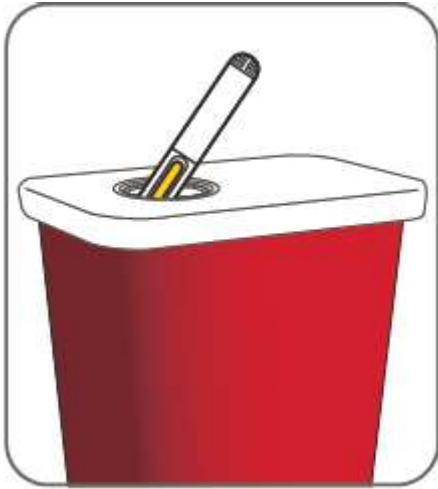
## Injection site care

If there is bleeding at the injection site, press a cotton ball or gauze pad over the injection site.

- **Do not** rub the injection site.
- If needed, cover the injection site with an adhesive bandage.



## Step 8: Disposing of Supplies



- Put the used pen in a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container right away after use. **Do not** throw away (dispose of) the pen in your household trash.
- If you do not have a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, you may use a household container that is:
  - made of a heavy-duty plastic,
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- **Do not** dispose of your used sharps disposal container in your household trash unless your community guidelines permit this.
- **Do not** recycle your used sharps disposal container.
- **Do not** reuse the pen.

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**  
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use ETANERCEPT-YKRO safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for ETANERCEPT-YKRO.

**ETANERCEPT-YKRO injection, for subcutaneous use**  
**Initial U.S. Approval: 2019**  
ETANERCEPT-YKRO is biosimilar\* to ENBREL (etanercept).

**WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS and MALIGNANCIES**  
*See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.*

**SERIOUS INFECTIONS**

- Increased risk of serious infections leading to hospitalization or death, including tuberculosis (TB), bacterial sepsis, invasive fungal infections (such as histoplasmosis), and infections due to other opportunistic pathogens. (5.1)
- Etanercept-ykro should be discontinued if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis during treatment. (5.1)
- Perform test for latent TB; if positive, start treatment for TB prior to starting Etanercept-ykro. (5.1)
- Monitor all patients for active TB during treatment, even if initial latent TB test is negative. (5.1)

**MALIGNANCIES**

- Lymphoma and other malignancies, some fatal, have been reported in children and adolescent patients treated with TNF blockers, including etanercept products. (5.3)

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Etanercept-ykro is a tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blocker indicated for the treatment of: Adult patients with:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) (1.1)
- Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) (1.3)
- Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS) (1.4)
- Plaque Psoriasis (PsO) (1.5)

Pediatric patients with:

- Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (pJIA), 2 years of age or older (1.2)
- Plaque Psoriasis (PsO), 4 years of age or older (1.5)

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Etanercept-ykro is administered by subcutaneous injection.

Patient Population	Recommended Dose and Frequency
Adult RA and PsA (2.3)	50 mg once weekly with or without methotrexate (MTX)
AS (2.3)	50 mg once weekly
Adult PsO (2.3)	50 mg twice weekly for 3 months, followed by 50 mg once weekly
pJIA and Pediatric PsO (patients who weigh 63 kg (138 pounds) or more) (2.4)	50 mg once weekly

- DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**
- Injection: 25 mg/0.5 mL and 50 mg/mL solution in a single-dose prefilled syringe (3)
  - Injection: 50 mg/mL solution in a single-dose prefilled auto injector pen (3)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Etanercept-ykro is contraindicated in patients with sepsis (4)

- WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**
- Do not start Etanercept-ykro during an active infection. If an infection develops, monitor carefully and stop Etanercept-ykro if infection becomes serious. (5.1)
  - Consider empiric anti-fungal therapy for patients at risk for invasive fungal infections who develop a severe systemic illness on Etanercept-ykro (those who reside or travel to regions where mycoses are endemic). (5.1)
  - Demyelinating disease, exacerbation or new onset, may occur. (5.2)
  - Cases of lymphoma have been observed in patients receiving TNF-blocking agents. (5.3)
  - Congestive heart failure, worsening or new onset, may occur. (5.4)
  - Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if symptoms of pancytopenia or aplastic anemia develop, and consider stopping Etanercept-ykro. (5.5)
  - Monitor patients previously infected with hepatitis B virus for reactivation during and several months after therapy. If reactivation occurs, consider stopping Etanercept-ykro and beginning anti-viral therapy. (5.6)
  - Anaphylaxis or serious allergic reactions may occur. (5.7)
  - Stop Etanercept-ykro if lupus-like syndrome or autoimmune hepatitis develops. (5.9)

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Most common adverse reactions (incidence > 5%): infections and injection site reactions. (6.1)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact XXX at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).**

- DRUG INTERACTIONS**
- Live vaccines – Avoid concurrent administration with Etanercept-ykro (5.8, 7.1)
  - Anakinra – Increased risk of serious infection (5.12, 7.2)
  - Abatacept – Increased risk of serious adverse events, including infections (5.12, 7.2)
  - Cyclophosphamide – Not recommended for use with Etanercept-ykro. (7.3)

**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.**

\* Biosimilar means that the biological product is approved based on data demonstrating that it is highly similar to an FDA-approved biological product, known as a reference product, and that there are no clinically meaningful differences between the biosimilar product and the reference product. Biosimilarity of ETANERCEPT-YKRO has been demonstrated for the condition(s) of use (e.g. indication(s), dosing regimen(s)), strength(s), dosage form(s), and route(s) of administration described in its Full Prescribing Information.

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS and MALIGNANCIES

#### SERIOUS INFECTIONS

Patients treated with etanercept products are at increased risk for developing serious infections that may lead to hospitalization or death [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)* and *Adverse Reactions (6)*]. Most patients who developed these infections were taking concomitant immunosuppressants such as methotrexate or corticosteroids.

Etanercept-ykro should be discontinued if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis.

Reported infections include:

- Active tuberculosis, including reactivation of latent tuberculosis. Patients with tuberculosis have frequently presented with disseminated or extrapulmonary disease. Test patients for latent tuberculosis before Etanercept-ykro use and during therapy. Initiate treatment for latent infection prior to Etanercept-ykro use.
- Invasive fungal infections, including histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, candidiasis, aspergillosis, blastomycosis, and pneumocystosis. Patients with histoplasmosis or other invasive fungal infections may present with disseminated, rather than localized, disease. Antigen and antibody testing for histoplasmosis may be negative in some patients with active infection. Consider empiric anti-fungal therapy in patients at risk for invasive fungal infections who develop severe systemic illness.
- Bacterial, viral, and other infections due to opportunistic pathogens, including *Legionella* and *Listeria*.

The risks and benefits of treatment with Etanercept-ykro should be carefully considered prior to initiating therapy in patients with chronic or recurrent infection.

Monitor patients closely for the development of signs and symptoms of infection during and after treatment with Etanercept-ykro, including the possible development of tuberculosis in patients who tested negative for latent tuberculosis infection prior to initiating therapy.

#### MALIGNANCIES

Lymphoma and other malignancies, some fatal, have been reported in children and adolescent patients treated with TNF blockers, including etanercept products.

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

### 1.1 Rheumatoid Arthritis

Etanercept-ykro is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms, inducing major clinical response, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Etanercept-ykro can be initiated in combination with methotrexate (MTX) or used alone.

### 1.2 Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

Etanercept-ykro is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms of moderately to severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older.

### 1.3 Psoriatic Arthritis

Etanercept-ykro is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms, inhibiting the progression of structural damage of active arthritis, and improving physical function in adult patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA). Etanercept-ykro can be used with or without methotrexate.

### 1.4 Ankylosing Spondylitis

Etanercept-ykro is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms in patients with active ankylosing spondylitis (AS).

### 1.5 Plaque Psoriasis

Etanercept-ykro is indicated for the treatment of patients 4 years or older with chronic moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Testing and Procedures Prior to Treatment Initiation

Perform the following evaluations and procedures prior to initiating treatment with Etanercept-ykro:

- Prior to initiating Etanercept-ykro and periodically during therapy, evaluate patients for active tuberculosis and test for latent infection [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].
- Complete all age-appropriate vaccinations as recommended by current immunization guidelines prior to initiating treatment with Etanercept-ykro [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.8)].

### 2.2 Important Administration Instructions

Administration of one 50 mg Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled syringe or one 50 mg Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen provides a dose equivalent to two 25 mg Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled syringes.

### 2.3 Recommended Dosage in Adult Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis, and Plaque Psoriasis

Etanercept-ykro is administered by subcutaneous injection (Table 1).

Table 1. Recommended Dosage for Adult Patients with RA, AS, PsA and PsO	
Patient Population	Recommended Dosage
Adult RA, AS, and PsA	50 mg weekly
Adult PsO	<u>Starting Dose:</u> 50 mg twice weekly for 3 months
	<u>Maintenance Dose:</u> 50 mg once weekly

See the etanercept-ykro “Instructions for Use” insert for detailed information on injection site selection and dose administration [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3) and *Patient Counseling Information* (17)].

#### Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, and Psoriatic Arthritis Patients

Methotrexate, glucocorticoids, salicylates, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), or analgesics may be continued during treatment with Etanercept-ykro.

Based on a study of 50 mg etanercept twice weekly in patients with RA that suggested higher incidence of adverse reactions but similar American College of Rheumatology (ACR) response rates, doses higher than 50 mg per week are not recommended.

#### Adult Plaque Psoriasis Patients

In addition to the 50 mg twice weekly recommended starting dose, starting doses of 25 mg or 50 mg per week were shown to be efficacious. The proportion of responders was related to etanercept dosage [see *Clinical Studies* (14.5)].

## 2.4 Recommended Dosage for Pediatric Patients with Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, and Plaque Psoriasis

The recommended weight-based dosage for pediatric patients is administered by subcutaneous injection (Table 2).

**Table 2. Recommended Dosage for Pediatric Patients with pJIA and PsO**

Body Weight	Recommended Dosage
63 kg (138 pounds) or more	50 mg weekly

**There is no dosage form for Etanercept-ykro that allows weight-based dosing for pediatric patients below 63 kg (138 pounds).**

Dosages of etanercept products higher than those described in Table 2 have not been studied in pediatric patients.

In pJIA patients, glucocorticoids, NSAIDs, or analgesics may be continued during treatment with Etanercept-ykro.

## 2.5 Preparation Instructions for Etanercept-ykro

Etanercept-ykro is intended for use under the guidance and supervision of a physician. Patients may self-inject when deemed appropriate and if they receive medical follow-up, as necessary. Patients should not self-administer until they receive proper training in how to prepare and administer the correct dose. Administer injections subcutaneously in the thigh, abdomen or outer area of the upper arm.

The Etanercept-ykro “Instructions for Use” insert for each presentation contains more detailed instructions on injection site selection and the preparation of Etanercept-ykro.

### Preparation of Etanercept-ykro Single-dose Prefilled Syringe

For a more comfortable injection, leave Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled syringe at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before injecting. DO NOT remove the needle cover while allowing the prefilled syringe to reach room temperature.

Inspect visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. There may be small white particles of protein in the solution. This is not unusual for proteinaceous solutions. The solution should not be used if discolored or cloudy, or if foreign particulate matter is present.

### Preparation of Etanercept-ykro Single-dose Prefilled Auto Injector Pen

For a more comfortable injection, leave Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled pen at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before injecting. DO NOT remove the needle cover while allowing the prefilled pen to reach room temperature.

Inspect visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. There may be small white particles of protein in the solution. This is not unusual for proteinaceous solutions. The solution should not be used if discolored or cloudy, or if foreign particulate matter is present.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Injection: 25 mg/0.5 mL and 50 mg/mL clear to opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution in a single-dose prefilled syringe
- Injection: 50 mg/mL clear to opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution in a single-dose prefilled auto injector pen

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Etanercept-ykro is contraindicated in patients with sepsis.

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

## 5.1 Serious Infections

Patients treated with Etanercept-ykro are at increased risk for developing serious infections involving various organ systems and sites that may lead to hospitalization or death.

Opportunistic infections due to bacterial, mycobacterial, invasive fungal, viral, parasitic, or other opportunistic pathogens including aspergillosis, blastomycosis, candidiasis, coccidioidomycosis, histoplasmosis, legionellosis, listeriosis, pneumocystosis, and tuberculosis have been reported with TNF blockers. Patients have frequently presented with disseminated rather than localized disease.

Treatment with Etanercept-ykro should not be initiated in patients with an active infection, including clinically important localized infections. Patients greater than 65 years of age, patients with co-morbid conditions, and/or patients taking concomitant immunosuppressants (such as corticosteroids or methotrexate), may be at greater risk of infection. The risks and benefits of treatment should be considered prior to initiating therapy in patients:

- With chronic or recurrent infection;
- Who have been exposed to tuberculosis;
- With a history of an opportunistic infection;
- Who have resided or traveled in areas of endemic tuberculosis or endemic mycoses, such as histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, or blastomycosis; or
- With underlying conditions that may predispose them to infection, such as advanced or poorly controlled diabetes [see *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)].

Patients should be closely monitored for the development of signs and symptoms of infection during and after treatment with Etanercept-ykro.

Etanercept-ykro should be discontinued if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis. A patient who develops a new infection during treatment with Etanercept-ykro should be closely monitored, undergo a prompt and complete diagnostic workup appropriate for an immunocompromised patient, and appropriate antimicrobial therapy should be initiated.

### Tuberculosis

Cases of reactivation of tuberculosis or new tuberculosis infections have been observed in patients receiving etanercept products, including patients who have previously received treatment for latent or active tuberculosis. Data from clinical trials and preclinical studies suggest that the risk of reactivation of latent tuberculosis infection is lower with etanercept than with TNF-blocking monoclonal antibodies. Nonetheless, postmarketing cases of tuberculosis reactivation have been reported for TNF blockers, including etanercept products. Tuberculosis has developed in patients who tested negative for latent tuberculosis prior to initiation of therapy. Patients should be evaluated for tuberculosis risk factors and tested for latent infection prior to initiating Etanercept-ykro and periodically during therapy. Tests for latent tuberculosis infection may be falsely negative while on therapy with Etanercept-ykro.

Treatment of latent tuberculosis infection prior to therapy with TNF-blocking agents has been shown to reduce the risk of tuberculosis reactivation during therapy. Induration of 5 mm or greater with tuberculin skin testing should be considered a positive test result when assessing if treatment for latent tuberculosis is needed prior to initiating Etanercept-ykro, even for patients previously vaccinated with Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG).

Anti-tuberculosis therapy should also be considered prior to initiation of Etanercept-ykro in patients with a past history of latent or active tuberculosis in whom an adequate course of treatment cannot be confirmed, and for patients with a negative test for latent tuberculosis but having risk factors for tuberculosis infection. Consultation with a physician with expertise in the treatment of tuberculosis is recommended to aid in the decision whether initiating anti-tuberculosis therapy is appropriate for an individual patient.

Tuberculosis should be strongly considered in patients who develop a new infection during Etanercept-ykro treatment, especially in patients who have previously or recently traveled to countries with a high prevalence of tuberculosis, or who have had close contact with a person with active tuberculosis.

#### Invasive Fungal Infections

Cases of serious and sometimes fatal fungal infections, including histoplasmosis, have been reported with TNF blockers, including etanercept products. For patients who reside or travel in regions where mycoses are endemic, invasive fungal infection should be suspected if they develop a serious systemic illness. Appropriate empiric anti-fungal therapy should be considered while a diagnostic workup is being performed. Antigen and antibody testing for histoplasmosis may be negative in some patients with active infection. When feasible, the decision to administer empiric anti-fungal therapy in these patients should be made in consultation with a physician with expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of invasive fungal infections and should take into account both the risk for severe fungal infection and the risks of anti-fungal therapy. In 38 etanercept clinical trials and 4 cohort studies in all approved indications representing 27,169 patient-years of exposure (17,696 patients) from the United States and Canada, no histoplasmosis infections were reported among patients treated with etanercept.

