

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use KEYTRUDA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for KEYTRUDA.

**KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) for injection, for intravenous use**  
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### RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

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### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

KEYTRUDA is a programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1)-blocking antibody indicated for the treatment of:

- patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma. (1.1)
- patients with metastatic NSCLC whose tumors express PD-L1 as determined by an FDA-approved test and who have disease progression on or after platinum-containing chemotherapy. Patients with EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations should have disease progression on FDA-approved therapy for these aberrations prior to receiving KEYTRUDA. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on tumor response rate and durability of response. An improvement in survival or disease-related symptoms has not yet been established. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in the confirmatory trials. (1.2)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Administer 2 mg/kg as an intravenous infusion over 30 minutes every 3 weeks. (2.2)
- Dilute prior to intravenous infusion. (2.4)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- For injection: 50 mg lyophilized powder in single-use vial for reconstitution (3)
- Injection: 100 mg/4 mL (25 mg/mL) solution in a single-use vial (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

None. (4)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Immune-mediated Pneumonitis: Withhold for moderate, and permanently discontinue for severe, life-threatening or recurrent moderate pneumonitis. (5.1)
- Immune-mediated Colitis: Withhold for moderate or severe, and permanently discontinue for life-threatening colitis. (5.2)
- Immune-mediated Hepatitis: Monitor for changes in hepatic function. Based on severity of liver enzyme elevations, withhold or discontinue. (5.3)
- Immune-mediated Endocrinopathies (5.4):
  - Hypophysitis: Withhold for moderate and withhold or permanently discontinue for severe or life-threatening hypophysitis.
  - Thyroid disorders: Monitor for changes in thyroid function. Withhold or permanently discontinue for severe or life-threatening hyperthyroidism.
  - Type 1 diabetes mellitus: Monitor for hyperglycemia. Withhold KEYTRUDA in cases of severe hyperglycemia.
- Immune-mediated nephritis: Monitor for changes in renal function. Withhold for moderate, and permanently discontinue for severe or life-threatening nephritis. (5.5)
- Infusion-related reactions: Stop infusion and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe or life-threatening infusion reactions. (5.7)
- Embryofetal toxicity: KEYTRUDA can cause fetal harm. Advise females of reproductive potential of the potential risk to a fetus. (5.8)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (reported in ≥20% of patients) with:

- melanoma included fatigue, pruritus, rash, constipation, diarrhea, nausea, and decreased appetite. (6.1)
- NSCLC included fatigue, decreased appetite, dyspnea and cough. (6.1)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc., at 1-877-888-4231 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).**

### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Lactation: Discontinue nursing or discontinue KEYTRUDA. (8.2)

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

#### 1.1 Melanoma

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#### 1.2 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

KEYTRUDA is indicated for the treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors express PD-L1 as determined by an FDA-approved test with disease progression on or after platinum-containing chemotherapy. Patients with EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations should have disease progression on FDA-approved therapy for these aberrations prior to receiving KEYTRUDA [see *Clinical Studies (14.2)*].

This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on tumor response rate and durability of response. An improvement in survival or disease-related symptoms has not yet been established. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in the confirmatory trials.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Patient Selection

Select patients for second line or greater treatment of metastatic NSCLC with KEYTRUDA based on the presence of positive PD-L1 expression [see *Clinical Studies (14.2)*]. Information on FDA-approved tests for the detection of PD-L1 expression in NSCLC is available at: <http://www.fda.gov/CompanionDiagnostics>.

#### 2.2 Recommended Dosing

The recommended dose of KEYTRUDA is 2 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over 30 minutes every 3 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

#### 2.3 Dose Modifications

Withhold KEYTRUDA for any of the following:

- Grade 2 pneumonitis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Grade 2 or 3 colitis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Grade 3 or 4 endocrinopathies [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- Grade 2 nephritis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]
- Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) or alanine aminotransferase (ALT) greater than 3 and up to 5 times upper limit of normal (ULN) or total bilirubin greater than 1.5 and up to 3 times ULN
- Any other severe or Grade 3 treatment-related adverse reaction [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*]

Resume KEYTRUDA in patients whose adverse reactions recover to Grade 0-1.

Permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for any of the following:

- Any life-threatening adverse reaction (excluding endocrinopathies controlled with hormone replacement therapy)
- Grade 3 or 4 pneumonitis or recurrent pneumonitis of Grade 2 severity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Grade 3 or 4 nephritis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]
- AST or ALT greater than 5 times ULN or total bilirubin greater than 3 times ULN
  - For patients with liver metastasis who begin treatment with Grade 2 AST or ALT, if AST or ALT increases by greater than or equal to 50% relative to baseline and lasts for at least 1 week
- Grade 3 or 4 infusion-related reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*]

- Inability to reduce corticosteroid dose to 10 mg or less of prednisone or equivalent per day within 12 weeks
- Persistent Grade 2 or 3 adverse reactions (excluding endocrinopathies controlled with hormone replacement therapy) that do not recover to Grade 0-1 within 12 weeks after last dose of KEYTRUDA
- Any severe or Grade 3 treatment-related adverse reaction that recurs [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6)]

## 2.4 Preparation and Administration

### Reconstitution of KEYTRUDA for Injection (Lyophilized Powder)

- Add 2.3 mL of Sterile Water for Injection, USP by injecting the water along the walls of the vial and not directly on the lyophilized powder (resulting concentration 25 mg/mL).
- Slowly swirl the vial. Allow up to 5 minutes for the bubbles to clear. Do not shake the vial.

### Preparation for Intravenous Infusion

- Visually inspect the solution for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. The solution is clear to slightly opalescent, colorless to slightly yellow. Discard the vial if visible particles are observed.
- Dilute KEYTRUDA injection (solution) or reconstituted lyophilized powder prior to intravenous administration.
- Withdraw the required volume from the vial(s) of KEYTRUDA and transfer into an intravenous (IV) bag containing 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP or 5% Dextrose Injection, USP. Mix diluted solution by gentle inversion. The final concentration of the diluted solution should be between 1 mg/mL to 10 mg/mL.
- Discard any unused portion left in the vial.

### Storage of Reconstituted and Diluted Solutions

The product does not contain a preservative.

Store the reconstituted and diluted solution from the KEYTRUDA 50 mg vial either:

- At room temperature for no more than 6 hours from the time of reconstitution. This includes room temperature storage of reconstituted vials, storage of the infusion solution in the IV bag, and the duration of infusion.
- Under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for no more than 24 hours from the time of reconstitution. If refrigerated, allow the diluted solution to come to room temperature prior to administration.

Store the diluted solution from the KEYTRUDA 100 mg/4 mL vial either:

- At room temperature for no more than 6 hours from the time of dilution. This includes room temperature storage of the infusion solution in the IV bag, and the duration of infusion.
- Under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for no more than 24 hours from the time of dilution. If refrigerated, allow the diluted solution to come to room temperature prior to administration.

Do not freeze.

### Administration

- Administer infusion solution intravenously over 30 minutes through an intravenous line containing a sterile, non-pyrogenic, low-protein binding 0.2 micron to 5 micron in-line or add-on filter.
- Do not co-administer other drugs through the same infusion line.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- For injection: 50 mg lyophilized powder in a single-use vial for reconstitution
- Injection: 100 mg/4 mL (25 mg/mL) solution in a single-use vial

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Immune-Mediated Pneumonitis

Immune-mediated pneumonitis, including fatal cases, occurred in patients receiving KEYTRUDA. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of pneumonitis. Evaluate patients with suspected pneumonitis with radiographic imaging and administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent followed by a taper) for Grade 2 or greater pneumonitis. Withhold KEYTRUDA for moderate (Grade 2) pneumonitis, and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe (Grade 3), life-threatening (Grade 4), or recurrent moderate (Grade 2) pneumonitis [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3) and *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)].

#### Melanoma

Pneumonitis occurred in 32 (2.0%) of 1567 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6, including Grade 1 (0.8%), Grade 2 (0.8%), and Grade 3 (0.4%) pneumonitis. The median time to development of pneumonitis was 4.3 months (range: 2 days to 19.3 months). The median duration was 2.6 months (range: 2 days to 15.1 months). Twelve (38%) of the 32 patients received corticosteroids, with 9 of the 12 receiving high-dose systemic corticosteroids for a median duration of 8 days (range: 1 day to 1.1 months) followed by a corticosteroid taper. Pneumonitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 9 (0.6%) patients. Pneumonitis completely resolved in 21 (66%) of the 32 patients.

#### NSCLC

Pneumonitis occurred in 19 (3.5%) of 550 patients with NSCLC, including Grade 2 (1.1%), Grade 3 (1.3%), Grade 4 (0.4%), or Grade 5 (0.2%) pneumonitis in patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trial 1. The median time to development of pneumonitis was 1.7 months (range: 4 days to 12.9 months). In patients receiving KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 14 days, the median time to development of pneumonitis was shorter (1.5 months) compared with patients receiving 10 mg/kg every 21 days (3.5 months). Sixteen of the 19 patients (84%) received corticosteroids, with 14 of the 19 (74%) requiring high-dose systemic corticosteroids (greater than or equal to 40 mg prednisone or equivalent per day). The median starting dose of high-dose corticosteroid treatment for these fourteen patients was 60 mg/day with a median duration of treatment of 8 days (range: 1 day to 4.2 months). The median duration of pneumonitis was 1.2 months (range: 5 days to 12.4 months). Pneumonitis occurred more frequently in patients with a history of asthma/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (5.4%) than in patients without a history of these diseases (3.1%). Pneumonitis occurred more frequently in patients with a history of prior thoracic radiation (6.0%) than in patients who did not receive prior thoracic radiation (2.6%). Pneumonitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 12 (2.2%) patients. Pneumonitis completely resolved in 9 patients. Pneumonitis was reported as ongoing in 9 patients and one patient with ongoing pneumonitis died within 30 days of the last dose of KEYTRUDA.

### 5.2 Immune-Mediated Colitis

Immune-mediated colitis occurred in patients receiving KEYTRUDA. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of colitis. Administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent followed by a taper) for Grade 2 or greater colitis. Withhold KEYTRUDA for moderate (Grade 2) or severe (Grade 3) colitis, and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for life-threatening (Grade 4) colitis [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3) and *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)].

#### Melanoma

Colitis occurred in 31 (2.0%) of 1567 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6, including Grade 2 (0.5%), Grade 3 (1.1%), and Grade 4 (0.1%) colitis. The median time to onset of colitis was 3.4 months (range: 10 days to 9.7 months). The median duration of colitis was 1.4 months (range: 1 day to 7.2 months). Twenty-one (68%) of the 31 patients received corticosteroids, all of whom required high-dose systemic corticosteroids for a median duration of 6 days (range: 1 day to 5.3 months) followed by a

corticosteroid taper. Colitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 14 (0.9%) patients. Colitis resolved in 27 (87%) of the 31 patients.

#### NSCLC

Colitis occurred in 4 (0.7%) of 550 patients, including Grade 2 (0.2%) or Grade 3 (0.4%) colitis in patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trial 1. The median time to onset of colitis was 1.6 months (range: 28 days to 2.2 months) and the median duration was 16 days (range: 7 days to 1.3 months). Two patients were started on high-dose corticosteroids (greater than or equal to 40 mg prednisone or equivalent per day) and two patients were started on low dose corticosteroids. One patient (0.2%) discontinued KEYTRUDA due to colitis. Three patients with colitis experienced complete resolution of the event.

### **5.3 Immune-Mediated Hepatitis**

Immune-mediated hepatitis occurred in patients receiving KEYTRUDA. Monitor patients for changes in liver function. Administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 0.5 to 1 mg/kg/day [for Grade 2 hepatitis] and 1 to 2 mg/kg/day [for Grade 3 or greater hepatitis] prednisone or equivalent followed by a taper) and, based on severity of liver enzyme elevations, withhold or discontinue KEYTRUDA [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

#### Melanoma

Hepatitis occurred in 16 (1.0%) of 1567 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6, including Grade 2 (0.1%), Grade 3 (0.7%), and Grade 4 (0.1%) hepatitis. The time to onset was 26 days (range: 8 days to 21.4 months). The median duration was 1.2 months (range: 8 days to 4.7 months). Eleven (69%) of the 16 patients received corticosteroids, with 10 of the 11 receiving high-dose systemic corticosteroids for a median duration of 5 days (range: 1 to 14 days) followed by a corticosteroid taper. Hepatitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 6 (0.4%) patients. Hepatitis resolved in 14 (88%) of the 16 patients.

### **5.4 Immune-Mediated Endocrinopathies**

#### *Hypophysitis*

Hypophysitis occurred in patients receiving KEYTRUDA. Monitor for signs and symptoms of hypophysitis (including hypopituitarism and adrenal insufficiency). Administer corticosteroids and hormone replacement as clinically indicated. Withhold KEYTRUDA for moderate (Grade 2) hypophysitis and withhold or discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) hypophysitis [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

#### Melanoma

Hypophysitis occurred in 13 (0.8%) of 1567 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6 including Grade 2 (0.3%), Grade 3 (0.3%), and Grade 4 (0.1%) hypophysitis. The time to onset was 3.3 months (range: 1 day to 7.2 months). The median duration was 2.7 months (range: 12 days to 12.7 months). Twelve (92%) of the 13 patients received corticosteroids, with 4 of the 12 patients receiving high-dose systemic corticosteroids. Hypophysitis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 4 (0.3%) patients. Hypophysitis resolved in 7 (54%) of the 13 patients.

#### NSCLC

In Trial 1, hypophysitis occurred in 1 (0.2%) of 550 patients, which was Grade 3 in severity. The time to onset was 3.7 months. The patient was treated with systemic corticosteroids and physiologic hormone replacement therapy. The patient did not discontinue KEYTRUDA due to hypophysitis.

#### *Thyroid Disorders*

Thyroid disorders can occur at any time during treatment. Monitor patients for changes in thyroid function (at the start of treatment, periodically during treatment, and as indicated based on clinical evaluation) and for clinical signs and symptoms of thyroid disorders.

Administer replacement hormones for hypothyroidism and manage hyperthyroidism with thionamides and beta-blockers as appropriate. Withhold or discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) hyperthyroidism [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

#### Melanoma

Hyperthyroidism occurred in 51 (3.3%) of 1567 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, or 6, including Grade 2 (0.6%) and Grade 3 (0.1%) hyperthyroidism. The median time to onset was 1.4 months (range: 1 day to 21.9 months). The median duration was 1.7 months (range: 1 day to 12.8 months). Hyperthyroidism led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 2 (0.1%) patients. Hyperthyroidism resolved in 36 (71%) of the 51 patients.