### **5.2 Neurologic Reactions**

Treatment with TNF-blocking agents, including etanercept products, has been associated with rare (< 0.1%) cases of new onset or exacerbation of central nervous system demyelinating disorders, some presenting with mental status changes and some associated with permanent disability, and with peripheral nervous system demyelinating disorders. Cases of transverse myelitis, optic neuritis, multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barre syndromes, other peripheral demyelinating neuropathies, and new onset or exacerbation of seizure disorders have been reported in postmarketing experience with etanercept products therapy. Prescribers should exercise caution in considering the use of Etanercept-ykro in patients with preexisting or recent-onset central or peripheral nervous system demyelinating disorders [*see- Postmarketing Experience (6.3)*].

### **5.3 Malignancies**

#### Lymphomas

In the controlled portions of clinical trials of TNF-blocking agents, more cases of lymphoma have been observed among patients receiving a TNF-blocker compared to control patients. During the controlled portions of etanercept trials in adult patients with RA, AS, and PsA, 2 lymphomas were observed among 3306 etanercept-treated patients versus 0 among 1521 control patients (duration of controlled treatment ranged from 3 to 36 months).

Among 6543 adult rheumatology (RA, PsA, AS) patients treated with etanercept in controlled and uncontrolled portions of clinical trials, representing approximately 12,845 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of lymphoma was 0.10 cases per 100 patient-years. This was 3-fold higher than the rate of lymphoma expected in the general U.S. population based on the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Database. An increased rate of lymphoma up to several-fold has been reported in the RA patient population, and may be further increased in patients with more severe disease activity.

Among 4410 adult PsO patients treated with etanercept in clinical trials up to 36 months, representing approximately 4278 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of lymphoma was 0.05 cases per 100 patient-years, which is comparable to the rate in the general population. No cases were observed in etanercept- or placebo-treated patients during the controlled portions of these trials.

#### Leukemia

Cases of acute and chronic leukemia have been reported in association with postmarketing TNF blocker use in rheumatoid arthritis and other indications. Even in the absence of TNF blocker therapy, patients with rheumatoid arthritis may be at higher risk (approximately 2-fold) than the general population for the development of leukemia.

During the controlled portions of etanercept trials, 2 cases of leukemia were observed among 5445 (0.06 cases per 100 patient-years) etanercept-treated patients versus 0 among 2890 (0%) control patients (duration of controlled treatment ranged from 3 to 48 months).



Among 15,401 patients treated with etanercept in controlled and open portions of clinical trials representing approximately 23,325 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of leukemia was 0.03 cases per 100 patient-years.

#### Other Malignancies

Information is available from 10,953 adult patients with 17,123 patient-years and 696 pediatric patients with 1282 patient-years of experience across 45 etanercept clinical studies.

For malignancies other than lymphoma and non-melanoma skin cancer, there was no difference in exposure- adjusted rates between the etanercept and control arms in the controlled portions of clinical studies for all indications. Analysis of the malignancy rate in combined controlled and uncontrolled portions of studies has demonstrated that types and rates are similar to what is expected in the general U.S. population based on the SEER database and suggests no increase in rates over time. Whether treatment with etanercept products might influence the development and course of malignancies in adults is unknown.

#### Melanoma and Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer (NMSC)

Melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer has been reported in patients treated with TNF antagonists including etanercept products.

Among 15,401 patients treated with etanercept in controlled and open portions of clinical trials representing approximately 23,325 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of melanoma was 0.043 cases per 100 patient-years.

Among 3306 adult rheumatology (RA, PsA, AS) patients treated with etanercept in controlled clinical trials representing approximately 2669 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of NMSC was 0.41 cases per 100 patient-years vs 0.37 cases per 100 patient-years among 1521 control-treated patients representing 1077 patient-years. Among 1245 adult PsO patients treated with etanercept in controlled clinical trials, representing approximately 283 patient-years of therapy, the observed rate of NMSC was 3.54 cases per 100 patient-years vs 1.28 cases per 100 patient-years among 720 control-treated patients representing 156 patient-years.

Postmarketing cases of Merkel cell carcinoma have been reported very infrequently in patients treated with etanercept products.

Periodic skin examinations should be considered for all patients at increased risk for skin cancer.

#### Pediatric Patients

Malignancies, some fatal, have been reported among children, adolescents, and young adults who received treatment with TNF-blocking agents (initiation of therapy at  $\leq 18$  years of age), including etanercept products. Approximately half the cases were lymphomas, including Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The other cases represented a variety of different malignancies and included rare malignancies usually associated with immunosuppression and malignancies that are not usually observed in children and adolescents. The malignancies occurred after a median of 30 months of therapy (range 1 to 84 months). Most of the patients were receiving concomitant immunosuppressants. These cases were reported postmarketing and are derived from a variety of sources, including registries and spontaneous postmarketing reports.

In clinical trials of 1140 pediatric patients representing 1927.2 patient-years of therapy, no malignancies, including lymphoma or NMSC, have been reported.

#### Postmarketing Use

In global postmarketing adult and pediatric use, lymphoma and other malignancies have been reported.

### **5.4 New Onset or Worsening of Heart Failure**

Two clinical trials evaluating the use of etanercept in the treatment of heart failure were terminated early due to lack of efficacy. One of these studies suggested higher mortality in etanercept-treated patients compared to placebo [*see Adverse Reactions (6.2)*]. There have been postmarketing reports of worsening of congestive heart failure (CHF), with and without identifiable precipitating factors, in patients taking etanercept products. There have also been rare ( $< 0.1\%$ ) reports of new onset CHF, including CHF in patients without known preexisting cardiovascular disease. Some of these patients have been under 50 years of age. Physicians should exercise caution when using Etanercept-

ykro in patients who also have heart failure, and monitor patients carefully.

### **5.5 Hematologic Reactions**

Rare (< 0.1%) reports of pancytopenia, including very rare (< 0.01%) reports of aplastic anemia, some with a fatal outcome, have been reported in patients treated with etanercept. The causal relationship to the therapy with etanercept products remains unclear. Although no high-risk group has been identified, caution should be exercised in patients being treated with Etanercept-ykro who have a previous history of significant hematologic abnormalities. All patients should be advised to seek immediate medical attention if they develop signs and symptoms suggestive of blood dyscrasias or infection (eg, persistent fever, bruising, bleeding, pallor) while on Etanercept-ykro. Discontinuation of Etanercept-ykro therapy should be considered in patients with confirmed significant hematologic abnormalities.

Two percent of patients treated concurrently with etanercept and anakinra developed neutropenia ( $ANC < 1 \times 10^9/L$ ). While neutropenic, one patient developed cellulitis that resolved with antibiotic therapy.

### **5.6 Hepatitis B Reactivation**

Reactivation of hepatitis B in patients who were previously infected with the hepatitis B virus (HBV) and had received concomitant TNF-blocking agents, including very rare cases (< 0.01%) with etanercept, has been reported. In some instances, hepatitis B reactivation occurring in conjunction with TNF blocker therapy has been fatal. The majority of these reports have occurred in patients concomitantly receiving other medications that suppress the immune system, which may also contribute to hepatitis B reactivation. Patients at risk for HBV infection should be evaluated for prior evidence of HBV infection before initiating TNF blocker therapy. Prescribers should exercise caution in prescribing TNF blockers in patients previously infected with HBV. Adequate data are not available on the safety or efficacy of treating patients who are carriers of HBV with anti-viral therapy in conjunction with TNF-blocker therapy to prevent HBV reactivation. Patients previously infected with HBV and requiring treatment with Etanercept-ykro should be closely monitored for clinical and laboratory signs of active HBV infection throughout therapy and for several months following termination of therapy. In patients who develop HBV reactivation, consideration should be given to stopping Etanercept-ykro and initiating anti-viral therapy with appropriate supportive treatment. The safety of resuming therapy with etanercept products after HBV reactivation is controlled is not known. Therefore, prescribers should weigh the risks and benefits when considering resumption of therapy in this situation.

### **5.7 Allergic Reactions**

Allergic reactions associated with administration of etanercept during clinical trials have been reported in < 2% of patients. If an anaphylactic reaction or other serious allergic reaction occurs, discontinue administration of Etanercept-ykro and initiate appropriate therapy immediately.

### **5.8 Immunizations**

Avoid concurrent administration of live vaccines with Etanercept-ykro. It is recommended that patients, if possible, be brought up-to-date with all immunizations in agreement with current immunization guidelines prior to initiating Etanercept-ykro therapy [*see Drug Interactions (7.1) and Use in Specific Populations (8.4)*].

### **5.9 Autoimmunity**

Treatment with Etanercept-ykro may result in the formation of autoantibodies [*see Adverse Reactions (6.1)*] and, rarely (< 0.1%), in the development of a lupus-like syndrome or autoimmune hepatitis [*see Adverse Reactions (6.2)*], which may resolve following withdrawal of Etanercept-ykro. If a patient develops symptoms and findings suggestive of a lupus-like syndrome or autoimmune hepatitis following treatment with Etanercept-ykro, discontinue treatment and evaluate the patient.

### **5.10 Immunosuppression**

TNF mediates inflammation and modulates cellular immune responses. TNF-blocking agents, including etanercept products, affect host defenses against infections. The effect of TNF inhibition on the development and course of malignancies is not fully understood. In a study of 49 patients with RA treated with etanercept, there was no evidence

of depression of delayed-type hypersensitivity, depression of immunoglobulin levels, or change in enumeration of effector cell populations [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1, 5.3) and *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)].

### **5.11 Not Recommended for Use in Patients with Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis Receiving Immunosuppressants**

The use of Etanercept-ykro in patients with granulomatosis with polyangiitis receiving immunosuppressive agents is not recommended. In a study of patients with granulomatosis with polyangiitis, the addition of etanercept to standard therapy (including cyclophosphamide) was associated with a higher incidence of non-cutaneous solid malignancies and was not associated with improved clinical outcomes when compared with standard therapy alone [see *Drug Interactions* (7.3)].

### **5.12 Not Recommended for Use with Anakinra or Abatacept**

Use of Etanercept-ykro with anakinra or abatacept is not recommended [see *Drug Interactions* (7.2)].

### **5.13 Increased Mortality in Patients with Moderate to Severe Alcoholic Hepatitis**

In a study of 48 hospitalized patients treated with etanercept or placebo for moderate to severe alcoholic hepatitis, the mortality rate in patients treated with etanercept was similar to patients treated with placebo at 1 month but significantly higher after 6 months. Physicians should use caution when using Etanercept-ykro in patients with moderate to severe alcoholic hepatitis.

## **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The following serious adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in other sections of the labeling:

- Serious Infections [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)]
- Neurologic Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)]
- Malignancies [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)]
- Patients with Heart Failure [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)]
- Hematologic Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)]
- Hepatitis B Reactivation [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6)]
- Allergic Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.7)]
- Autoimmunity [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.9)]
- Immunosuppression [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.10)]

### **6.1 Clinical Trials Experience**

Across clinical studies and postmarketing experience, the most serious adverse reactions with etanercept were infections, neurologic events, CHF, and hematologic events [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5)]. The most common adverse reactions with etanercept were infections and injection site reactions.

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reactions rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not predict the rates observed in clinical practice.

#### **Adverse Reactions in Adult Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, or Plaque Psoriasis**

The data described below reflect exposure to etanercept in 2219 adult patients with RA followed for up to 80 months, in 182 patients with PsA for up to 24 months, in 138 patients with AS for up to 6 months, and in 1204 adult patients with PsO for up to 18 months.

In controlled trials, the proportion of etanercept-treated patients who discontinued treatment due to adverse events was approximately 4% in the indications studied.

### Adverse Reactions in Pediatric Patients

In general, the adverse reactions in pediatric patients were similar in frequency and type as those seen in adult patients [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5), *Use in Specific Populations* (8.4), and *Clinical Studies* (14.2 and 14.6)].

In a 48-week clinical study in 211 children aged 4 to 17 years with pediatric PsO, the adverse reactions reported were similar to those seen in previous studies in adults with PsO. Long-term safety profile for up to 264 additional weeks was assessed in an open-label extension study and no new safety signals were identified.

In open-label clinical studies of children with JIA, adverse reactions reported in those ages 2 to 4 years were similar to adverse reactions reported in older children.

### Infections

Infections, including viral, bacterial, and fungal infections, have been observed in adult and pediatric patients. Infections have been noted in all body systems and have been reported in patients receiving etanercept alone or in combination with other immunosuppressive agents.

In controlled portions of trials, the types and severity of infection were similar between etanercept and the respective control group (placebo or MTX for RA and PsA patients) in RA, PsA, AS and PsO patients. Rates of infections in RA and adult PsO patients are provided in Table 3 and Table 4, respectively. Infections consisted primarily of upper respiratory tract infection, sinusitis and influenza.

In controlled portions of trials in RA, PsA, AS and PsO, the rates of serious infection were similar (0.8% in placebo, 3.6% in MTX, and 1.4% in etanercept/etanercept + MTX-treated groups). In clinical trials in rheumatologic indications, serious infections experienced by patients have included, but are not limited to, pneumonia, cellulitis, septic arthritis, bronchitis, gastroenteritis, pyelonephritis, sepsis, abscess and osteomyelitis. In clinical trials in adult PsO patients, serious infections experienced by patients have included, but are not limited to, pneumonia, cellulitis, gastroenteritis, abscess and osteomyelitis. The rate of serious infections was not increased in open-label extension trials and was similar to that observed in etanercept- and placebo-treated patients from controlled trials.

In 66 global clinical trials of 17,505 patients (21,015 patient-years of therapy), tuberculosis was observed in approximately 0.02% of patients. In 17,696 patients (27,169 patient-years of therapy) from 38 clinical trials and 4 cohort studies in the U.S. and Canada, tuberculosis was observed in approximately 0.006% of patients. These studies include reports of pulmonary and extrapulmonary tuberculosis [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].

The types of infections reported in pediatric patients with PsO and JIA were generally mild and consistent with those commonly seen in the general pediatric population. Two JIA patients developed varicella infection and signs and symptoms of aseptic meningitis, which resolved without sequelae.

### Injection Site Reactions

In placebo-controlled trials in rheumatologic indications, approximately 37% of patients treated with etanercept developed injection site reactions. In controlled trials in patients with PsO, 15% of adult patients and 7% of pediatric patients treated with etanercept developed injection site reactions during the first 3 months of treatment. All injection site reactions were described as mild to moderate (erythema, itching, pain, swelling, bleeding, bruising) and generally did not necessitate drug discontinuation. Injection site reactions generally occurred in the first month and subsequently decreased in frequency. The mean duration of injection site reactions was 3 to 5 days. Seven percent of patients experienced redness at a previous injection site when subsequent injections were given.

### Other Adverse Reactions

Table 3 summarizes adverse reactions reported in adult RA patients. The types of adverse reactions seen in patients with PsA or AS were similar to the types of adverse reactions seen in patients with RA.

**Table 3. Percent of Adult RA Patients Experiencing Adverse Reactions in Controlled Clinical Trials**

Adverse Reaction	Placebo Controlled <sup>a</sup> (Studies I, II, and a Phase 2 Study)		Active Controlled <sup>b</sup> (Study III)	
	Placebo (N=152)	Etanercept <sup>c</sup> (N=349)	MTX (N=217)	Etanercept <sup>c</sup> (N=415)

	Percent of Patients		Percent of Patients	
Infection <sup>d</sup> (total)	39	50	86	81
Upper Respiratory Infections <sup>e</sup>	30	38	70	65
Non-upper Respiratory Infections	15	21	59	54
Injection Site Reactions	11	37	18	43
Diarrhea	9	8	16	16
Rash	2	3	19	13
Pruritus	1	2	5	5
Pyrexia	-	3	4	2
Urticaria	1	-	4	2
Hypersensitivity	-	-	1	1

<sup>a</sup> Includes data from the 6-month study in which patients received concurrent MTX therapy in both arms.

<sup>b</sup> Study duration of 2 years.

<sup>c</sup> Any dose.

<sup>d</sup> Includes bacterial, viral and fungal infections.