Hypothyroidism occurred in 127 (8.1%) of 1567 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6 including Grade 3 (0.1%) hypothyroidism. The median time to onset of hypothyroidism was 3.3 months (range: 5 days to 18.9 months). The median duration was 5.4 months (range: 6 days to 24.3 months). No patients discontinued KEYTRUDA due to hypothyroidism. Hypothyroidism resolved in 24 (19%) of the 127 patients.

#### NSCLC

Hyperthyroidism occurred in 10 (1.8%) of 550 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trial 1, including Grade 2 (0.7%) or Grade 3 (0.3%) hyperthyroidism. The median time to onset was 1.8 months (range: 2 days to 3.4 months), and the median duration was 4.5 months (range: 4 weeks to 7.5 months). No patients discontinued KEYTRUDA due to hyperthyroidism.

Hypothyroidism occurred in 38 (6.9%) of 550 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trial 1, including Grade 2 (5.5%) or Grade 3 (0.2%) hypothyroidism. The median time to onset was 4.2 months (range: 20 days to 11.2 months), and the median duration was 5.8 months (range: 11 days to 22.8 months). No patients discontinued KEYTRUDA due to hypothyroidism.

#### *Type 1 Diabetes mellitus*

Type 1 diabetes mellitus, including diabetic ketoacidosis, occurred in 3 (0.1%) of 2117 patients with melanoma or NSCLC receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6. Monitor patients for hyperglycemia or other signs and symptoms of diabetes. Administer insulin for type 1 diabetes, and withhold KEYTRUDA and administer anti-hyperglycemics in patients with severe hyperglycemia [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### **5.5 Immune-Mediated Nephritis and Renal Dysfunction**

Immune-mediated nephritis occurred in patients receiving KEYTRUDA. Monitor patients for changes in renal function. Administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day prednisone or equivalent followed by a taper) for Grade 2 or greater nephritis. Withhold KEYTRUDA for moderate (Grade 2), and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) nephritis [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

#### Melanoma

Nephritis occurred in 7 (0.4%) of 1567 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6, including Grade 2 (0.2%), Grade 3 (0.2%), and Grade 4 (0.1%) nephritis. The median time to onset of nephritis was 5.1 months (range: 12 days to 12.8 months). The median duration was 1.1 months (range: 3 days to 3.3 months). Six (86%) of the 7 patients received corticosteroids, with 5 of the 6 receiving high-dose systemic corticosteroids for a median duration of 15 days (range: 3 days to 1.6 months) followed by a corticosteroid taper. Nephritis led to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in 2 (0.1%) patients. Nephritis resolved in 4 (57%) of the 7 patients.

## 5.6 Other Immune-Mediated Adverse Reactions

Other clinically important immune-mediated adverse reactions can occur.

For suspected immune-mediated adverse reactions, ensure adequate evaluation to confirm etiology or exclude other causes. Based on the severity of the adverse reaction, withhold KEYTRUDA and administer corticosteroids. Upon improvement to Grade 1 or less, initiate corticosteroid taper and continue to taper over at least 1 month. Based on limited data from clinical studies in patients whose immune-related adverse reactions could not be controlled with corticosteroid use, administration of other systemic immunosuppressants can be considered. Resume KEYTRUDA when the immune-mediated adverse reaction remains at Grade 1 or less following corticosteroid taper. Permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for any Grade 3 immune-mediated adverse reaction that recurs and for any life-threatening immune-mediated adverse reaction [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3)* and *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### Melanoma

The following clinically significant, immune-mediated adverse reactions occurred in less than 1% (unless otherwise indicated) of 1567 patients with melanoma treated with KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6: arthritis (1.6%), exfoliative dermatitis, bullous pemphigoid, uveitis, myositis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, myasthenia gravis, vasculitis, pancreatitis, hemolytic anemia, and partial seizures arising in a patient with inflammatory foci in brain parenchyma.

### NSCLC

The following clinically significant, immune-mediated adverse reactions occurred in less than 1% of 550 patients with NSCLC treated with KEYTRUDA in Trial 1: rash, vasculitis, hemolytic anemia, serum sickness, and myasthenia gravis.

## 5.7 Infusion-Related Reactions

Severe and life-threatening infusion-related reactions have been reported in 3 (0.1%) of 2117 patients receiving KEYTRUDA in Trials 1, 2, and 6. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of infusion-related reactions including rigors, chills, wheezing, pruritus, flushing, rash, hypotension, hypoxemia, and fever. For severe (Grade 3) or life-threatening (Grade 4) infusion-related reactions, stop infusion and permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3)*].

## 5.8 Embryofetal Toxicity

Based on its mechanism of action, KEYTRUDA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Animal models link the PD-1/PD-L1 signaling pathway with maintenance of pregnancy through induction of maternal immune tolerance to fetal tissue. If this drug is used during pregnancy, or if the patient becomes pregnant while taking this drug, apprise the patient of the potential hazard to a fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use highly effective contraception during treatment with KEYTRUDA and for 4 months after the last dose of KEYTRUDA [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)*].

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

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

- Immune-mediated pneumonitis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].
- Immune-mediated colitis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- Immune-mediated hepatitis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].
- Immune-mediated endocrinopathies [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].
- Immune-mediated nephritis and renal dysfunction [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].
- Other immune-mediated adverse reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*].
- Infusion-related reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*].

## 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction 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 reflect the rates observed in practice.

The data described in the WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS section reflect exposure to KEYTRUDA in 2117 patients in two randomized, open-label, active-controlled clinical trials, which enrolled 912 patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma and one single-arm trial which enrolled 655 patients with metastatic melanoma and 550 patients with NSCLC. Across all studies, KEYTRUDA was administered at doses of 2 mg/kg intravenously every 3 weeks (19%), 10 mg/kg intravenously every 2 weeks (31%), or 10 mg/kg intravenously every 3 weeks (50%). Among these 2117, 43% of the patients were exposed for 6 months or more and 10% of the patients were exposed for 12 months or more.

The data described below were obtained in two randomized, open-label, active-controlled clinical trials (Trials 2 and 6), which enrolled 912 patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma or in a single-arm trial (Trial 1), which enrolled 550 patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). In these trials, KEYTRUDA was administered at 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks or 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks.

### Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma

#### *Ipilimumab-Naive Melanoma (Trial 6)*

The safety of KEYTRUDA for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma who had not received prior ipilimumab and who had received no more than one prior systemic therapy was investigated in Trial 6. Trial 6 was a multicenter, open-label, active-controlled trial where patients were randomized (1:1:1) and received KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks (n=278) or KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks (n=277) until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity or ipilimumab 3 mg/kg every 3 weeks for 4 doses unless discontinued earlier for disease progression or unacceptable toxicity (n=256) [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. Patients with autoimmune disease, a medical condition that required systemic corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medication; a history of interstitial lung disease; or active infection requiring therapy, including HIV or hepatitis B or C, were ineligible.

The median duration of exposure was 5.6 months (range: 1 day to 11.0 months) for KEYTRUDA and similar in both treatment arms. Fifty-one and 46% of patients received KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks, respectively, for  $\geq 6$  months. No patients in either arm received treatment for more than one year.

The study population characteristics were: median age of 62 years (range: 18 to 89 years), 60% male, 98% White, 32% had an elevated lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) value at baseline, 65% had M1c stage disease, 9% with history of brain metastasis, and approximately 36% had been previously treated with one or more lines of systemic therapy which included a BRAF inhibitor (15%), chemotherapy (13%), and immunotherapy (6%).

In Trial 6, the adverse reaction profile was similar for the every 2 week and every 3 week schedule, therefore summary safety results are provided in a pooled analysis (n=555) of both KEYTRUDA arms. Adverse reactions leading to permanent discontinuation of KEYTRUDA occurred in 9% of patients. Adverse reactions leading to discontinuation of KEYTRUDA in more than one patient were colitis (1.4%), autoimmune hepatitis (0.7%), allergic reaction (0.4%), polyneuropathy (0.4%), and cardiac failure (0.4%). Adverse reactions leading to interruption of KEYTRUDA occurred in 21% of patients; the most common ( $\geq 1\%$ ) was diarrhea (2.5%). The most common adverse reactions (reported in at least 20% of patients) were fatigue and diarrhea. Table 1 and Table 2 summarize the incidence of selected adverse reactions and laboratory abnormalities, respectively, that occurred in at least 10% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA.

**Table 1: Selected\* Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥10% of Patients Receiving KEYTRUDA (Trial 6)**

Adverse Reaction	KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks n=555		Ipilimumab n=256	
	All Grades <sup>†</sup> (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)	All Grades (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)
<b>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</b>				
Fatigue	28	0.9	28	3.1
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>				
Rash <sup>‡</sup>	24	0.2	23	1.2
Vitiligo <sup>§</sup>	13	0	2	0
<b>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</b>				
Arthralgia	18	0.4	10	1.2
Back pain	12	0.9	7	0.8
<b>Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders</b>				
Cough	17	0	7	0.4
Dyspnea	11	0.9	7	0.8
<b>Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders</b>				
Decreased appetite	16	0.5	14	0.8
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>				
Headache	14	0.2	14	0.8

\* Adverse reactions occurring at same or higher incidence than in the ipilimumab arm

<sup>†</sup> Graded per NCI CTCAE v4.0

<sup>‡</sup> Includes rash, rash erythematous, rash follicular, rash generalized, rash macular, rash maculopapular, rash papular, rash pruritic, and exfoliative rash.

<sup>§</sup> Includes skin hypopigmentation

Other clinically important adverse reactions occurring in ≥10% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA were diarrhea (26%), nausea (21%), and pruritus (17%).

**Table 2: Selected\* Laboratory Abnormalities Worsened from Baseline Occurring in ≥20% of Melanoma Patients Receiving KEYTRUDA (Trial 6)**

Laboratory Test <sup>†</sup>	KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks		Ipilimumab	
	All Grades <sup>‡</sup> %	Grades 3-4 %	All Grades %	Grades 3-4 %
<b>Chemistry</b>				
Hyperglycemia	45	4.2	45	3.8
Hypertriglyceridemia	43	2.6	31	1.1
Hyponatremia	28	4.6	26	7
Increased AST	27	2.6	25	2.5
Hypercholesterolemia	20	1.2	13	0
<b>Hematology</b>				
Anemia	35	3.8	33	4.0
Lymphopenia	33	7	25	6

\* Laboratory abnormalities occurring at same or higher incidence than in ipilimumab arm

<sup>†</sup> Each test incidence is based on the number of patients who had both baseline and at least one on-study laboratory measurement available: KEYTRUDA (520 to 546 patients) and ipilimumab (237 to 247 patients); hypertriglyceridemia: KEYTRUDA n=429 and ipilimumab n=183; hypercholesterolemia: KEYTRUDA n=484 and ipilimumab n=205.

<sup>‡</sup> Graded per NCI CTCAE v4.0

Other laboratory abnormalities occurring in ≥20% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA were increased hypoalbuminemia (27% all Grades; 2.4% Grades 3-4), increased ALT (23% all Grades; 3.1% Grades 3-4), and increased alkaline phosphatase (21% all Grades, 2.0% Grades 3-4).

*Ipilimumab-Refractory Melanoma (Trial 2)*

The safety of KEYTRUDA in patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with disease progression following ipilimumab and, if BRAF V600 mutation positive, a BRAF inhibitor, was evaluated in Trial 2. Trial 2 was a multicenter, partially blinded (KEYTRUDA dose), randomized (1:1:1), active-controlled trial in which 528 patients received KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg (n=178) or 10 mg/kg (n=179) every 3 weeks or investigator's choice of chemotherapy (n=171), consisting of dacarbazine (26%), temozolomide (25%), paclitaxel and carboplatin (25%), paclitaxel (16%), or carboplatin (8%) [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. The trial excluded patients with autoimmune disease, severe immune-related toxicity related to ipilimumab, defined as any Grade 4 toxicity or Grade 3 toxicity requiring corticosteroid treatment (greater than 10 mg/day prednisone or equivalent dose) for greater than 12 weeks; medical conditions that required systemic corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medication; a history of interstitial lung disease; or an active infection requiring therapy, including HIV or hepatitis B or C.

The median duration of exposure to KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks was 3.7 months (range: 1 day to 16.6 months) and to KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks was 4.8 months (range: 1 day to 16.8 months). The data described below reflect exposure to KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg in 36% of patients exposed to KEYTRUDA for  $\geq 6$  months and in 4% of patients exposed for  $\geq 12$  months. In the KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg arm, 41% of patients were exposed to KEYTRUDA for  $\geq 6$  months and 6% of patients were exposed to KEYTRUDA for  $\geq 12$  months.

The study population characteristics were: median age of 62 years (range: 15 to 89 years), 61% male, 98% White, 41% with an elevated LDH value at baseline, 83% with M1c stage disease, 73% received two or more prior therapies for advanced or metastatic disease (100% received ipilimumab and 25% a BRAF inhibitor), and 15% with history of brain metastasis.

In Trial 2, the adverse reaction profile was similar for the 2 mg/kg dose and 10 mg/kg dose, therefore summary safety results are provided in a pooled analysis (n=357) of both KEYTRUDA arms. Adverse reactions resulting in permanent discontinuation occurred in 12% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA; the most common ( $\geq 1\%$ ) were general physical health deterioration (1%), asthenia (1%), dyspnea (1%), pneumonitis (1%), and generalized edema (1%). Adverse reactions leading to interruption of KEYTRUDA occurred in 14% of patients; the most common ( $\geq 1\%$ ) were dyspnea (1%), diarrhea (1%), and maculopapular rash (1%). The most common adverse reactions (reported in at least 20% of patients) of KEYTRUDA were fatigue, pruritus, rash, constipation, nausea, diarrhea, and decreased appetite.

Table 3 summarizes the incidence of adverse reactions occurring in at least 10% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA.