<sup>e</sup> Most frequent Upper Respiratory Infections were upper respiratory tract infection, sinusitis and influenza.

In placebo-controlled adult PsO trials, the percentages of patients reporting adverse reactions in the 50 mg twice a week dose group were similar to those observed in the 25 mg twice a week dose group or placebo group.

Table 4 summarizes adverse reactions reported in adult PsO patients from Studies I and II.

**Table 4. Percent of Adult PsO Patients Experiencing Adverse Reactions in Placebo-Controlled Portions of Clinical Trials (Studies I & II)**

Adverse Reaction	Placebo (N=359)	Etanercept <sup>a</sup> (N=876)
	Percent of Patients	
Infection <sup>b</sup> (total)	28	27
Non-upper Respiratory Infections	14	12
Upper Respiratory Infections <sup>c</sup>	17	17
Injection Site Reactions	6	15
Diarrhea	2	3
Rash	1	1
Pruritus	2	1
Urticaria	-	1
Hypersensitivity	-	1
Pyrexia	1	-

<sup>a</sup> Includes 25 mg subcutaneous (SC) once weekly (QW), 25 mg SC twice weekly (BIW), 50 mg SC QW, and 50 mg SC BIW doses.

<sup>b</sup> Includes bacterial, viral and fungal infections.

° Most frequent Upper Respiratory Infections were upper respiratory tract infection, nasopharyngitis and sinusitis.

## 6.2 Immunogenicity

The observed incidence of anti-drug antibodies is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Differences in assay methods preclude meaningful comparisons of the incidence of anti-drug antibodies in the studies described below with the incidence of anti-drug antibodies in other studies, including those of etanercept or of other etanercept products.

### Immunogenicity

Patients with RA, PsA, AS or PsO were tested at multiple time points for antibodies to etanercept. Antibodies to the TNF receptor portion or other protein components of the etanercept drug product were detected at least once in sera of approximately 6% of adult patients with RA, PsA, AS or PsO. These antibodies were all non-neutralizing. Results from JIA patients were similar to those seen in adult RA patients treated with etanercept.

In adult PsO studies that evaluated the exposure of etanercept for up to 120 weeks, the percentage of patients testing positive at the assessed time points of 24, 48, 72 and 96 weeks ranged from 3.6%-8.7% and were all non-neutralizing. The percentage of patients testing positive increased with an increase in the duration of study; however, the clinical significance of this finding is unknown. No apparent correlation of antibody development to clinical response or adverse events was observed. The immunogenicity data of etanercept beyond 120 weeks of exposure are unknown.

In pediatric PsO studies, approximately 10% of subjects developed antibodies to etanercept by Week 48 and approximately 16% of subjects developed antibodies to etanercept by Week 264. All of these antibodies were non-neutralizing. However, because of the limitations of the immunogenicity assays, the incidence of binding and neutralizing antibodies may not have been reliably determined.

The data reflect the percentage of patients whose test results were considered positive for antibodies to etanercept in an ELISA assay, and are highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay.

### Autoantibodies

Patients with RA had serum samples tested for autoantibodies at multiple time points. In RA Studies I and II, the percentage of patients evaluated for antinuclear antibodies (ANA) who developed new positive ANA (titer  $\geq$  1:40) was higher in patients treated with etanercept (11%) than in placebo-treated patients (5%). The percentage of patients who developed new positive anti-double-stranded DNA antibodies was also higher by radioimmunoassay (15% of patients treated with etanercept compared to 4% of placebo-treated patients) and by Crithidia luciliae assay (3% of patients treated with etanercept compared to none of placebo-treated patients). The proportion of patients treated with etanercept who developed anticardiolipin antibodies was similarly increased compared to placebo-treated patients. In RA Study III, no pattern of increased autoantibody development was seen in etanercept patients compared to MTX patients [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.9)].

## 6.3 Postmarketing Experience

Adverse reactions have been reported during post approval use of etanercept products in adults and pediatric patients. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to etanercept exposure.

Adverse reactions are listed by body system below:

Blood and lymphatic system disorders:	pancytopenia, anemia, leukopenia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, lymphadenopathy, aplastic anemia [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> (5.5)]
Cardiac disorders:	congestive heart failure [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> (5.4)]
Gastrointestinal disorders:	inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

General disorders:	angioedema, chest pain
Hepatobiliary disorders:	autoimmune hepatitis, elevated transaminases, hepatitis B reactivation
Immune disorders:	macrophage activation syndrome, systemic vasculitis, sarcoidosis
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:	lupus-like syndrome
Neoplasms benign, malignant, and unspecified:	melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers, Merkel cell carcinoma [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> (5.3)]
Nervous system disorders:	convulsions, multiple sclerosis, demyelination, optic neuritis, transverse myelitis, paresthesias, headache [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> (5.2)]
Ocular disorders:	uveitis, scleritis
Renal and urinary disorders:	glomerulonephritis
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:	interstitial lung disease
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:	cutaneous lupus erythematosus, cutaneous vasculitis (including leukocytoclastic vasculitis), erythema multiforme, Stevens- Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, subcutaneous nodule, new or worsening psoriasis (all subtypes including pustular and palmoplantar)

Opportunistic infections, including atypical mycobacterial infection, herpes zoster, aspergillosis and *Pneumocystis jiroveci* pneumonia, and protozoal infections have also been reported in postmarketing use.

Rare (< 0.1%) cases of IBD have been reported in JIA patients receiving etanercept, which is not effective for the treatment of IBD.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Specific drug interaction studies have not been conducted with etanercept products.

### 7.1 Vaccines

Most PsA patients receiving etanercept were able to mount effective B-cell immune responses to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, but titers in aggregate were moderately lower and fewer patients had 2-fold rises in titers compared to patients not receiving etanercept. The clinical significance of this is unknown. Patients receiving Etanercept-ykro may receive concurrent vaccinations, except for live vaccines. No data are available on the secondary transmission of infection by live vaccines in patients receiving etanercept products.

Patients with a significant exposure to varicella virus should temporarily discontinue Etanercept-ykro therapy and be considered for prophylactic treatment with varicella zoster immune globulin [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.8, 5.10)].

### 7.2 Immune-Modulating Biologic Products

In a study in which patients with active RA were treated for up to 24 weeks with concurrent etanercept and anakinra therapy, a 7% rate of serious infections was observed, which was higher than that observed with etanercept alone (0%) [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.12)] and did not result in higher ACR response rates compared to etanercept alone. The most common infections consisted of bacterial pneumonia (4 cases) and cellulitis (4 cases). One patient with pulmonary fibrosis and pneumonia died due to respiratory failure. Two percent of patients treated concurrently with etanercept and anakinra developed neutropenia (ANC < 1 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L).

In clinical studies, concurrent administration of abatacept and etanercept resulted in increased incidences of serious adverse events, including infections, and did not demonstrate increased clinical benefit [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.12)*].

### 7.3 Cyclophosphamide

The use of Etanercept-ykro in patients receiving concurrent cyclophosphamide therapy is not recommended [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.11)*].

### 7.4 Sulfasalazine

Patients in a clinical study who were on established therapy with sulfasalazine, to which etanercept was added, were noted to develop a mild decrease in mean neutrophil counts in comparison to groups treated with either etanercept or sulfasalazine alone. The clinical significance of this observation is unknown.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

Available studies with use of etanercept during pregnancy do not reliably support an association between etanercept and major birth defects. Clinical data are available from the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS) Pregnancy Registry in women with rheumatic diseases or psoriasis and a Scandinavian study in pregnant women with chronic inflammatory disease. Both the OTIS Registry and the Scandinavian study showed the proportion of liveborn infants with major birth defects was higher for women exposed to etanercept compared to diseased etanercept unexposed women. However, the lack of pattern of major birth defects is reassuring and differences between exposure groups (eg. disease severity) may have impacted the occurrence of birth defects (*see Data*).

Reports of etanercept use during the third trimester of pregnancy demonstrated that placental transfer of etanercept was low in infants at birth (*see Data*). There are risks to the mother and fetus associated with active rheumatoid arthritis. The theoretical risks of administration of live or live-attenuated vaccines to the infants exposed *in utero* to Etanercept-ykro should be weighed against the benefits of vaccinations (*see Clinical Considerations*).

In animal reproduction studies with pregnant rats and rabbits, no fetal harm or malformations were observed with subcutaneous administration of etanercept during the period of organogenesis at doses that achieved systemic exposures 48 to 58 times the exposure in patients treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly (*see Data*).

All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated populations is unknown. In the United States, about 2-4% of liveborn babies have a major birth defect and about 15-20% of pregnancies end in miscarriage, regardless of drug exposure.

#### Clinical Considerations

##### *Disease-Associated Maternal and/or Embryo/Fetal Risk*

Published data suggest that the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes in women with rheumatoid arthritis is correlated with maternal disease activity and that active disease increases the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, including fetal loss, preterm delivery (before 37 weeks of gestation), low birth weight (less than 2500 g) and small for gestational age birth.

##### *Fetal/Neonatal Adverse Reactions*

The risk of fetal/neonatal adverse reactions with *in utero* exposure to etanercept products is unknown. Risks and benefits should be considered prior to administering live or live-attenuated vaccines to infants exposed to Etanercept-ykro *in utero* [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)* and *Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

#### Data



### *Human Data*

A prospective cohort pregnancy registry conducted by OTIS in the US and Canada between 2000 and 2012 compared the risk of major birth defects in liveborn infants of women with rheumatic diseases or psoriasis exposed to etanercept in the first trimester. The proportion of major birth defects among liveborn infants in the etanercept-exposed (N = 319) and diseased etanercept unexposed cohorts (N = 144) was 9.4% and 3.5%, respectively. The findings showed no statistically significant increased risk of minor birth defects and no pattern of major or minor birth defects.

A Scandinavian study compared the risk of major birth defects in liveborn infants of women with chronic inflammatory disease (CID) exposed to TNF-inhibitors during early pregnancy. Women were identified from the Danish (2004-2012) and Swedish (2006-2012) population-based health registers. The proportion of major birth defects among liveborn infants in the etanercept-exposed (N=344) and CID etanercept unexposed cohorts (N = 21,549) was 7.0% and 4.7%, respectively.

Overall, while both the OTIS Registry and Scandinavian study show a higher proportion of major birth defects in etanercept-exposed patients compared to diseased etanercept unexposed patients, the lack of pattern of birth defects is reassuring and differences between exposure groups (e.g., disease severity) may have impacted the occurrence of birth defects.

Reports from the literature showed that cord blood levels of etanercept at delivery, in infants born to women administered etanercept during pregnancy, varied from undetectable to 32% of the maternal serum level. In a cohort study of 30 pregnant women with RA, 29 were treated with etanercept until 30 weeks of gestation and 1 was treated until 36 weeks of gestation. Etanercept was not detected in the cord blood sample from any infant at delivery. In three published case reports, etanercept was detected in cord blood at levels of 3.3, 3.6, and 7.4% of the maternal concentration, when etanercept was administered at 50 mg every 7-12 days in pregnancy until 4 days prior to delivery, 25 mg twice weekly until 36 weeks of gestation, and 25 mg subcutaneous every week through the third trimester, respectively. There was one post-marketing safety report of a pregnant woman who received etanercept 25 mg once to twice weekly throughout pregnancy, and etanercept was detected in cord blood at 32% of the maternal concentration.

### *Animal Data*

In embryofetal development studies with etanercept administered during the period of organogenesis to pregnant rats from gestation day (GD) 6 through 20 or pregnant rabbits from GD 6 through 18, there was no evidence of fetal malformations or embryotoxicity in rats or rabbits at respective doses that achieved systemic exposures 48 to 58 times the exposure in patients treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly (on an AUC basis with maternal subcutaneous doses up to 30 mg/kg/day in rats and 40 mg/kg/day in rabbits). In a peri-and post-natal development study with pregnant rats that received etanercept during organogenesis and the later gestational period from GD 6 through 21, development of pups through post-natal day 4 was unaffected at doses that achieved exposures 48 times the exposure in patients treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly (on an AUC basis with maternal subcutaneous doses up to 30 mg/kg/day).

## **8.2 Lactation**

### Risk Summary

Data from published literature show that etanercept is present in low levels in human milk but is not detected in the plasma of breastfed infants (*see Data*). There are no data on the effects of etanercept products on milk production. There have been no consistent reports of adverse events in breastfed infants over decades of use. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Etanercept-ykro and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from the drug or from the underlying maternal condition.

### Data

In three case reports, etanercept was detected in breast milk at levels ranging from <2 to 7.5 ng/mL after lactating women had received doses of etanercept of 25 mg weekly or twice weekly. Although etanercept was detected in breast milk in these cases, etanercept was not detected in the serum of the breastfed infants.

## **8.4 Pediatric Use**

### Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

The safety and effectiveness of Etanercept-ykro have been established in pediatric patients 2 years of age and older with pJIA. Etanercept has been studied in 69 children with moderately to severely active polyarticular JIA 2 to 17 years of age.

The safety and effectiveness of Etanercept-ykro in pediatric patients less than 2 years of age with pJIA have not been established.

#### Plaque Psoriasis

The safety and effectiveness of Etanercept-ykro for plaque psoriasis have been established in pediatric patients 4 years of age and older. Etanercept has been studied in 211 pediatric patients with moderate to severe PsO aged 4 to 17 years.

The safety and effectiveness of Etanercept-ykro in pediatric patients below the age of 4 years with PsO have not been established.

#### Malignancies in Pediatric Patients

Malignancies, some fatal, have been reported among children, adolescents, and young adults who received treatment with TNF-blocking agents (initiation of therapy at  $\leq 18$  years of age), including etanercept products [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)].

### **8.5 Geriatric Use**

A total of 480 RA patients ages 65 years or older have been studied in clinical trials. In PsO randomized clinical trials, a total of 138 out of 1965 patients treated with etanercept or placebo were age 65 or older. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these patients and younger patients, but the number of geriatric PsO patients is too small to determine whether they respond differently from younger patients. Because there is a higher incidence of infections in the elderly population in general, caution should be used in treating the elderly.

### **8.6 Use in Patients with Diabetes**

There have been reports of hypoglycemia following initiation of etanercept therapy in patients receiving medication for diabetes, necessitating a reduction in anti-diabetic medication in some of these patients.

## **10 OVERDOSAGE**

No dose-limiting toxicities have been observed during clinical trials of etanercept. Single IV doses up to 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (approximately twice the recommended dose) have been administered to healthy volunteers in an endotoxemia study without evidence of dose-limiting toxicities.

## **11 DESCRIPTION**

Etanercept-ykro, a tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blocker, is a dimeric fusion protein consisting of the extracellular ligand-binding portion of the human 75 kilodalton (p75) tumor necrosis factor receptor (TNFR) linked to the Fc portion of human IgG1. The Fc component of etanercept-ykro contains the C<sub>H</sub>2 domain, the C<sub>H</sub>3 domain and hinge region, but not the C<sub>H</sub>1 domain of IgG1. Etanercept-ykro is produced by recombinant DNA technology in a Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) mammalian cell expression system. It consists of 934 amino acids and has an apparent molecular weight of approximately 150 kilodaltons.

Etanercept-ykro injection in the single-dose prefilled syringe and the single-dose prefilled auto injector pen is clear to opalescent, colorless to pale yellow, sterile, and preservative-free solution, and is formulated at pH 6.2  $\pm$  0.3.

**Table 5. Contents of Etanercept-ykro**

Presentation	Active Ingredient Content	Inactive Ingredients Content
Etanercept-ykro 50 mg prefilled syringe and prefilled auto injector pen	50 mg Etanercept-ykro in 1 mL	8.18 mg sodium chloride 0.665 mg sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate 1.038 mg sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate 10 mg sucrose Water for Injection, USP
Etanercept-ykro 25 mg prefilled syringe	25 mg Etanercept-ykro in 0.5 mL	4.09 mg sodium chloride 0.333 mg sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate 0.519 mg sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate 5 mg sucrose Water for Injection, USP

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

TNF is a naturally occurring cytokine that is involved in normal inflammatory and immune responses. It plays an important role in the inflammatory processes of RA, polyarticular JIA, PsA, and AS and the resulting joint pathology. In addition, TNF plays a role in the inflammatory process of PsO. Elevated levels of TNF are found in involved tissues and fluids of patients with RA, JIA, PsA, AS, and PsO.