**Table 3: Selected\* Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥10% of Patients Receiving KEYTRUDA (Trial 2)**

Adverse Reaction	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=357		Chemotherapy <sup>†</sup> n=171	
	All Grades <sup>‡</sup> (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)	All Grades (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)
<b>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</b>				
Pyrexia	14	0.3	9	0.6
Asthenia	10	2.0	9	1.8
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>				
Pruritus	28	0	8	0
Rash <sup>§</sup>	24	0.6	8	0
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>				
Constipation	22	0.3	20	2.3
Diarrhea	20	0.8	20	2.3
Abdominal pain	13	1.7	8	1.2
<b>Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders</b>				
Cough	18	0	16	0
<b>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</b>				
Arthralgia	14	0.6	10	1.2

- \* Adverse reactions occurring at same or higher incidence than in chemotherapy arm  
<sup>†</sup> Chemotherapy : dacarbazine, temozolomide, carboplatin plus paclitaxel, paclitaxel, or carboplatin  
<sup>‡</sup> Graded per NCI CTCAE v4.0  
<sup>§</sup> Includes rash, rash erythematous, rash generalized, rash macular, rash maculo-papular, rash papular, and rash pruritic

Other clinically important adverse reactions occurring in patients receiving KEYTRUDA were fatigue (43%), nausea (22%), decreased appetite (20%), vomiting (13%), and peripheral neuropathy (1.7%).

**Table 4: Selected\* Laboratory Abnormalities Worsened from Baseline Occurring in ≥20% of Melanoma Patients Receiving KEYTRUDA (Trial 2)**

Laboratory Test <sup>†</sup>	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks		Chemotherapy	
	All Grades <sup>‡</sup> %	Grades 3-4 %	All Grades %	Grades 3-4 %
<b>Chemistry</b>				
Hyperglycemia	49	6	44	6
Hypoalbuminemia	37	1.9	33	0.6
Hyponatremia	37	7	24	3.8
Hypertriglyceridemia	33	0	32	0.9
Increased Alkaline Phosphatase	26	3.1	18	1.9
Increased AST	24	2.2	16	0.6
Bicarbonate Decreased	22	0.4	13	0
Hypocalcemia	21	0.3	18	1.9
Increased ALT	21	1.8	16	0.6

- \* Laboratory abnormalities occurring at same or higher incidence than in chemotherapy arm.  
<sup>†</sup> Each test incidence is based on the number of patients who had both baseline and at least one on-study laboratory measurement available: KEYTRUDA (range: 320 to 325 patients) and chemotherapy (range: 154 to 161 patients); hypertriglyceridemia: KEYTRUDA n=247 and chemotherapy n=116; bicarbonate decreased: KEYTRUDA n=263 and chemotherapy n=123).  
<sup>‡</sup> Graded per NCI CTCAE v4.0

Other laboratory abnormalities occurring in ≥20% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA were anemia (44% all Grades; 10% Grades 3-4) and lymphopenia (40% all Grades; 9% Grades 3-4).

### NSCLC

Among the 550 patients with metastatic NSCLC enrolled in Trial 1, the median duration of therapy was 2.8 months (range: 1 day to 25.6 months). Patients with NSCLC and autoimmune disease, a medical condition that required immunosuppression, or who had received more than 30 Gy of thoracic radiation within the prior 26 weeks were ineligible for Trial 1. The median age of patients was 64 years (range: 28 to 93), 47% were age 65 years or older, 53% were male, 83% were White, and 67% received two or more prior systemic treatments. Disease characteristics were Stage III (4%), Stage IV (96%), and brain metastases (11%). Baseline ECOG performance status (PS) was 0 (35%) or 1 (65%).

KEYTRUDA was discontinued due to adverse reactions in 14% of patients. Serious adverse reactions occurred in 38% of patients receiving KEYTRUDA. The most frequent serious adverse reactions reported in at least 2% of patients were pleural effusion, pneumonia, dyspnea, pulmonary embolism, and pneumonitis. The incidence of adverse reactions, including serious adverse reactions, was similar between the two 10 mg/kg dosing schedules; therefore, these data were pooled. The majority of patients treated with KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every three weeks had shorter follow-up compared with patients treated with the 10 mg/kg schedules; therefore, comparisons of adverse reactions between doses were not appropriate.

Table 5 summarizes adverse reactions that occurred in at least 10% of patients. The most common adverse reactions (reported in at least 20% of patients) were fatigue, decreased appetite, dyspnea, and cough.

**Table 5: Adverse Reactions in ≥10% of Patients with NSCLC (Trial 1)**

	KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks or 10 mg/kg every 2 or 3 weeks n=550	
Adverse Reaction	All Grades (%)	Grade 3* (%)
<b>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</b>		
Fatigue <sup>†</sup>	44	4
Pyrexia	12	1
Peripheral Edema	10	0
<b>Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders</b>		
Decreased appetite	25	1
<b>Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders</b>		
Dyspnea	23	4
Cough <sup>‡</sup>	29	<1
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>		
Nausea	18	1
Diarrhea	15	1
Constipation	15	<1
Vomiting	12	1
<b>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</b>		
Arthralgia	15	1
Back pain	10	2
<b>Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders</b>		
Anemia	12	2
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>		
Pruritus	12	0
Rash <sup>§</sup>	18	<1

\* Of the ≥10% adverse reactions, none was reported as Grade 4 or 5.

† Includes the terms fatigue and asthenia

‡ Includes the terms cough, productive cough and hemoptysis

§ Includes the terms dermatitis, dermatitis acneiform, erythema multiforme, drug eruption, rash, rash generalized, rash pruritic, rash macular/maculopapular, papular

**Table 6: Laboratory Abnormalities Worsened from Baseline in ≥20% of Patients with NSCLC (Trial 1)**

	KEYTRUDA n=550	
Laboratory Test	All Grades %	Grades 3-4 %
<b>Chemistry</b>		
Hyperglycemia	48	3*
Hyponatremia	38	6
Hypoalbuminemia	32	1
Increased alkaline phosphatase	26	1
Hypertriglyceridemia	23	0
Increased aspartate aminotransferase	20	1
Hypercholesterolemia	20	1*
<b>Hematology</b>		
Anemia	36	2*

\* Grade 4 abnormalities in this table limited to hyperglycemia (n=4), hypercholesterolemia (n=3), and anemia (n=1).

## 6.2 Immunogenicity

As with all therapeutic proteins, there is the potential for immunogenicity. Trough levels of pembrolizumab interfere with the electrochemiluminescent (ECL) assay results; therefore, a subset analysis was performed in the patients with a concentration of pembrolizumab below the drug tolerance level of the anti-product antibody assay. In clinical studies in patients treated with pembrolizumab at a dose of 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks or 10 mg/kg every two or three weeks, 1 (0.3%) of 392 evaluable patients tested positive for treatment-emergent anti-pembrolizumab antibodies and confirmed positive in the neutralizing assay.

The detection of antibody formation is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Additionally, the observed incidence of antibody (including neutralizing antibody) positivity in an assay may be influenced by several factors including assay methodology, sample handling, timing of sample collection, concomitant medications, and underlying disease. For these reasons, comparison of incidence of antibodies to KEYTRUDA with the incidences of antibodies to other products may be misleading.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

No formal pharmacokinetic drug interaction studies have been conducted with KEYTRUDA.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

Based on its mechanism of action, KEYTRUDA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal models, the PD-1/PD-L1 signaling pathway is important in the maintenance of pregnancy through induction of maternal immune tolerance to fetal tissue [see Data]. Human IgG4 (immunoglobulins) are known to cross the placenta; therefore, pembrolizumab has the potential to be transmitted from the mother to the developing fetus. There are no available human data informing the risk of embryo-fetal toxicity. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus.

In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2-4% and 15-20%, respectively.