Two distinct receptors for TNF (TNFRs), a 55 kilodalton protein (p55) and a 75 kilodalton protein (p75), exist naturally as monomeric molecules on cell surfaces and in soluble forms. Biological activity of TNF is dependent upon binding to either cell surface TNFR.

Etanercept products are dimeric soluble forms of the p75 TNF receptor that can bind TNF molecules. Etanercept products inhibit binding of TNF- $\alpha$  and TNF- $\beta$  (lymphotoxin alpha [LT- $\alpha$ ]) to cell surface TNFRs, rendering TNF biologically inactive. In *in vitro* studies, large complexes of etanercept with TNF- $\alpha$  were not detected and cells expressing transmembrane TNF (that binds etanercept products) are not lysed in the presence or absence of complement.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Etanercept products can modulate biological responses that are induced or regulated by TNF, including expression of adhesion molecules responsible for leukocyte migration (eg, E-selectin, and to a lesser extent, intercellular adhesion molecule-1 [ICAM-1]), serum levels of cytokines (eg, IL-6), and serum levels of matrix metalloproteinase-3 (MMP-3 or stromelysin). Etanercept products have been shown to affect several animal models of inflammation, including murine collagen-induced arthritis.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

After administration of 25 mg of etanercept by a single SC injection to 25 patients with RA, a mean  $\pm$  standard deviation half-life of  $102 \pm 30$  hours was observed with a clearance of  $160 \pm 80$  mL/hr. A maximum serum concentration ( $C_{\max}$ ) of  $1.1 \pm 0.6$  mcg/mL and time to  $C_{\max}$  of  $69 \pm 34$  hours was observed in these patients following a single 25 mg dose. After 6 months of twice weekly 25 mg doses in these same RA patients, the mean  $C_{\max}$  was  $2.4 \pm 1.0$  mcg/mL ( $N = 23$ ). Patients exhibited a 2- to 7-fold increase in peak serum concentrations and approximately 4-fold increase in  $AUC_{0-72 \text{ hr}}$  (range 1- to 17-fold) with repeated dosing. Serum concentrations in patients with RA

have not been measured for periods of dosing that exceed 6 months.

In another study, serum concentration profiles at steady-state were comparable among patients with RA treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly and those treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly. The mean ( $\pm$  standard deviation)  $C_{max}$ ,  $C_{min}$ , and partial AUC were  $2.4 \pm 1.5$  mcg/mL,  $1.2 \pm 0.7$  mcg/mL, and  $297 \pm 166$  mcg•h/mL, respectively, for patients treated with 50 mg etanercept once weekly (N = 21); and  $2.6 \pm 1.2$  mcg/mL,  $1.4 \pm 0.7$  mcg/mL, and  $316 \pm 135$  mcg•h/mL for patients treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly (N = 16).

Patients with JIA (ages 4 to 17 years) were administered 0.4 mg/kg of etanercept twice weekly (up to a maximum dose of 50 mg per week) for up to 18 weeks. The mean serum concentration after repeated SC dosing was 2.1 mcg/mL, with a range of 0.7 to 4.3 mcg/mL. Limited data suggest that the clearance of etanercept is reduced slightly in children ages 4 to 8 years. Population pharmacokinetic analyses predict that the pharmacokinetic differences between the regimens of 0.4 mg/kg twice weekly and 0.8 mg/kg once weekly in JIA patients are of the same magnitude as the differences observed between twice weekly and weekly regimens in adult RA patients.

The mean ( $\pm$  SD) serum steady-state trough concentrations for 50 mg QW dosing in adult PsA subjects were  $2.1 \pm 1.2$  mcg/mL and  $2.1 \pm 1.4$  mcg/mL at weeks 24 and 48, respectively.

The mean ( $\pm$  SD) serum steady-state trough concentrations for the 50 mg QW dosing in adult PsO subjects were  $1.5 \pm 0.7$  mcg/mL. Pediatric PsO patients (age 4 to 17 years) were administered 0.8 mg/kg of etanercept once weekly (up to a maximum dose of 50 mg per week) for up to 48 weeks. The mean ( $\pm$  SD) serum steady-state trough concentrations ranged from  $1.6 \pm 0.8$  to  $2.1 \pm 1.3$  mcg/mL at weeks 12, 24, and 48.

Overall, the observed etanercept concentrations in patients with JIA and pediatric PsO were within the range of those observed for adult RA, PsA and PsO after administration of etanercept.

In clinical studies with etanercept, pharmacokinetic parameters were not different between men and women and did not vary with age in adult patients. The pharmacokinetics of etanercept were unaltered by concomitant MTX in RA patients. No formal pharmacokinetic studies have been conducted to examine the effects of renal or hepatic impairment on etanercept disposition.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

Long-term animal studies have not been conducted to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of etanercept products or their effect on fertility.

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

### **14.1 Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis**

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in four randomized, double-blind, controlled studies. The results of all four trials were expressed in percentage of patients with improvement in RA using ACR response criteria.

Study I evaluated 234 patients with active RA who were  $\geq 18$  years old, had failed therapy with at least one but no more than four disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) (eg, hydroxychloroquine, oral or injectable gold, MTX, azathioprine, D-penicillamine, sulfasalazine), and had  $\geq 12$  tender joints,  $\geq 10$  swollen joints, and either erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)  $\geq 28$  mm/hr, C-reactive protein (CRP)  $> 2.0$  mg/dL, or morning stiffness for  $\geq 45$  minutes. Doses of 10 mg or 25 mg etanercept or placebo were administered SC twice a week for 6 consecutive months.

Study II evaluated 89 patients and had similar inclusion criteria to Study I except that patients in Study II had additionally received MTX for at least 6 months with a stable dose (12.5 to 25 mg/week) for at least 4 weeks and they had at least 6 tender or painful joints. Patients in Study II received a dose of 25 mg etanercept or placebo SC twice a week for 6 months in addition to their stable MTX dose.

Study III compared the efficacy of etanercept to MTX in patients with active RA. This study evaluated 632 patients who were  $\geq 18$  years old with early ( $\leq 3$  years disease duration) active RA, had never received treatment with MTX, and had  $\geq 12$  tender joints,  $\geq 10$  swollen joints, and either ESR  $\geq 28$  mm/hr, CRP  $> 2.0$  mg/dL, or morning stiffness for  $\geq 45$  minutes. Doses of 10 mg or 25 mg etanercept were administered SC twice a week for 12 consecutive months. The study was unblinded after all patients had completed at least 12 months (and a median of 17.3 months) of therapy. The majority of patients remained in the study on the treatment to which they were randomized through 2 years, after which they entered an extension study and received open-label 25 mg etanercept. MTX tablets (escalated from 7.5 mg/week to a maximum of 20 mg/week over the first 8 weeks of the trial) or placebo tablets were given once a week on the same day as the injection of placebo or etanercept doses, respectively.

Study IV evaluated 682 adult patients with active RA of 6 months to 20 years duration (mean of 7 years) who had an inadequate response to at least one DMARD other than MTX. Forty-three percent of patients had previously received MTX for a mean of 2 years prior to the trial at a mean dose of 12.9 mg. Patients were excluded from this study if MTX had been discontinued for lack of efficacy or for safety considerations. The patient baseline characteristics were similar to those of patients in Study I. Patients were randomized to MTX alone (7.5 to 20 mg weekly, dose escalated as described for Study III; median dose 20 mg), etanercept alone (25 mg twice weekly), or the combination of etanercept and MTX initiated concurrently (at the same doses as above). The study evaluated ACR response, Sharp radiographic score, and safety.

#### Clinical Response

A higher percentage of patients treated with etanercept and etanercept in combination with MTX achieved ACR 20, ACR 50, and ACR 70 responses and Major Clinical Responses than in the comparison groups. The results of Studies I, II, and III are summarized in Table 6. The results of Study IV are summarized in Table 7.

**Table 6. ACR Responses in Placebo- and Active-Controlled Trials  
(Percent of Patients)**

Response	Placebo Controlled				Active Controlled	
	Study I		Study II		Study III	
	Placebo N=80	Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=78	MTX/Placebo N=30	MTX/Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=59	MTX N=217	Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=207
<b>ACR 20</b>						
Month 3	23%	62% <sup>b</sup>	33%	66% <sup>b</sup>	56%	62%
Month 6	11%	59% <sup>b</sup>	27%	71% <sup>b</sup>	58%	65%
Month 12	NA	NA	NA	NA	65%	72%
<b>ACR 50</b>						
Month 3	8%	41% <sup>b</sup>	0%	42% <sup>b</sup>	24%	29%
Month 6	5%	40% <sup>b</sup>	3%	39% <sup>b</sup>	32%	40%
Month 12	NA	NA	NA	NA	43%	49%
<b>ACR 70</b>						
Month 3	4%	15% <sup>b</sup>	0%	15% <sup>b</sup>	7%	13% <sup>c</sup>
Month 6	1%	15% <sup>b</sup>	0%	15% <sup>b</sup>	14%	21% <sup>c</sup>
Month 12	NA	NA	NA	NA	22%	25%

<sup>a</sup> 25 mg etanercept SC twice weekly

<sup>b</sup>  $p < 0.01$ , etanercept vs placebo

<sup>c</sup>  $p < 0.05$ , etanercept vs MTX

**Table 7. Study IV Clinical Efficacy Results: Comparison of MTX vs Etanercept vs Etanercept in Combination With MTX in Patients With Rheumatoid Arthritis of 6 Months to 20 Years Duration  
(Percent of Patients)**

Endpoint	MTX (N=228)	Etanercept (N=223)	Etanercept/MTX (N=231)
<b>ACR N<sup>a, b</sup></b>			
Month 12	40%	47%	63% <sup>c</sup>
<b>ACR 20</b>			
Month 12	59%	66%	75% <sup>c</sup>
<b>ACR 50</b>			

Month 12	36%	43%	63% <sup>c</sup>
<b>ACR 70</b>			
Month 12	17%	22%	40% <sup>c</sup>
<b>Major Clinical Response<sup>d</sup></b>	6%	10%	24% <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Values are medians.

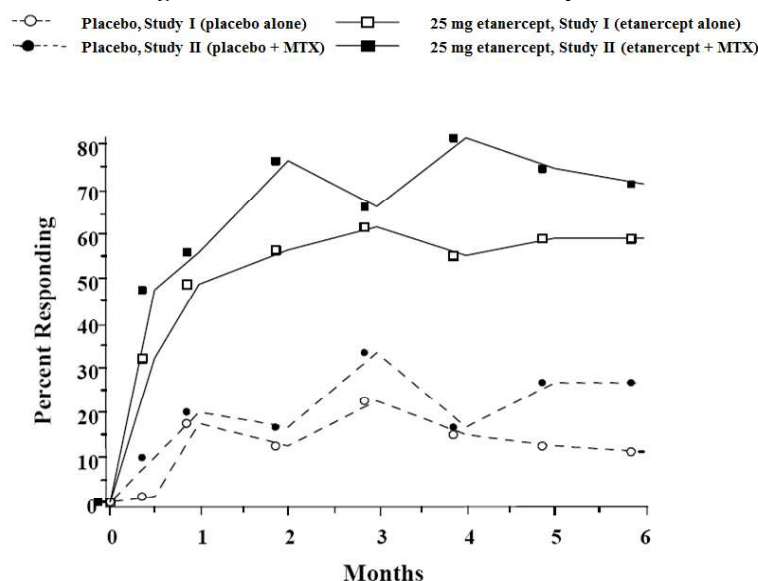
<sup>b</sup> ACR N is the percent improvement based on the same core variables used in defining ACR 20, ACR 50, and ACR 70.

<sup>c</sup>  $p < 0.05$  for comparisons of etanercept/MTX vs etanercept alone or MTX alone.

<sup>d</sup> Major clinical response is achieving an ACR 70 response for a continuous 6-month period.

The time course for ACR 20 response rates for patients receiving placebo or 25 mg etanercept in Studies I and II is summarized in Figure 1. The time course of responses to etanercept in Study III was similar.

**Figure 1. Time Course of ACR 20 Responses**



Among patients receiving etanercept, the clinical responses generally appeared within 1 to 2 weeks after initiation of therapy and nearly always occurred by 3 months. A dose response was seen in Studies I and III: 25 mg etanercept was more effective than 10 mg (10 mg was not evaluated in Study II). Etanercept was significantly better than placebo in all components of the ACR criteria as well as other measures of RA disease activity not included in the ACR response criteria, such as morning stiffness.

In Study III, ACR response rates and improvement in all the individual ACR response criteria were maintained through 24 months of etanercept therapy. Over the 2-year study, 23% of etanercept patients achieved a major clinical response, defined as maintenance of an ACR 70 response over a 6-month period.

The results of the components of the ACR response criteria for Study I are shown in Table 8. Similar results were observed for etanercept-treated patients in Studies II and III.

**Table 8. Components of ACR Response in Study I**

Parameter (median)	Placebo N= 80		Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=78	
	Baseline	3 Months	Baseline	3 Months <sup>*</sup>
Number of tender joints <sup>b</sup>	34.0	29.5	31.2	10.0 <sup>f</sup>
Number of swollen joints <sup>c</sup>	24.0	22.0	23.5	12.6 <sup>f</sup>
Physician global assessment <sup>d</sup>	7.0	6.5	7.0	3.0 <sup>f</sup>
Patient global assessment <sup>d</sup>	7.0	7.0	7.0	3.0 <sup>f</sup>
Pain <sup>d</sup>	6.9	6.6	6.9	2.4 <sup>f</sup>
Disability index <sup>e</sup>	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.0 <sup>f</sup>
ESR (mm/hr)	31.0	32.0	28.0	15.5 <sup>f</sup>
CRP (mg/dL)	2.8	3.9	3.5	0.9 <sup>f</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Results at 6 months showed similar improvement.

<sup>a</sup> 25 mg etanercept SC twice weekly.

<sup>b</sup> Scale 0-71.

<sup>c</sup> Scale 0-68.

<sup>d</sup> Visual analog scale: 0 = best; 10 = worst.

<sup>e</sup> Health Assessment Questionnaire: 0 = best; 3 = worst; includes eight categories: dressing and grooming, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip, and activities.

<sup>f</sup>  $p < 0.01$ , etanercept vs placebo, based on mean percent change from baseline.

After discontinuation of etanercept, symptoms of arthritis generally returned within a month. Reintroduction of treatment with etanercept after discontinuations of up to 18 months resulted in the same magnitudes of response as in patients who received etanercept without interruption of therapy, based on results of open-label studies.

Continued durable responses were seen for over 60 months in open-label extension treatment trials when patients received etanercept without interruption. A substantial number of patients who initially received concomitant MTX or corticosteroids were able to reduce their doses or discontinue these concomitant therapies while maintaining their clinical responses.

#### Physical Function Response

In Studies I, II, and III, physical function and disability were assessed using the Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ). Additionally, in Study III, patients were administered the SF-36 Health Survey. In Studies I and II, patients treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly showed greater improvement from baseline in the HAQ score beginning in month 1 through month 6 in comparison to placebo ( $p < 0.001$ ) for the HAQ disability domain (where 0 = none and 3 = severe). In Study I, the mean improvement in the HAQ score from baseline to month 6 was 0.6 (from 1.6 to 1.0) for the 25 mg etanercept group and 0 (from 1.7 to 1.7) for the placebo group. In Study II, the mean improvement from baseline to month 6 was 0.6 (from 1.5 to 0.9) for the etanercept/MTX group and 0.2 (from 1.3 to 1.2) for the placebo/MTX group. In Study III, the mean improvement in the HAQ score from baseline to month 6 was 0.7 (from 1.5 to 0.7) for 25 mg etanercept twice weekly. All subdomains of the HAQ in Studies I and III were improved in patients treated with etanercept.

In Study III, patients treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly showed greater improvement from baseline in SF-36 physical component summary score compared to etanercept 10 mg twice weekly and no worsening in the SF-36 mental component summary score. In open-label etanercept studies, improvements in physical function and disability measures have been maintained for up to 4 years.

In Study IV, median HAQ scores improved from baseline levels of 1.8, 1.8, and 1.8 to 1.1, 1.0, and 0.6 at 12 months in the MTX, etanercept, and etanercept/MTX combination treatment groups, respectively (combination versus both MTX and etanercept,  $p < 0.01$ ). Twenty-nine percent of patients in the MTX alone treatment group had an improvement of HAQ of at least 1 unit versus 40% and 51% in the etanercept alone and the etanercept/MTX combination treatment groups, respectively.

#### Radiographic Response

In Study III, structural joint damage was assessed radiographically and expressed as change in Total Sharp Score

(TSS) and its components, the erosion score and Joint Space Narrowing (JSN) score. Radiographs of hands/wrists and forefeet were obtained at baseline, 6 months, 12 months, and 24 months and scored by readers who were unaware of treatment group. The results are shown in Table 9. A significant difference for change in erosion score was observed at 6 months and maintained at 12 months.

**Table 9. Mean Radiographic Change Over 6 and 12 Months in Study III**

		MTX	25 mg Etanercept	MTX/Etanercept (95% Confidence Interval*)	P Value
12 Months	Total Sharp Score	1.59	1.00	0.59 (-0.12, 1.30)	0.1
	Erosion Score	1.03	0.47	0.56 (0.11, 1.00)	0.002
	JSN Score	0.56	0.52	0.04 (-0.39, 0.46)	0.5
6 Months	Total Sharp Score	1.06	0.57	0.49 (0.06, 0.91)	0.001
	Erosion Score	0.68	0.30	0.38 (0.09, 0.66)	0.001
	JSN Score	0.38	0.27	0.11 (-0.14, 0.35)	0.6

\* 95% confidence intervals for the differences in change scores between MTX and etanercept.

Patients continued on the therapy to which they were randomized for the second year of Study III. Seventy-two percent of patients had x-rays obtained at 24 months. Compared to the patients in the MTX group, greater inhibition of progression in TSS and erosion score was seen in the 25 mg etanercept group, and, in addition, less progression was noted in the JSN score.

In the open-label extension of Study III, 48% of the original patients treated with 25 mg etanercept have been evaluated radiographically at 5 years. Patients had continued inhibition of structural damage, as measured by the TSS, and 55% of them had no progression of structural damage. Patients originally treated with MTX had further reduction in radiographic progression once they began treatment with etanercept.

In Study IV, less radiographic progression (TSS) was observed with etanercept in combination with MTX compared with etanercept alone or MTX alone at month 12 (Table 10). In the MTX treatment group, 55% of patients experienced no radiographic progression (TSS change  $\leq 0.0$ ) at 12 months compared to 63% and 76% in the etanercept alone and the etanercept/MTX combination treatment groups, respectively.

**Table 10. Mean Radiographic Change in Study IV at 12 Months  
(95% Confidence Interval)**

	MTX (N=212)*	Etanercept (N=212)*	Etanercept/MTX (N=218)*
Total Sharp Score (TSS)	2.80 (1.08, 4.51)	0.52 <sup>a</sup> (-0.10, 1.15)	-0.54 <sup>b, c</sup> (-1.00, -0.07)
Erosion Score (ES)	1.68 (0.61, 2.74)	0.21 <sup>a</sup> (-0.20, 0.61)	-0.30 <sup>b</sup> (-0.65, 0.04)
Joint Space Narrowing (JSN) Score	1.12 (0.34, 1.90)	0.32 (0.00, 0.63)	-0.23 <sup>b, c</sup> (-0.45, -0.02)

\* Analyzed radiographic ITT population.

<sup>a</sup> p < 0.05 for comparison of etanercept vs MTX.

<sup>b</sup> p < 0.05 for comparison of etanercept/MTX vs MTX.

<sup>c</sup> p < 0.05 for comparison of etanercept/MTX vs etanercept.



### Once Weekly Dosing

The safety and efficacy of 50 mg etanercept (two 25 mg SC injections) administered once weekly were evaluated in a double-blind, placebo-controlled study of 420 patients with active RA. Fifty-three patients received placebo, 214 patients received 50 mg etanercept once weekly, and 153 patients received 25 mg etanercept twice weekly. The safety and efficacy profiles of the two etanercept treatment groups were similar.

## **14.2 Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA)**

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in a 2-part study in 69 children with polyarticular JIA who had a variety of JIA onset types. Patients ages 2 to 17 years with moderately to severely active polyarticular JIA refractory to or intolerant of MTX were enrolled; patients remained on a stable dose of a single nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug and/or prednisone ( $\leq 0.2$  mg/kg/day or 10 mg maximum). In part 1, all patients received 0.4 mg/kg (maximum 25 mg per dose) etanercept SC twice weekly. In part 2, patients with a clinical response at day 90 were randomized to remain on etanercept or receive placebo for 4 months and assessed for disease flare. Responses were measured using the JIA Definition of Improvement (DOI), defined as  $\geq 30\%$  improvement in at least three of six and  $\geq 30\%$  worsening in no more than one of the six JIA core set criteria, including active joint count, limitation of motion, physician and patient/parent global assessments, functional assessment, and ESR. Disease flare was defined as a  $\geq 30\%$  worsening in three of the six JIA core set criteria and  $\geq 30\%$  improvement in not more than one of the six JIA core set criteria and a minimum of two active joints.

In part 1 of the study, 51 of 69 (74%) patients demonstrated a clinical response and entered part 2. In part 2, 6 of 25 (24%) patients remaining on etanercept experienced a disease flare compared to 20 of 26 (77%) patients receiving placebo ( $p = 0.007$ ). From the start of part 2, the median time to flare was  $\geq 116$  days for patients who received etanercept and 28 days for patients who received placebo. Each component of the JIA core set criteria worsened in the arm that received placebo and remained stable or improved in the arm that continued on etanercept. The data suggested the possibility of a higher flare rate among those patients with a higher baseline ESR. Of patients who demonstrated a clinical response at 90 days and entered part 2 of the study, some of the patients remaining on etanercept continued to improve from month 3 through month 7, while those who received placebo did not improve.

The majority of JIA patients who developed a disease flare in part 2 and reintroduced etanercept treatment up to 4 months after discontinuation re-responded to etanercept therapy in open-label studies. Most of the responding patients who continued etanercept therapy without interruption have maintained responses for up to 48 months.

Studies have not been done in patients with polyarticular JIA to assess the effects of continued etanercept therapy in patients who do not respond within 3 months of initiating etanercept therapy, or to assess the combination of etanercept with MTX.

## **14.3 Psoriatic Arthritis**

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 205 patients with PsA. Patients were between 18 and 70 years of age and had active PsA ( $\geq 3$  swollen joints and  $\geq 3$  tender joints) in one or more of the following forms: (1) distal interphalangeal (DIP) involvement ( $N=104$ ); (2) polyarticular arthritis (absence of rheumatoid nodules and presence of psoriasis;  $N=173$ ); (3) arthritis mutilans ( $N=3$ ); (4) asymmetric psoriatic arthritis ( $N=81$ ); or (5) ankylosing spondylitis-like ( $N=7$ ). Patients also had plaque psoriasis with a qualifying target lesion  $\geq 2$  cm in diameter. Patients on MTX therapy at enrollment (stable for  $\geq 2$  months) could continue at a stable dose of  $\leq 25$  mg/week MTX. Doses of 25 mg etanercept or placebo were administered SC twice a week during the initial 6-month double-blind period of the study. Patients continued to receive blinded therapy in an up to 6-month maintenance period until all patients had completed the controlled period. Following this, patients received open-label 25 mg etanercept twice a week in a 12-month extension period.

Compared to placebo, treatment with etanercept resulted in significant improvements in measures of disease activity (Table 11).

**Table 11. Components of Disease Activity in Psoriatic Arthritis**

Parameter (median)	Placebo N=104		Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=101	
	Baseline	6 Months	Baseline	6 Months
Number of tender joints <sup>b</sup>	17.0	13.0	18.0	5.0
Number of swollen joints <sup>c</sup>	12.5	9.5	13.0	5.0
Physician global assessment <sup>d</sup>	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0
Patient global assessment <sup>d</sup>	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0
Morning stiffness (minutes)	60	60	60	15
Pain <sup>d</sup>	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0
Disability index <sup>e</sup>	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.3
CRP (mg/dL) <sup>f</sup>	1.1	1.1	1.6	0.2

<sup>a</sup>  $p < 0.001$  for all comparisons between etanercept and placebo at 6 months.

<sup>b</sup> Scale 0-78.

<sup>c</sup> Scale 0-76.

<sup>d</sup> Likert scale: 0=best; 5=worst.

<sup>e</sup> Health Assessment Questionnaire: 0=best; 3=worst; includes eight categories: dressing and grooming, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip, and activities.

<sup>f</sup> Normal range: 0-0.79 mg/dL.

Among patients with PsA who received etanercept, the clinical responses were apparent at the time of the first visit (4 weeks) and were maintained through 6 months of therapy. Responses were similar in patients who were or were not receiving concomitant MTX therapy at baseline. At 6 months, the ACR 20/50/70 responses were achieved by 50%, 37%, and 9%, respectively, of patients receiving etanercept, compared to 13%, 4%, and 1%, respectively, of patients receiving placebo. Similar responses were seen in patients with each of the subtypes of PsA, although few patients were enrolled with the arthritis mutilans and ankylosing spondylitis-like subtypes. The results of this study were similar to those seen in an earlier single-center, randomized, placebo-controlled study of 60 patients with PsA.

The skin lesions of psoriasis were also improved with etanercept, relative to placebo, as measured by percentages of patients achieving improvements in the Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI). Responses increased over time, and at 6 months, the proportions of patients achieving a 50% or 75% improvement in the PASI were 47% and 23%, respectively, in the etanercept group (N=66), compared to 18% and 3%, respectively, in the placebo group (N=62). Responses were similar in patients who were or were not receiving concomitant MTX therapy at baseline.

#### Radiographic Response

Radiographic changes were also assessed in the PsA study. Radiographs of hands and wrists were obtained at baseline and months 6, 12, and 24. A modified Total Sharp Score (TSS), which included distal interphalangeal joints (ie, not identical to the modified TSS used for RA) was used by readers blinded to treatment group to assess the radiographs. Some radiographic features specific to PsA (eg, pencil-and-cup deformity, joint space widening, gross osteolysis, and ankylosis) were included in the scoring system, but others (eg, phalangeal tuft resorption, juxta-articular and shaft periostitis) were not.

Most patients showed little or no change in the modified TSS during this 24-month study (median change of 0 in both patients who initially received etanercept or placebo). More placebo-treated patients experienced larger magnitudes of radiographic worsening (increased TSS) compared to etanercept treatment during the controlled period of the study. At 12 months, in an exploratory analysis, 12% (12 of 104) of placebo patients compared to none of the 101 etanercept-treated patients had increases of 3 points or more in TSS. Inhibition of radiographic progression was maintained in patients who continued on etanercept during the second year. Of the patients with 1-year and 2-year x-rays, 3% (2 of 71) had increases of 3 points or more in TSS at 1 and 2 years.

#### Physical Function Response

In the PsA study, physical function and disability were assessed using the HAQ Disability Index (HAQ-DI) and the SF-36 Health Survey. Patients treated with 25 mg etanercept twice weekly showed greater improvement from baseline in the HAQ-DI score (mean decreases of 54% at both months 3 and 6) in comparison to placebo (mean decreases of 6% at both months 3 and 6) ( $p < 0.001$ ). At months 3 and 6, patients treated with etanercept showed greater

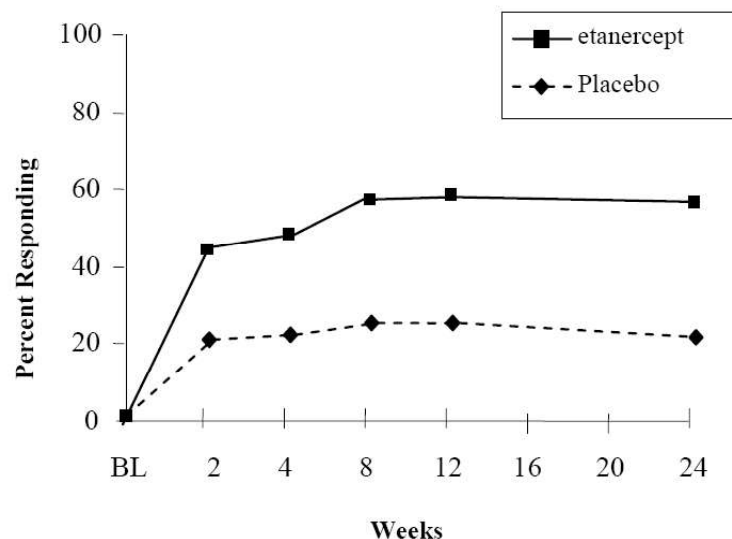
improvement from baseline in the SF-36 physical component summary score compared to patients treated with placebo, and no worsening in the SF-36 mental component summary score. Improvements in physical function and disability measures were maintained for up to 2 years through the open-label portion of the study.

#### 14.4 Ankylosing Spondylitis

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 277 patients with active AS. Patients were between 18 and 70 years of age and had AS as defined by the modified New York Criteria for Ankylosing Spondylitis. Patients were to have evidence of active disease based on values of  $\geq 30$  on a 0-100 unit Visual Analog Scale (VAS) for the average of morning stiffness duration and intensity, and two of the following three other parameters: a) patient global assessment, b) average of nocturnal and total back pain, and c) the average score on the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index (BASFI). Patients with complete ankylosis of the spine were excluded from study participation. Patients taking hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine, methotrexate, or prednisone ( $\leq 10$  mg/day) could continue these drugs at stable doses for the duration of the study. Doses of 25 mg etanercept or placebo were administered SC twice a week for 6 months.

The primary measure of efficacy was a 20% improvement in the Assessment in Ankylosing Spondylitis (ASAS) response criteria. Compared to placebo, treatment with etanercept resulted in improvements in the ASAS and other measures of disease activity (Figure 2 and Table 12).

**Figure 2. ASAS 20 Responses in Ankylosing Spondylitis**



At 12 weeks, the ASAS 20/50/70 responses were achieved by 60%, 45%, and 29%, respectively, of patients receiving etanercept, compared to 27%, 13%, and 7%, respectively, of patients receiving placebo ( $p \leq 0.0001$ , etanercept vs placebo). Similar responses were seen at Week 24. Responses were similar between those patients receiving concomitant therapies at baseline and those who were not. The results of this study were similar to those seen in a single-center, randomized, placebo-controlled study of 40 patients and a multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled study of 84 patients with AS.

**Table 12. Components of Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity**

Median values at time points	Placebo N=139		Etanercept <sup>a</sup> N=138	
	Baseline	6 Months	Baseline	6 Months
ASAS response criteria				
Patient global assessment <sup>b</sup>	63	56	63	36
Back pain <sup>c</sup>	62	56	60	34
BASFI <sup>d</sup>	56	55	52	36
Inflammation <sup>e</sup>	64	57	61	33
Acute phase reactants				
CRP (mg/dL) <sup>f</sup>	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.6
Spinal mobility (cm):				
Modified Schober's test	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.3
Chest expansion	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.9
Occiput-to-wall measurement	5.3	6.0	5.6	4.5

<sup>a</sup>  $p < 0.0015$  for all comparisons between etanercept and placebo at 6 months. P values for continuous endpoints were based on percent change from baseline.

<sup>b</sup> Measured on a Visual Analog Scale (VAS) with 0="none" and 100="severe."