#### Data

##### *Animal Data*

Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with KEYTRUDA to evaluate its effect on reproduction and fetal development, but an assessment of the effects on reproduction was provided. A central function of the PD-1/PD-L1 pathway is to preserve pregnancy by maintaining maternal immune tolerance to the fetus. Blockade of PD-L1 signaling has been shown in murine models of pregnancy to disrupt tolerance to the fetus and to result in an increase in fetal loss; therefore, potential risks of administering KEYTRUDA during pregnancy include increased rates of abortion or stillbirth. As reported in the literature, there were no malformations related to the blockade of PD-1 signaling in the offspring of these animals; however, immune-mediated disorders occurred in PD-1 knockout mice. Based on its mechanism of action, fetal exposure to pembrolizumab may increase the risk of developing immune-mediated disorders or of altering the normal immune response.

### 8.2 Lactation

#### Risk Summary

It is not known whether KEYTRUDA is excreted in human milk. No studies have been conducted to assess the impact of KEYTRUDA on milk production or its presence in breast milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, instruct women to discontinue nursing during treatment with KEYTRUDA and for 4 months after the final dose.

### 8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

#### Contraception

Based on its mechanism of action, KEYTRUDA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.8) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*]. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with KEYTRUDA and for at least 4 months following the final dose.

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness of KEYTRUDA have not been established in pediatric patients.

### 8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the 2117 patients with melanoma or NSCLC treated with KEYTRUDA, 43% were 65 years and over. No overall differences in safety or efficacy were reported between elderly patients and younger patients.

### 8.6 Renal Impairment

Based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis, no dose adjustment is needed for patients with renal impairment [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

### 8.7 Hepatic Impairment

Based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis, no dose adjustment is needed for patients with mild hepatic impairment [total bilirubin (TB) less than or equal to ULN and AST greater than ULN or TB greater than 1 to 1.5 times ULN and any AST]. KEYTRUDA has not been studied in patients with moderate (TB greater than 1.5 to 3 times ULN and any AST) or severe (TB greater than 3 times ULN and any AST) hepatic impairment [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

There is no information on overdosage with KEYTRUDA.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

Pembrolizumab is a humanized monoclonal antibody that blocks the interaction between PD-1 and its ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2. Pembrolizumab is an IgG4 kappa immunoglobulin with an approximate molecular weight of 149 kDa.

KEYTRUDA for injection is a sterile, preservative-free, white to off-white lyophilized powder in single-use vials. Each vial is reconstituted and diluted for intravenous infusion. Each 2 mL of reconstituted solution contains 50 mg of pembrolizumab and is formulated in L-histidine (3.1 mg), polysorbate 80 (0.4 mg), and sucrose (140 mg). May contain hydrochloric acid/sodium hydroxide to adjust pH to 5.5.

KEYTRUDA injection is a sterile, preservative-free, clear to slightly opalescent, colorless to slightly yellow solution that requires dilution for intravenous infusion. Each vial contains 100 mg of pembrolizumab in 4 mL of solution. Each 1 mL of solution contains 25 mg of pembrolizumab and is formulated in: L-histidine (1.55 mg), polysorbate 80 (0.2 mg), sucrose (70 mg), and Water for Injection, USP.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Binding of the PD-1 ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2, to the PD-1 receptor found on T cells, inhibits T cell proliferation and cytokine production. Upregulation of PD-1 ligands occurs in some tumors and signaling through this pathway can contribute to inhibition of active T-cell immune surveillance of tumors. Pembrolizumab is a monoclonal antibody that binds to the PD-1 receptor and blocks its interaction with PD-L1 and PD-L2, releasing PD-1 pathway-mediated inhibition of the immune response, including the anti-tumor immune response. In syngeneic mouse tumor models, blocking PD-1 activity resulted in decreased tumor growth.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetics of pembrolizumab was studied in 2195 patients who received doses of 1 to 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks or 2 to 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks. Based on population pharmacokinetic analyses in patients with solid tumors, the geometric mean [% coefficient of variation (CV%)] for clearance, steady-state volume of distribution, and terminal half-life were 202 mL/day (37%), 7.38 L (19%) and 27 days (38%), respectively.

Steady-state concentrations of pembrolizumab were reached by 19 weeks of repeated dosing with an every 3-week regimen and the systemic accumulation was 2.2-fold. The peak concentration ( $C_{max}$ ), trough concentration ( $C_{min}$ ), and area under the plasma concentration versus time curve at steady state ( $AUC_{ss}$ ) of pembrolizumab increased dose proportionally in the dose range of 2 to 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks.

*Specific Populations:* The effects of various covariates on the pharmacokinetics of pembrolizumab were assessed in population pharmacokinetic analyses. The CL of pembrolizumab increased with increasing body weight; the resulting exposure differences were adequately addressed by the administration of a weight-based dose. The following factors had no clinically important effect on the CL of pembrolizumab: age (range: 15 to 94 years), gender, race, renal impairment, mild hepatic impairment, or tumor burden.

*Renal Impairment:* The effect of renal impairment on the CL of pembrolizumab was evaluated by population pharmacokinetic analyses in patients with various solid tumors and mild (eGFR 60 to 89 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; n=937), moderate (eGFR 30 to 59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; n=201), or severe (eGFR 15 to 29 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; n=4) renal impairment compared to patients with normal (eGFR greater than or equal to 90 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; n=1027) renal function. No clinically important differences in the CL of pembrolizumab were found between patients with renal impairment and patients with normal renal function [see Use in Specific Populations (8.6)].

*Hepatic Impairment:* The effect of hepatic impairment on the CL of pembrolizumab was evaluated by population pharmacokinetic analyses in patients with various solid tumors and mild hepatic impairment (TB less than or equal to ULN and AST greater than ULN or TB between 1 and 1.5 times ULN and any AST; n=269) compared to patients with normal hepatic function (TB and AST less than or equal to ULN; n=1871). No clinically important differences in the CL of pembrolizumab were found between patients with mild hepatic impairment and normal hepatic function. There is insufficient information to determine whether there are clinically important differences in the CL of pembrolizumab in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment [see Use in Specific Populations (8.7)].

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No studies have been performed to test the potential of pembrolizumab for carcinogenicity or genotoxicity.

Fertility studies have not been conducted with pembrolizumab. In 1-month and 6-month repeat-dose toxicology studies in monkeys, there were no notable effects in the male and female reproductive organs; however, most animals in these studies were not sexually mature.

### 13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

In animal models, inhibition of PD-1 signaling resulted in an increased severity of some infections and enhanced inflammatory responses. M. tuberculosis-infected PD-1 knockout mice exhibit markedly decreased survival compared with wild-type controls, which correlated with increased bacterial proliferation and inflammatory responses in these animals. PD-1 knockout mice have also shown decreased survival following infection with lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV). Administration of pembrolizumab in chimpanzees with naturally occurring chronic hepatitis B infection resulted in two out of four animals with significantly increased levels of serum ALT, AST, and GGT, which persisted for at least 1 month after discontinuation of pembrolizumab.