<sup>c</sup> Average of total nocturnal and back pain scores, measured on a VAS with 0="no pain" and 100="most severe pain."

<sup>d</sup> Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index (BASFI), average of 10 questions.

<sup>e</sup> Inflammation represented by the average of the last 2 questions on the 6-question Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI).

<sup>f</sup> C-reactive protein (CRP) normal range: 0-1.0 mg/dL.

#### 14.5 Adult Plaque Psoriasis

The safety and efficacy of etanercept were assessed in two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies in adults with chronic stable PsO involving  $\geq 10\%$  of the body surface area, a minimum Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score of 10 and who had received or were candidates for systemic antipsoriatic therapy or phototherapy. Patients with guttate, erythrodermic, or pustular psoriasis and patients with severe infections within 4 weeks of screening were excluded from study. No concomitant major antipsoriatic therapies were allowed during the study.

Study I evaluated 672 subjects who received placebo or etanercept SC at doses of 25 mg once a week, 25 mg twice a week, or 50 mg twice a week for 3 months. After 3 months, subjects continued on blinded treatments for an additional 3 months during which time subjects originally randomized to placebo began treatment with blinded etanercept at 25 mg twice weekly (designated as placebo/etanercept in Table 13); subjects originally randomized to etanercept continued on the originally randomized dose (designated as etanercept/etanercept groups in Table 13).

Study II evaluated 611 subjects who received placebo or etanercept SC at doses of 25 mg or 50 mg twice a week for 3 months. After 3 months of randomized, blinded treatment, subjects in all three arms began receiving open-label etanercept at 25 mg twice weekly for 9 additional months.

Response to treatment in both studies was assessed after 3 months of therapy and was defined as the proportion of subjects who achieved a reduction in PASI score of at least 75% from baseline. The PASI is a composite score that takes into consideration both the fraction of body surface area affected and the nature and severity of psoriatic changes within the affected regions (induration, erythema and scaling).

Other evaluated outcomes included the proportion of subjects who achieved a score of "clear" or "minimal" by the Static Physician Global Assessment (sPGA) and the proportion of subjects with a reduction of PASI of at least 50% from baseline. The sPGA is a 6-category scale ranging from "5=severe" to "0=none" indicating the physician's overall assessment of the PsO severity focusing on induration, erythema and scaling. Treatment success of "clear" or "minimal" consisted of none or minimal elevation in plaque, up to faint red coloration in erythema and none or minimal fine scale over  $< 5\%$  of the plaque.

Subjects in all treatment groups and in both studies had a median baseline PASI score ranging from 15 to 17, and

the percentage of subjects with baseline sPGA classifications ranged from 54% to 66% for moderate, 17% to 26% for marked and 1% to 5% for severe. Across all treatment groups, the percentage of subjects who previously received systemic therapy for PsO ranged from 61% to 65% in Study I and 71% to 75% in Study II, and those who previously received phototherapy ranged from 44% to 50% in Study I and 72% to 73% in Study II.

More subjects randomized to etanercept than placebo achieved at least a 75% reduction from baseline PASI score (PASI 75) with a dose response relationship across doses of 25 mg once a week, 25 mg twice a week and 50 mg twice a week (Tables 13 and 14). The individual components of the PASI (induration, erythema and scaling) contributed comparably to the overall treatment-associated improvement in PASI.

**Table 13. Study I Outcomes at 3 and 6 Months**

	Placebo/Etanercept 25 mg BIW (N=168)	Etanercept/Etanercept		
		25 mg QW (N=169)	25 mg BIW (N=167)	50 mg BIW (N=168)
<b>3 Months</b>				
PASI 75 n (%)	6 (4%)	23 (14%) <sup>a</sup>	53 (32%) <sup>b</sup>	79 (47%) <sup>b</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		10% (4, 16)	28% (21, 36)	43% (35, 52)
sPGA, “clear” or “minimal” n (%)	8 (5%)	36 (21%) <sup>b</sup>	53 (32%) <sup>b</sup>	79 (47%) <sup>b</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		17% (10, 24)	27% (19, 35)	42% (34, 50)
PASI 50 n (%)	24 (14%)	62 (37%) <sup>b</sup>	90 (54%) <sup>b</sup>	119 (71%) <sup>b</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		22% (13, 31)	40% (30, 49)	57% (48, 65)
<b>6 Months</b>				
PASI 75 n (%)	55 (33%)	36 (21%)	68 (41%)	90 (54%)

<sup>a</sup> p=0.001 compared with placebo.

<sup>b</sup> p < 0.0001 compared with placebo.

**Table 14. Study II Outcomes at 3 Months**

	Placebo (N=204)	Etanercept	
		25 mg BIW (N=204)	50 mg BIW (N=203)
PASI 75 n (%)	6 (3%)	66 (32%) <sup>a</sup>	94 (46%) <sup>a</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		29% (23, 36)	43% (36, 51)
sPGA, “clear” or “minimal” n (%)	7 (3%)	75 (37%) <sup>a</sup>	109 (54%) <sup>a</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		34% (26, 41)	50% (43, 58)
PASI 50 n (%)	18 (9%)	124 (61%) <sup>a</sup>	147 (72%) <sup>a</sup>
Difference (95% CI)		52% (44, 60)	64% (56, 71)

<sup>a</sup> p < 0.0001 compared with placebo.

Among PASI 75 achievers in both studies, the median time to PASI 50 and PASI 75 was approximately 1 month and approximately 2 months, respectively, after the start of therapy with either 25 or 50 mg twice a week.

In Study I, subjects who achieved PASI 75 at month 6 were entered into a study drug withdrawal and retreatment period. Following withdrawal of study drug, these subjects had a median duration of PASI 75 of between 1 and 2 months.

In Study I, among subjects who were PASI 75 responders at 3 months, retreatment with their original blinded etanercept dose after discontinuation of up to 5 months resulted in a similar proportion of responders as in the initial

double-blind portion of the study.

In Study II, most subjects initially randomized to 50 mg twice a week continued in the study after month 3 and had their etanercept dose decreased to 25 mg twice a week. Of the 91 subjects who were PASI 75 responders at month 3, 70 (77%) maintained their PASI 75 response at month 6.

#### 14.6 Pediatric Plaque Psoriasis

A 48-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study enrolled 211 pediatric subjects 4 to 17 years of age, with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) (as defined by a sPGA score  $\geq 3$  [moderate, marked, or severe], involving  $\geq 10\%$  of the body surface area, and a PASI score  $\geq 12$ ) who were candidates for phototherapy or systemic therapy, or were inadequately controlled on topical therapy. Subjects in all treatment groups had a median baseline PASI score of 16.4, and the percentage of subjects with baseline sPGA classifications was 65% for moderate, 31% for marked, and 3% for severe. Across all treatment groups, the percentage of subjects who previously received systemic or phototherapy for PsO was 57%.

Subjects received etanercept 0.8 mg/kg (up to a maximum of 50 mg per dose) or placebo once weekly for the first 12 weeks. After 12 weeks, subjects entered a 24-week open-label treatment period, in which all subjects received etanercept at the same dose. This was followed by a 12-week withdrawal-retreatment period.

Response to treatment was assessed after 12 weeks of therapy and was defined as the proportion of subjects who achieved a reduction in PASI score of at least 75% from baseline. The PASI is a composite score that takes into consideration both the fraction of body surface area affected and the nature and severity of psoriatic changes within the affected regions (induration, erythema and scaling).

Other evaluated outcomes included the proportion of subjects who achieved a score of “clear” or “almost clear” by the sPGA and the proportion of subjects with a reduction in PASI score of at least 90% from baseline. The sPGA is a 6-category scale ranging from “5 = severe” to “0 = none” indicating the physician’s overall assessment of the PsO severity focusing on induration, erythema and scaling. Treatment success of “clear” or “almost clear” consisted of none or minimal elevation in plaque, up to faint red coloration in erythema and none or minimal fine scale over < 5% of the plaque.

Efficacy results are summarized in Table 15.

**Table 15. Pediatric Plaque Psoriasis Outcomes at 12 Weeks**

	Placebo (N = 105)	Etanercept 0.8 mg/kg Once Weekly (N = 106)
PASI 75, n (%)	12 (11%)	60 (57%)
PASI 90, n (%)	7 (7%)	29 (27%)
sPGA “clear” or “almost clear” n (%)	14 (13%)	55 (52%)

#### Maintenance of Response

To evaluate maintenance of response, subjects who achieved PASI75 response at Week 36 were re-randomized to either etanercept or placebo during a 12-week randomized withdrawal period. The maintenance of PASI 75 response was evaluated at Week 48. The proportion of subjects who maintained PASI75 response at Week 48 was higher for subjects treated with etanercept (65%) compared to those treated with placebo (49%).

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## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### Etanercept-ykro Single-Dose Prefilled Syringe, Etanercept-ykro Single-Dose Prefilled Auto Injector pen

Each Etanercept-ykro injection is supplied as a clear to opalescent, colorless to pale yellow, sterile, and preservative-free solution for subcutaneous administration in single-dose prefilled syringes and an Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen with a 27-gauge, ½-inch needle.

<b>50 mg/mL</b> single-dose prefilled syringe	Carton of 4	NDC XXXXX-XXX-XX
<b>50 mg/mL</b> single-dose prefilled auto injector pen	Carton of 4	NDC XXXXX-XXX-XX
<b>25 mg/0.5 mL</b> single-dose prefilled syringe	Carton of 4	NDC XXXXX-XXX-XX

Etanercept-ykro should be refrigerated at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C). Do not use Etanercept-ykro beyond the expiration date stamped on the carton or barrel label. DO NOT SHAKE. Store Etanercept-ykro in the original carton to protect from light or physical damage.

For convenience, storage of individual single-dose prefilled syringes or single-dose prefilled auto injector pens at room temperature between 73°F to 81°F (23°C to 27°C) for a maximum single period of 14 days is permissible, with protection from light and sources of heat. Once a single-dose prefilled syringe, single-dose prefilled auto injector pen has been stored at room temperature, it should not be placed back into the refrigerator. If not used within 14 days at room temperature, the single-dose prefilled syringe, single-dose prefilled auto injector pen should be discarded. Do not store Etanercept-ykro in extreme heat or cold. DO NOT FREEZE. Keep out of the reach of children.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient and/or caregiver to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (*Medication Guide and Instructions for Use*) before the patient starts using Etanercept-ykro, and each time the prescription is renewed, as there may be new information they need to know.

Patients or their caregivers should be provided the Etanercept-ykro “Medication Guide” and provided an opportunity to read it and ask questions prior to initiation of therapy. The healthcare provider should ask the patient questions to determine any risk factors for treatment. Patients developing signs and symptoms of infection should seek medical evaluation immediately.

### Patient Counseling

Patients should be advised of the potential benefits and risks of Etanercept-ykro. Physicians should instruct their patients to read the Medication Guide before starting Etanercept-ykro therapy and to reread each time the prescription is renewed.

#### Infections

Inform patients that Etanercept-ykro may lower the ability of their immune system to fight infections. Advise patients of the importance of contacting their doctor if they develop any symptoms of infection, tuberculosis or reactivation of hepatitis B virus infections.

#### Other Medical Conditions

Advise patients to report any signs of new or worsening medical conditions, such as central nervous system demyelinating disorders, heart failure or autoimmune disorders, such as lupus-like syndrome or autoimmune hepatitis. Counsel about the risk of lymphoma and other malignancies while receiving Etanercept-ykro. Advise patients to report any symptoms suggestive of a pancytopenia, such as bruising, bleeding, persistent fever or pallor.

#### Allergic Reactions

Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if they experience any symptoms of severe allergic reactions.

## **Administration of Etanercept-ykro**

If a patient or caregiver is to administer Etanercept-ykro, the patient or caregiver should be instructed in injection techniques and how to measure and administer the correct dose [see “Instructions for Use”].

The first injection should be performed under the supervision of a qualified healthcare professional. The patient’s or caregiver’s ability to inject subcutaneously should be assessed. Patients and caregivers should be instructed in the technique, as well as proper syringe and needle disposal, and be cautioned against reuse of needles and syringes.

When using the single-dose prefilled auto injector pen to administer Etanercept-ykro, the patient or caregiver should be informed that the window turns yellow when the injection is complete. After removing the prefilled pen, if the window has not turned yellow, or if it looks like the medicine is still injecting, this means the patient has not received a full dose. The patient or caregiver should be advised to call their healthcare provider immediately.

A puncture-resistant container for disposal of needles, and syringes, auto injector pens should be used.

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<p><b>Medication Guide</b></p> <p><b>Etanercept-ykro (e-TAN-er-sept ykro)</b></p> <p><b>injection, for subcutaneous use</b></p>
<p>Read the Medication Guide that comes with Etanercept-ykro before you start using it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. It is important to remain under your healthcare provider's care while using Etanercept-ykro. Etanercept-ykro is a prescription medicine called a Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) blocker that affects your immune system.</p>
<p><b>What is the most important information I should know about Etanercept-ykro?</b></p> <p>Etanercept-ykro may cause serious side effects, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Risk of Infection</li> <li>2. Risk of Cancer</li> </ol> <p><b>1. Risk of infection</b></p> <p>Etanercept-ykro can lower the ability of your immune system to fight infections. Some people have serious infections while taking etanercept products. These infections include tuberculosis (TB), and infections caused by viruses, fungi, or bacteria that spread throughout their body. Some people have died from these infections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your healthcare provider should test you for TB before starting Etanercept-ykro.</li> <li>• Your healthcare provider should monitor you closely for symptoms of TB during treatment with Etanercept-ykro even if you tested negative for TB.</li> <li>• Your healthcare provider should check you for symptoms of any type of infection before, during, and after your treatment with Etanercept-ykro.</li> </ul> <p>You should not start taking Etanercept-ykro if you have any kind of infection unless your healthcare provider says it is okay.</p> <p><b>2. Risk of cancer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been cases of unusual cancers, some resulting in death, in children and teenagers who started using TNF-blocking agents at less than 18 years of age.</li> <li>• For children, teenagers, and adults taking TNF-blocker medicines, including etanercept products, the chances of getting lymphoma or other cancers may increase.</li> <li>• People with rheumatoid arthritis, especially those with very active disease, may be more likely to get lymphoma.</li> </ul> <p><b>Before starting Etanercept-ykro, be sure to talk to your healthcare provider:</b></p> <p>Etanercept-ykro may not be right for you. Before starting Etanercept-ykro, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including:</p> <p><b>Infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have an infection. See <b>"What is the most important information I should know about Etanercept-ykro?"</b></li> <li>• are being treated for an infection.</li> <li>• think you have an infection.</li> <li>• have symptoms of an infection such as fever, sweats or chills, cough or flu-like symptoms, shortness of breath, blood in your phlegm, weight loss, muscle aches, warm, red or painful areas on your skin, sores on your body, diarrhea or stomach pain, burning when you urinate or urinating more often than normal, and feel very tired.</li> <li>• have any open cuts on your body.</li> <li>• get a lot of infections or have infections that keep coming back.</li> <li>• have diabetes, HIV, or a weak immune system. People with these conditions have a higher chance for infections.</li> <li>• have TB, or have been in close contact with someone with TB.</li> <li>• were born in, lived in, or traveled to countries where there is a risk for getting TB. Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure.</li> <li>• live, have lived in, or traveled to certain parts of the country (such as the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys, or the Southwest) where there is a greater risk for getting certain kinds of fungal infections (histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, blastomycosis). These infections may happen or become more severe if you use Etanercept-ykro. Ask your healthcare provider if you do not know if you live or have lived in an area where these infections are common.</li> <li>• have or have had hepatitis B.</li> </ul>

**Also, before starting Etanercept-ykro, tell your healthcare provider:**

- **About all the medicines you take including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements including:**
  - **Orencia (abatacept) or Kineret (anakinra).** You have a higher chance for serious infections when taking Etanercept-ykro with Orencia or Kineret.
  - **Cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan).** You may have a higher chance for getting certain cancers when taking Etanercept-ykro with cyclophosphamide.
  - **Anti-diabetic medicines.** If you have diabetes and are taking medicine to control your diabetes, your healthcare provider may decide you need less anti-diabetic medicine while taking Etanercept-ykro.

Keep a list of all your medicines with you to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine. Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if your medicine is one listed above.

**Other important medical information you should tell your healthcare provider before starting Etanercept-ykro, includes if you:**

- have or had a nervous system problem such as multiple sclerosis or Guillain-Barré syndrome.
- have or had heart failure.
- are scheduled to have surgery.
- have recently received or are scheduled to receive a vaccine.
  - All vaccines should be brought up-to-date before starting Etanercept-ykro.
  - People taking Etanercept-ykro should not receive live vaccines.
  - Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if you received a live vaccine.
- have been around someone with varicella zoster (chicken pox).
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if Etanercept-ykro will harm your unborn baby. If you took Etanercept-ykro during pregnancy, talk to your healthcare provider prior to administration of live vaccines to your infant.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Etanercept-ykro can pass into breast milk. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby while taking Etanercept-ykro

See the section “**What are the possible side effects of Etanercept-ykro?**” below for more information.

#### **What is Etanercept-ykro?**

Etanercept-ykro is a prescription medicine called a Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) blocker.

Etanercept-ykro is used to treat:

- **moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA).** Etanercept-ykro can be used alone or with a medicine called methotrexate.
- **moderately to severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) in children 2 years of age or older.**
- **psoriatic arthritis (PsA) in adults.** Etanercept-ykro can be used alone or with methotrexate.
- **ankylosing spondylitis (AS).**
- **chronic moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) in children 4 years of age or older and adults** who may benefit from taking injections or pills (systemic therapy) or phototherapy (ultraviolet light).

You may continue to use other medicines that help treat your condition while taking Etanercept-ykro, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and prescription steroids, as recommended by your healthcare provider.

Etanercept-ykro can help reduce joint damage and the signs and symptoms of the above-mentioned diseases. People with these diseases have too much of a protein called tumor necrosis factor (TNF), which is made by your immune system. Etanercept-ykro can reduce the effect of TNF in the body and block the damage that too much TNF can cause, but it can also lower the ability of your immune system to fight infections. See “**What is the most important information I should know about Etanercept-ykro?**” and “**What are the possible side effects of Etanercept-ykro?**”

#### **Who should not use Etanercept-ykro?**

**Do not use Etanercept-ykro if you:**

- have an infection that has spread through your body (sepsis).

#### **How should I use Etanercept-ykro?**

- Etanercept-ykro is given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneous or SC).

- If your healthcare provider decides that you or a caregiver can give the injections of Etanercept-ykro at home, you or your caregiver should receive training on the right way to prepare and inject Etanercept-ykro. Do not try to inject Etanercept-ykro until you have been shown the right way by your healthcare provider or nurse.
- Etanercept-ykro is available in the forms listed below. Your healthcare provider will prescribe the type that is best for you.
  - Single-dose Prefilled Syringe
  - Single-dose Prefilled Auto Injector Pen
- See the detailed Instructions for Use with this Medication Guide for instructions about the right way to store, prepare, and give your Etanercept-ykro injections at home.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you how often you should use Etanercept-ykro. Do not miss any doses of Etanercept-ykro. If you forget to use Etanercept-ykro, inject your dose as soon as you remember. Then, take your next dose at your regular(ly) scheduled time. In case you are not sure when to inject Etanercept-ykro, call your healthcare provider or pharmacist. **Do not use Etanercept-ykro more often than as directed by your healthcare provider.**
- Your child's dose of Etanercept-ykro depends on his or her weight. Your child's healthcare provider will tell you which form of Etanercept-ykro to use and how much to give your child.

#### **What are the possible side effects of Etanercept-ykro?**

**Etanercept-ykro can cause serious side effects, including:**

- **See “What is the most important information I should know about Etanercept-ykro?”**
- **Infections.** Etanercept-ykro can make you more likely to get infections or make any infection that you have worse. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of an infection. See **“Before starting Etanercept-ykro, be sure to talk to your healthcare provider”** for a list of symptoms of infection.
- **Previous Hepatitis B infection.** If you have been previously infected with the hepatitis B virus (a virus that affects the liver), the virus can become active while you use Etanercept-ykro. Your healthcare provider may do a blood test before you start treatment with Etanercept-ykro and while you use Etanercept-ykro.
- **Nervous system problems.** Rarely, people who use TNF-blocker medicines have developed nervous system problems such as multiple sclerosis, seizures, or inflammation of the nerves of the eyes. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of these symptoms: numbness or tingling in any part of your body, vision changes, weakness in your arms and legs, and dizziness.
- **Blood problems.** Low blood counts have been seen with other TNF-blocker medicines. Your body may not make enough of the blood cells that help fight infections or help stop bleeding. Symptoms include fever, bruising or bleeding very easily, or looking pale.
- **New heart failure or worsening of heart failure you already have.** New or worse heart failure can happen in people who use TNF-blocker medicines like Etanercept-ykro. If you have heart failure your condition should be watched closely while you take Etanercept-ykro. Call your healthcare provider right away if you get new or worsening symptoms of heart failure while taking Etanercept-ykro, such as shortness of breath or swelling of your lower legs or feet.
- **Psoriasis.** Some people using etanercept products developed new psoriasis or worsening of psoriasis they already had. Tell your healthcare provider if you develop red scaly patches or raised bumps that may be filled with pus. Your healthcare provider may decide to stop your treatment with Etanercept-ykro.
- **Allergic reactions.** Allergic reactions can happen to people who use TNF-blocker medicines. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of an allergic reaction. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include a severe rash, a swollen face, or trouble breathing.
- **Autoimmune reactions, including:**
  - **Lupus-like syndrome.** Symptoms include a rash on your face and arms that gets worse in the sun. Tell your healthcare provider if you have this symptom. Symptoms may go away when you stop using Etanercept-ykro.
  - **Autoimmune hepatitis.** Liver problems can happen in people who use TNF-blocker medicines, including Etanercept-ykro. These problems can lead to liver failure and death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms: feel very tired, skin or eyes look yellow, poor appetite or vomiting, pain on the right side of your stomach (abdomen).

**Common side effects of Etanercept-ykro include:**

- **Injection site reactions** such as redness, itching, pain, swelling, bleeding or bruising. These symptoms usually go away within 3 to 5 days. If you have pain, redness, or swelling around the injection site that does not go away or gets worse, call your healthcare provider.
- **Upper respiratory infections** (sinus infections).

These are not all the possible side effects with Etanercept-ykro. Tell your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

**How should I store Etanercept-ykro?**

- Store Etanercept-ykro in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- Store Etanercept-ykro in the original carton to protect from light or physical damage.
- If needed, you may store the Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe or prefilled auto injector pen at room temperature between 73°F to 81°F (23°C to 27°C), 1 time, for up to 2 weeks (14 days).
  - Once Etanercept-ykro has reached room temperature, do not put it back in the refrigerator.
- Throw away Etanercept-ykro that has been stored at room temperature after 2 weeks (14 days).
- **Do not** store Etanercept-ykro in extreme heat or cold such as in your vehicle's glove box or trunk.
- **Do not freeze.**
- **Do not shake.**
- **Keep Etanercept-ykro and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

**General information about the safe and effective use of Etanercept-ykro.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use Etanercept-ykro for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give Etanercept-ykro to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about Etanercept-ykro. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about Etanercept-ykro that is written for health professionals.

**What are the ingredients in Etanercept-ykro?****Single-dose Prefilled Syringe, Single-dose Prefilled Auto Injector Pen**

**Active Ingredient:** Etanercept-ykro

**Inactive Ingredients:** sodium chloride, sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate, sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate, sucrose, and Water for Injection, USP

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**Instructions for Use  
Etanercept-ykro (e-TAN-er-sept)  
injection, for subcutaneous use  
Single-dose Prefilled Syringe**

**Read this Instructions for Use before you start using Etanercept-ykro and each time you get a refill of your prescription. There may be new information.**

- **Do not** try to give yourself the injection unless your healthcare provider or nurse has shown you how to give the injection.

**How do I prepare and give an injection with Etanercept-ykro Single-dose Prefilled Syringe?**

There are 2 types of Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled syringes:

- The 50 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe that contains one 50 mg dose of Etanercept-ykro.
- The 25 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe that contains one 25 mg dose of Etanercept-ykro.

Your healthcare provider will tell you which one to use. **Before you start, check the prefilled syringe label to make sure that it is the right dose.**

A 50 mg dose can be given as one injection using a 50 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe or as two injections using 25 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringes. Your healthcare provider will tell you whether the two injections with 25 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringes should be given on the same day once a week or on two different days (3 or 4 days apart) in the same week.

**Children must weigh at least 138 pounds (63 kg) to use Etanercept-ykro.**

**Storage of Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe**

- Store Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- Store Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe in the original carton to protect from light or physical damage.
- If needed, you may store your Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe at room temperature between 73°F to 81°F (23°C to 27°C), 1 time, for up to 2 weeks (14 days).
  - Once Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe has reached room temperature, do not put it back in the refrigerator.
- Throw away Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe that has been stored at room temperature after 2 weeks (14 days).
- **Do not** store Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe in extreme heat or cold. For example, avoid storing Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe in your vehicle's glove box or trunk.
- **Do not freeze.**
- **Do not shake.**
- **Keep Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

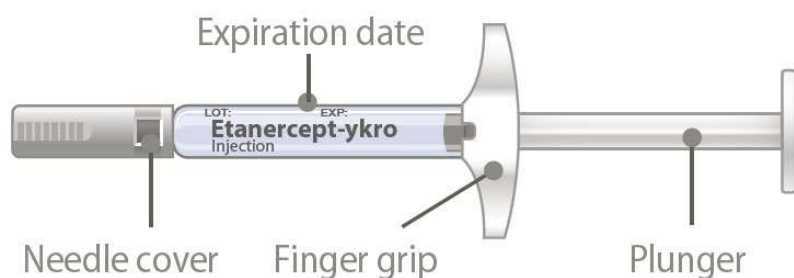
If you have any questions about storage, contact your healthcare provider or call X-XXX-XXX-XXXX for further instructions.

**What you will need for each injection.**

**Included in the carton:**

- **1 Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled syringe (see Figure A).**  
Each carton contains 4 Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled syringes.

**Figure A**



**Not included in the carton (see Figure B):**

**Figure B**

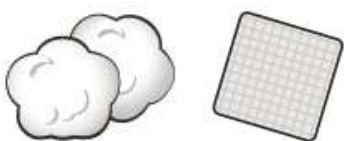
- **1 alcohol swab**



- **Sharps disposal container**



- **1 cotton ball or gauze**



- **1 adhesive bandage**



See **Step 4: “Disposing of Supplies”** at the end of this Instructions for Use.

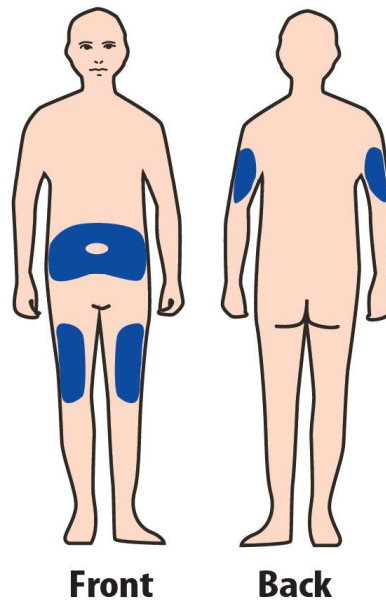
## Step 1: Setting up for an Injection

1. Select a clean, well-lit, flat work surface, such as a table.
2. Take the Etanercept-ykro carton containing the prefilled syringes out of the refrigerator and place it on your flat work surface. Remove one prefilled syringe and place it on your work surface. Carefully lift the prefilled syringe straight up out of the box. **Do not shake** the prefilled syringe of Etanercept-ykro. Place the carton containing any remaining prefilled syringes back into the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
3. Check the expiration date (EXP:) on the prefilled syringe. **Do not** use the prefilled syringe if the expiration date has passed. **Do not** use the prefilled syringe if it has been dropped onto a hard surface. Parts of the prefilled syringe may be broken. **Do not** use the prefilled syringe if the needle cover is missing or not securely attached. Contact your pharmacist for assistance if the expiration date has passed, if the prefilled syringe has been dropped on a hard surface, or if the needle cover is missing or not securely attached.
4. **Leave Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before injecting.** This is important to make the medicine easier and more comfortable to inject. **Do not** remove the needle cover while allowing it to reach room temperature. **Do not warm Etanercept-ykro in any other way** (for example, **do not** warm it in a microwave or in hot water.)
5. Gather all the additional supplies you will need for your injection. These include an alcohol swab, a cotton ball or gauze, and a sharps disposal container (see **Step 4: “Disposing of Supplies”**).
6. Wash your hand with soap and warm water.
7. **Look at the medicine in the prefilled syringe.** The medicine should be clear or almost clear, colorless to pale yellow, and may contain small white or almost clear particles. **Do not** use the solution if it is discolored, cloudy, or if it contains particles that are not small, white or almost clear.

## Step 2: Choosing and Preparing an Injection Site

1. The recommended injection sites for Etanercept-ykro are (**see Figure C**):
  - front of the middle thigh
  - stomach-area (abdomen). If you are injecting into the abdomen, choose a site that is at least 2 inches (5 cm) away from the belly button.
  - back of the upper arm. Use the back of the upper arm only if someone else is giving you the injection.

**Figure C**



2. **Rotate the site for each injection. Do not** inject into areas that are red, hard, bruised, or tender. **Do not** inject into scars or stretch marks.
3. If you have psoriasis, do not inject into any raised, thick, red, or scaly skin patches, or lesions.
4. To prepare the area of skin where Etanercept-ykro is to be injected, wipe the skin at the injection site with an alcohol swab. **Do not touch this area again before giving the injection.**



### Step 3: Injecting Etanercept-ykro Using Prefilled Syringe

**Do not** remove the needle cover from the prefilled syringe until you are ready to inject.

1. Pick up the prefilled syringe from your flat work surface. Pull the needle cover straight off (see **Figure D**) and throw it away (dispose of) in a sharps disposal container. **Do not** touch the plunger while removing the needle cover and **do not** twist or bend the needle cover while removing it, as this may damage the needle.

When you remove the needle cover, there may be a drop of liquid at the end of the needle. This is normal.

**Do not** touch the needle or allow it to touch any surface.

**Never recap the needle.**

**Do not** touch or bump the plunger. Doing so could cause the liquid to leak out.

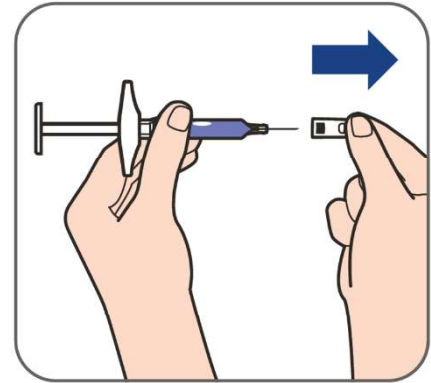


Figure D

2. Hold the prefilled syringe at a 45 degree angle to the skin (see **Figure E**). With your other hand, gently pinch a fold of skin at the cleaned injection site. **With a quick, dart-like motion, insert the needle fully into the skin.**

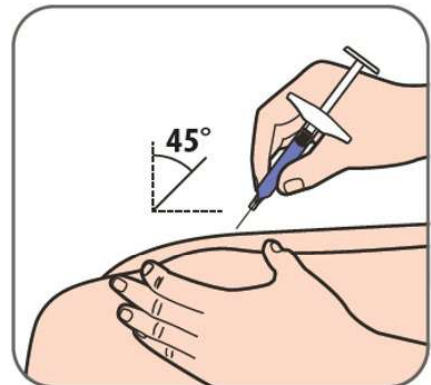


Figure E

3. Let go of the skin that you are pinching after the needle is completely inserted. With your free hand, hold the syringe near its base to stabilize it. Slowly **push down the plunger to inject all of the Etanercept-ykro solution.** (see **Figure F**).