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

### 14.1 Melanoma

#### *Ipilimumab-Naive Melanoma (Trial 6)*

The safety and efficacy of KEYTRUDA were evaluated in Trial 6, a randomized (1:1:1), open-label, multicenter, active-controlled trial. Patients were randomized to receive KEYTRUDA at a dose of 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks or 10mg/kg every 3 weeks as an intravenous infusion until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity or to ipilimumab 3 mg/kg every 3 weeks as an intravenous infusion for 4 doses unless discontinued earlier for disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Patients with disease progression could receive additional doses of treatment unless disease progression was symptomatic, was rapidly progressive, required urgent intervention, occurred with a decline in performance status, or was confirmed at 4 to 6 weeks with repeat imaging. Randomization was stratified by line of therapy (0 vs. 1), ECOG PS (0 vs. 1), and PD-L1 expression ( $\geq 1\%$  of tumor cells [positive] vs.  $< 1\%$  of tumor cells [negative]) according to an investigational use only (IUO) assay. Key eligibility criteria were unresectable or metastatic melanoma with progression of disease; no prior ipilimumab; and no more than one prior systemic treatment for metastatic melanoma. Patients with BRAF V600E mutation-positive melanoma were not required to have received prior BRAF inhibitor therapy. Patients with autoimmune disease; a medical condition that required immunosuppression; previous severe hypersensitivity to other monoclonal antibodies; and HIV, hepatitis B or hepatitis C infection, were ineligible. Assessment of tumor status was performed at 12 weeks, then every 6 weeks through Week 48, followed by every 12 weeks thereafter. The major efficacy outcome measures were overall survival (OS) and progression-free survival (PFS; as assessed by blinded independent central review (BICR) using Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors [RECIST v1.1]). Additional efficacy outcome measures were overall response rate (ORR) and response duration.

A total of 834 patients were randomized: 277 patients to the KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks arm, 279 to the KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks arm, and 278 to the ipilimumab arm. The study population characteristics were: median age of 62 years (range: 18 to 89 years), 60% male, 98% White, 66% had no prior systemic therapy for metastatic disease, 69% ECOG PS of 0, 80% had PD-L1 positive melanoma, 18% had PD-L1 negative melanoma, and 2% had unknown PD-L1 status using the IUO assay, 65% had M1c stage disease, 68% with normal LDH, 36% with reported BRAF mutation-positive melanoma, and 9% with a history of brain metastases. Among patients with BRAF mutation-positive melanoma, 139 (46%) were previously treated with a BRAF inhibitor.

The study demonstrated statistically significant improvements in OS and PFS for patients randomized to KEYTRUDA as compared to ipilimumab (Table 7 and Figure 1).

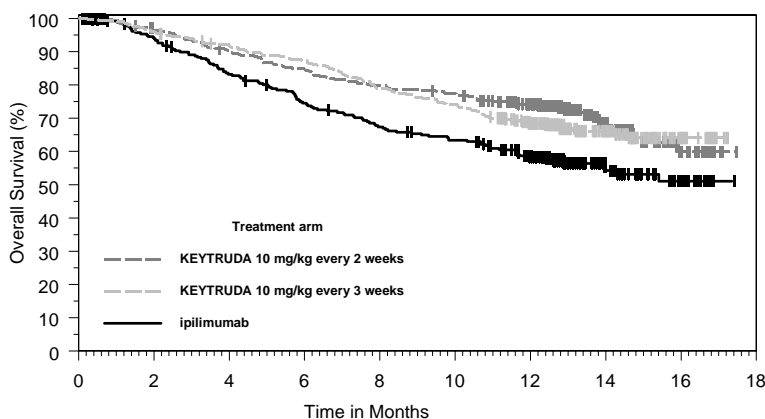
**Table 7: Efficacy Results in Trial 6**

	<b>KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=277</b>	<b>KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks n=279</b>	<b>Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=278</b>
<b>OS</b>			
Deaths (%)	92 (33%)	85 (30%)	112 (40%)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.69 (0.52, 0.90)	0.63 (0.47, 0.83)	---
p-Value (stratified log-rank)	0.004	<0.001	---
<b>PFS by BICR</b>			
Events (%)	157 (57%)	157 (56%)	188 (68%)
Median in months (95% CI)	4.1 (2.9, 6.9)	5.5 (3.4, 6.9)	2.8 (2.8, 2.9)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.58 (0.47, 0.72)	0.58 (0.46, 0.72)	---
p-Value (stratified log-rank)	<0.001	<0.001	---
<b>Best overall response by BICR</b>			
ORR % (95% CI)	33% (27, 39)	34% (28, 40)	12% (8, 16)
Complete response %	6%	5%	1%
Partial response %	27%	29%	10%

\* Hazard ratio (KEYTRUDA compared to ipilimumab) based on the stratified Cox proportional hazard model

Among the 91 patients randomized to KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks with an objective response, response durations ranged from 1.4+ to 8.1+ months. Among the 94 patients randomized to KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with an objective response, response durations ranged from 1.4+ to 8.2 months.

**Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier Curve for Overall Survival in Trial 6**



Number at Risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks:	279	266	248	233	219	212	177	67	19	0
KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks:	277	266	251	238	215	202	158	71	18	0
ipilimumab:	278	242	212	188	169	157	117	51	17	0

**Ipilimumab-Refractory Melanoma (Trial 2)**

The safety and efficacy of KEYTRUDA were evaluated in Trial 2, a multicenter, randomized (1:1:1), active-controlled trial. Patients were randomized to receive one of two doses of KEYTRUDA in a blinded fashion or investigator's choice chemotherapy. The treatment arms consisted of KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg intravenously every 3 weeks or investigator's choice of any of the following chemotherapy regimens: dacarbazine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously every 3 weeks (26%), temozolomide 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally once daily for 5 days every 28 days (25%), carboplatin AUC 6 intravenously plus paclitaxel 225 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously every 3 weeks for four cycles then carboplatin AUC of 5 plus paclitaxel 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks (25%), paclitaxel 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously every 3 weeks (16%), or carboplatin AUC 5 or 6 intravenously every 3 weeks (8%). Randomization was stratified by ECOG performance status (0 vs. 1), LDH levels (normal vs. elevated [ $\geq 110\%$  ULN]) and BRAF V600 mutation status (wild-type [WT] or V600E). The trial included patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with progression of

disease; refractory to two or more doses of ipilimumab (3 mg/kg or higher) and, if BRAF V600 mutation-positive, a BRAF or MEK inhibitor; and disease progression within 24 weeks following the last dose of ipilimumab. The trial excluded patients with uveal melanoma and active brain metastasis. Patients received KEYTRUDA until unacceptable toxicity; disease progression that was symptomatic, was rapidly progressive, required urgent intervention, occurred with a decline in performance status, or was confirmed at 4 to 6 weeks with repeat imaging; withdrawal of consent; or physician's decision to stop therapy for the patient. Assessment of tumor status was performed at 12 weeks after randomization, then every 6 weeks through week 48, followed by every 12 weeks thereafter. Patients on chemotherapy who experienced progression of disease were offered KEYTRUDA. The major efficacy outcomes were progression-free survival (PFS) as assessed by BICR per RECIST v1.1 and overall survival (OS). Additional efficacy outcome measures were confirmed overall response rate (ORR) as assessed by BICR per RECIST v1.1 and duration of response.

The treatment arms consisted of KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg (n=180) or 10 mg/kg (n=181) every 3 weeks or investigator's choice chemotherapy (n=179). Among the 540 randomized patients, the median age was 62 years (range: 15 to 89 years), with 43% age 65 or older; 61% male; 98% White; and ECOG performance score was 0 (55%) and 1 (45%). Twenty-three percent of patients were BRAF V600 mutation positive, 40% had elevated LDH at baseline, 82% had M1c disease, and 73% had two or more prior therapies for advanced or metastatic disease.