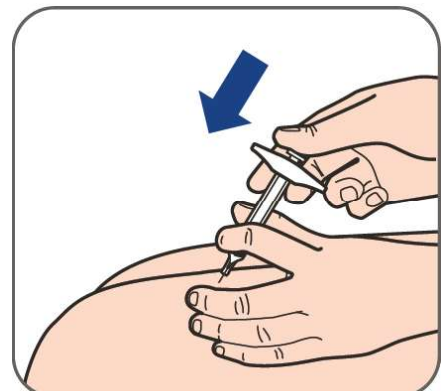


Figure F

4. **When the syringe is empty, pull the needle out of the skin, being careful to keep it at the same angle as inserted** (see **Figure G**). If there is bleeding at the injection site, press a gauze pad or cotton ball over the injection site for 10 seconds. **Do not** rub the injection site. If needed, cover the injection site with an adhesive bandage.

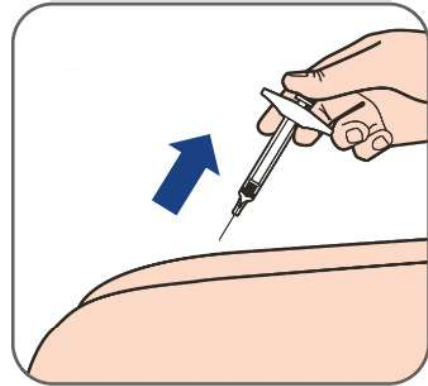
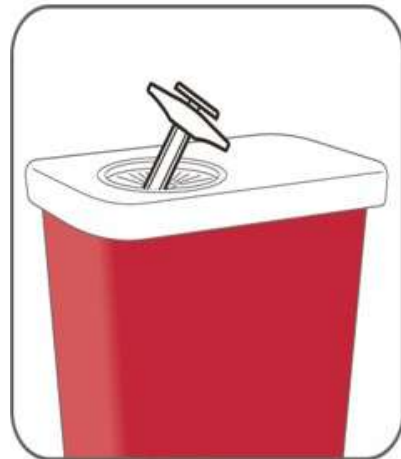


Figure G

#### Step 4: Disposing of Supplies

The syringe should **never** be reused. **Never** recap the needle. Recapping could lead to a needle stick injury.

- Put the used prefilled syringe in a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container right away after use. **Do not** throw away (dispose of) prefilled syringe in your household trash.
- If you do not have a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, you may use a household container that is:
  - made of a heavy-duty plastic,
  - can be closed with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid, without sharps being able to come out,
  - upright and stable during use,
  - leak-resistant, and
  - properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.
- When your sharps disposal container is almost full, you will need to follow your community guidelines for the right way to dispose of your sharps disposal container. There may be state or local laws about how you should throw away used syringes and needles. For more information about safe sharps disposal, and for specific information about sharps disposal in the state that you live in, go the FDA's website at: <http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal>
- Do not dispose of your used sharps disposal container in your household trash unless your community guidelines permit this.
- Do not recycle your used sharps disposal container.
- **Do not** reuse the Etanercept-ykro prefilled syringe.



**Important: Always keep the sharps disposal container out of the reach of children.**

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**Instructions for Use**  
**Etanercept-ykro (e-TAN-er-sept)**  
**injection, for subcutaneous use**  
**Single-dose Prefilled Auto Injector Pen**

Read this Instructions for Use before you start using Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. Call your healthcare provider if you or your caregiver has any questions about the right way to inject Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen.

**Do not** try to inject yourself until you have been shown the right way to give the injections by your healthcare provider.

The Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen contains one 50 mg dose of Etanercept-ykro. Your healthcare provider has prescribed Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen for your injections. If your healthcare provider decides that you or a caregiver may be able to give your injections of Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen at home, you should receive training on the right way to prepare and inject Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen.

**Children must weigh at least 138 pounds (63 kg) to use the Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen.**

**Storage of Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen**

- Store Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- Store Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen in the original carton to **protect from light or physical damage**.
- If needed, you may store your Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen at room temperature between 73°F to 81°F (23°C to 27°C), 1 time, for up to 2 weeks (14 days).
  - Once Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen has reached room temperature, do not put it back in the refrigerator.
- Throw away Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen that has been stored at room temperature after 2 weeks (14 days).
- **Do not** store Etanercept-ykro prefilled pen in extreme heat or cold. For example, avoid storing Etanercept-ykro prefilled pen in your vehicle's glove box or trunk.
- **Do not freeze.**
- **Do not shake the prefilled auto injector pen.**
- **Keep Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

If you have any questions about storage, contact your healthcare provider or call X-XXX-XXX-XXXX for further instructions.

**Start here. Before you use Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen**

**Gather all the materials you will need for your injection:**

On a clean, well-lit, flat work surface, gather all the equipment you need.

**Included in the carton:**

- **1 Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen (see Figure A).**  
Each carton contains 4 Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled pens.

**Figure A**



- **Do not** remove the needle cap until you are ready to inject.

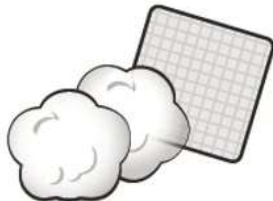
**Not included in the carton (see Figure B):**

**Figure B**

- **1 alcohol swab**



- **1 cotton ball or gauze**



- **Sharps disposal container "See step 8. Disposing of Supplies"**



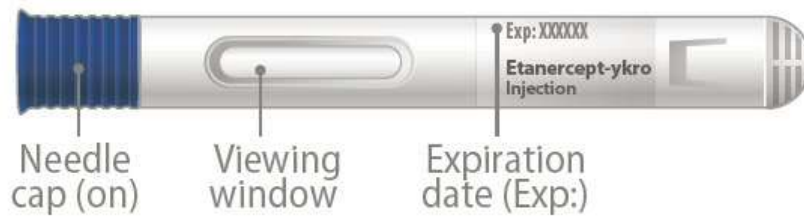
- **1 adhesive bandage**



## Guide to parts:

### Before use

Figure C



### After use

Figure D



## 1. Allow the medicine to reach room temperature:

Remove a prefilled pen from the refrigerator and leave at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before injecting.



This is important to make the medicine easier and more comfortable to inject.

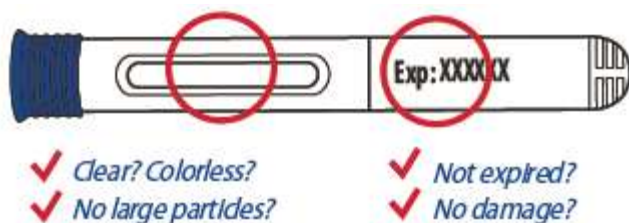
- **Do not** remove the needle cap yet.
- **Do not** try to warm the prefilled pen by using heat sources such as a microwave or hot water.

## 2. Inspect the prefilled auto injector pen and the medicine:

- Check the prefilled pen is not damaged
- Check the expiration date on the package or prefilled pen label
- Check the medicine in the prefilled pen

The medicine should be **clear and colorless**, but may have small white particles.

Figure E



**Do not** use the prefilled auto injector pen if it is past the expiration date.

**Do not** use the prefilled auto injector pen if it has been dropped with the **cap off**.

**Do not** use the prefilled auto injector pen if it has been dropped and appears cracked or broken, even if the cap is **on**.

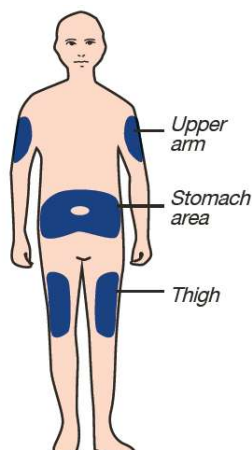
**Do not** use the prefilled auto injector pen if the needle cap is missing or not securely attached.

**Do not** use the prefilled auto injector pen if any part of it appears damaged (cracked or broken).

**Do not** use the prefilled auto injector pen if the medicine is cloudy, discolored, or contains large lumps, flakes, or colored particles.

### 3. Choose an injection site:

Figure F



The Etanercept-ykro prefilled auto injector pen is for an injection under the skin (subcutaneous injection).

It should be injected into the:

- Thigh
- Abdomen (at least 2 inches (5 cm) away from your belly button)
- Outer area of upper arm (only if someone else is giving you the injection).

**Choose a different site each time you give your injection.** If you want to use the same injection site, make sure it is not the same spot on the injection site you used for a previous injection.

- **Do not** inject into areas that are red, hard, bruised, or tender.
- **Do not** inject into scars or stretch marks.
- If you have psoriasis, **do not** inject directly into raised, thick, red, or scaly skin patches, or lesions.

#### 4. Injecting Etanercept-ykro Using Prefilled Auto Injector Pen

Check the “Start here. Before you use Etanercept-ykro single-dose prefilled auto injector pen” information on the other side before you inject.

**Step 1: Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.**



Figure G

**Step 2: Wipe the skin at the injection site with a new alcohol swab.**

See “Choose an injection site” for instructions on how to choose an injection site.

**Do not** touch this area again before giving the injection.

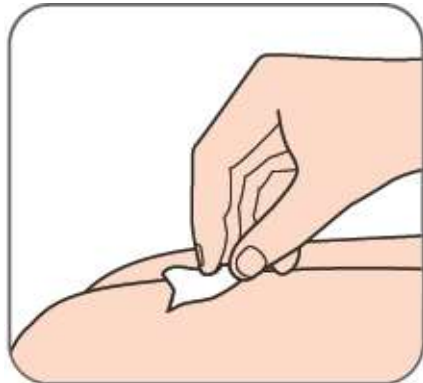


Figure H

**Step 3: Pull the needle cap straight off** (see Figure I) **when you are ready to inject. Throw away (dispose of) the needle cap in the sharps container.** (see Step 8 “Disposing of Supplies”)

When you remove the needle cap, there may be a drop of liquid at the end of the needle. This is normal.

**Do not** twist or bend the needle cap.

**Never recap the needle.**

These actions may damage the needle.

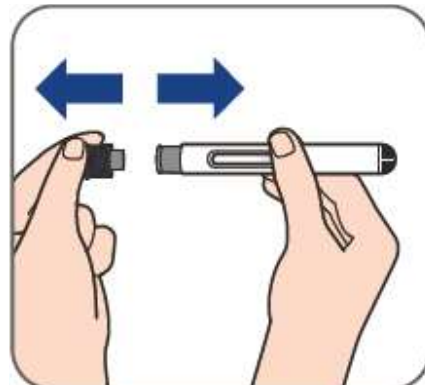
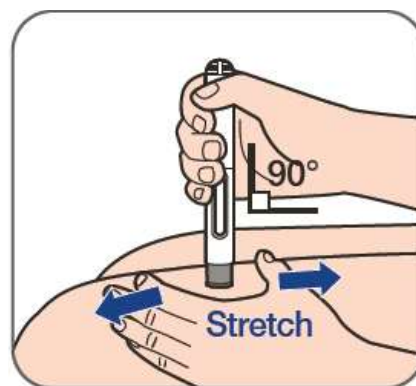


Figure I

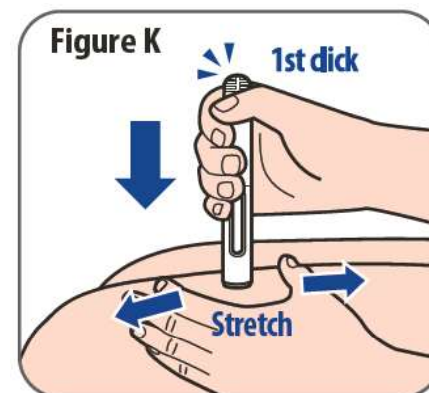


**Step 4: Gently stretch the skin at the cleaned injection site to create a firm surface.** (see **Figure J**) Stretch skin firmly by moving your thumb and fingers in opposite directions, creating an area about 2 inches wide. **Place the prefilled pen straight on your skin at 90 degrees.**



**Figure J**

**Step 5: Firmly push the prefilled pen down into the site to start the injection.** (see **Figure K**) The device will click when the injection begins. **Continue stretching the skin.**

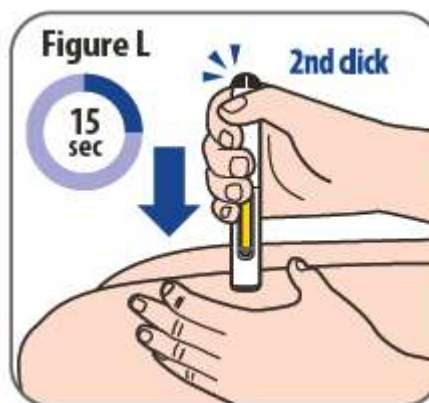


**Figure K**

**Step 6: Continue to press down and count slowly to 15 to make sure that the injection is complete. Your injection could take about 15 seconds.** (see **Figure L**) You may hear or feel a second click that the injection is finished. If you do not hear the click sound, please check the viewing window. The viewing window becomes yellow during the injection.

**Do not** release pressure against the injection site before the injection is complete.

**Do not** move the prefilled pen during the injection.



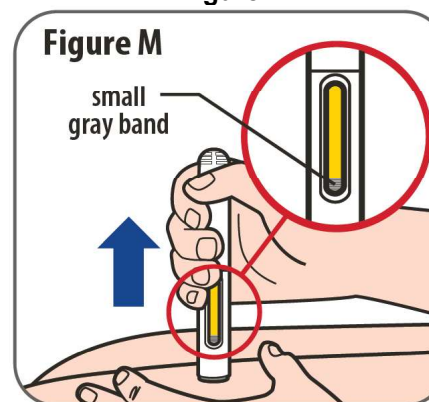
**Figure L**

**Step 7: Check that the viewing window has turned yellow to make sure the full dose has been delivered. Remove the empty pen from your skin.** (see **Figure M**)

The needle guard will completely cover the needle.

You may see a small gray band (see **Figure M**).

**Important:** When you remove the prefilled pen, if the window has not turned yellow and is different from **Figure M**, or if it looks like the medicine is still injecting, this means you have not received a full dose. Call your healthcare provider immediately.



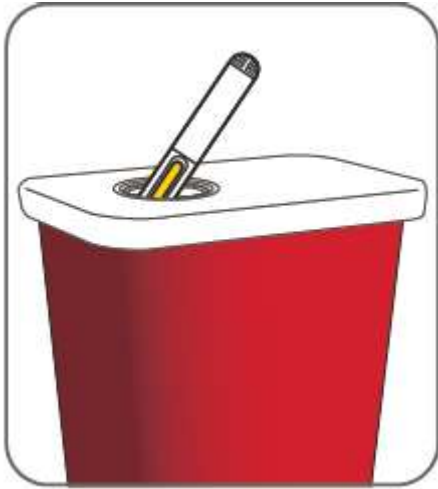
**Figure M**

### **Injection site care**

If there is bleeding at the injection site, press a cotton ball or gauze pad over the injection site.

- **Do not** rub the injection site.
- If needed, cover the injection site with an adhesive bandage.

## Step 8: Disposing of Supplies



- Put the used pen in a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container right away after use. **Do not** throw away (dispose of) the pen in your household trash.
- If you do not have a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, you may use a household container that is:
  - made of a heavy-duty plastic,
  - can be closed with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid, without sharps being able to come out,
  - upright and stable during use,
  - leak-resistant, and
  - properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.
- When your sharps disposal container is almost full, you will need to follow your community guidelines for the right way to dispose of your sharps disposal container. There may be state or local laws about how you should throw away used syringes and needles. For more information about safe sharps disposal, and for specific information about sharps disposal in the state that you live in, go to the FDA's website at: <http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal>
- **Do not** dispose of your used sharps disposal container in your household trash unless your community guidelines permit this.
- **Do not** recycle your used sharps disposal container.
- **Do not** reuse the pen.

**Important: Always keep the sharps disposal container out of the reach of children.**

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