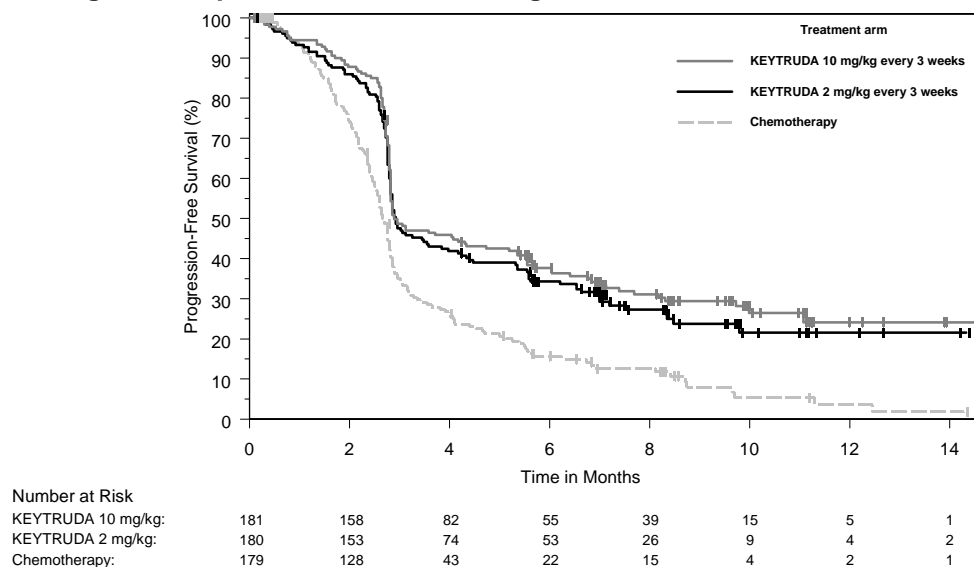
The study demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in PFS for patients randomized to KEYTRUDA as compared to control arm (Table 8). There was no statistically significant difference between KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg and chemotherapy or between KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg and chemotherapy in the interim OS analysis with 220 deaths (59% of required events for the final analysis).

**Table 8: Efficacy Results in Trial 2**

	<b>KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=180</b>	<b>KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks n=181</b>	<b>Chemotherapy n=179</b>
<b>Progression-Free Survival</b>			
Number of Events, n (%)	129 (72%)	126 (70%)	155 (87%)
Progression, n (%)	105 (58%)	107 (59%)	134 (75%)
Death, n (%)	24 (13%)	19 (10%)	21 (12%)
Median in months (95% CI)	2.9 (2.8, 3.8)	2.9 (2.8, 4.7)	2.7 (2.5, 2.8)
P Value (stratified log-rank)	<0.001	<0.001	---
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.57 (0.45, 0.73)	0.50 (0.39, 0.64)	---
<b>Objective Response Rate</b>			
ORR, n% (95% CI)	21% (15, 28)	25% (19, 32)	4% (2, 9)
Complete response %	2%	3%	0%
Partial response %	19%	23%	4%

\* Hazard ratio (KEYTRUDA compared to chemotherapy) based on the stratified Cox proportional hazard model

**Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier Curve for Progression-Free Survival in Trial 2**



Among the 38 patients randomized to KEYTRUDA 2 mg/kg with an objective response, response durations ranged from 1.3+ to 11.5+ months. Among the 46 patients randomized to KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg with an objective response, response durations ranged from 1.1+ to 11.1+ months.

## 14.2 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

The efficacy of KEYTRUDA was investigated in a sub-group of a cohort of 280 patients enrolled in a multicenter, open-label multi-cohort, activity-estimating study (Trial 1). The cohort consisted of patients with metastatic NSCLC that had progressed following platinum-containing chemotherapy, and if appropriate, targeted therapy for ALK or EGFR mutations and any evidence of PD-L1 expression by a clinical trial immunohistochemistry assay. Patients with autoimmune disease; a medical condition that required immunosuppression; or who had received more than 30 Gy of thoracic radiation within the prior 26 weeks were ineligible.

A prospectively defined sub-group was retrospectively analyzed using an analytically validated test for PD-L1 expression tumor proportion score (TPS). This retrospectively identified sub-group of 61 patients accounts for 22% of the 280 patients in the cohort. Patients included in this sub-group had a PD-L1 expression TPS of greater than or equal to 50% tumor cells as determined by the PD-L1 IHC 22C3

pharmDx Kit. Patients received KEYTRUDA 10 mg/kg every 2 (n=27) or 3 (n=34) weeks until unacceptable toxicity or disease progression that was symptomatic, was rapidly progressive, required urgent intervention, occurred with a decline in performance status, or was confirmed at 4 to 6 weeks with repeat imaging. Assessment of tumor status was performed every 9 weeks. The major efficacy outcome measures were ORR according to RECIST 1.1 as assessed by BICR and duration of response.

Among the 61 patients with a TPS greater than or equal to 50%, the baseline characteristics were: median age 60 years (34% age 65 or older); 61% male; 79% White; and 34% and 64% with an ECOG PS 0 and 1, respectively. Disease characteristics were squamous (21%) and non-squamous (75%); M1 (98%); brain metastases (11%); one (26%), two (30%), or three or more (44%) prior therapies; and the incidence of genomic aberrations was EGFR (10%) or ALK (0%).

Efficacy results are summarized in Table 9. The ORR and duration of response were similar regardless of schedule (every 2 weeks or every 3 weeks) and thus the data below are pooled.

**Table 9: Efficacy Results**

Endpoint	n=61
<b>Overall Response Rate</b>	
ORR %, (95% CI)	41% (29, 54)
Complete Response	0%
Partial Response	41%

Among the 25 responding patients, 21 (84%) patients had ongoing responses at the final analysis of ORR; 11 (44%) patients had ongoing responses of 6 months or longer.

In a separate subgroup of 25 patients with limited follow-up with PD-L1 expression TPS greater than or equal to 50% receiving KEYTRUDA at a dose of 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks in Trial 1, activity was also observed.

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

KEYTRUDA for injection (lyophilized powder): carton containing one 50 mg single-use vial (NDC 0006-3029-02).

Store vials under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F).

KEYTRUDA injection (solution): carton containing one 100 mg/4 mL (25 mg/mL), single-use vial (NDC 0006-3026-02)

Store vials under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) in original carton to protect from light. Do not freeze. Do not shake.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide).

- Inform patients of the risk of immune-mediated adverse reactions that may require corticosteroid treatment and interruption or discontinuation of KEYTRUDA, including:
  - Pneumonitis: Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for new or worsening cough, chest pain, or shortness of breath [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].
  - Colitis: Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for diarrhea or severe abdominal pain [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)].
  - Hepatitis: Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for jaundice, severe nausea or vomiting, or easy bruising or bleeding [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)].
  - Hypophysitis: Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for persistent or unusual headache, extreme weakness, dizziness or fainting, or vision changes [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].

- Hyperthyroidism and Hypothyroidism: Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for signs or symptoms of hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].
  - Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus: Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for signs or symptoms of type 1 diabetes [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].
  - Nephritis: Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for signs or symptoms of nephritis [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].
  - Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for signs or symptoms of infusion-related reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.7)].
  - Advise patients of the importance of keeping scheduled appointments for blood work or other laboratory tests [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3, 5.4, 5.5)].
  - Advise women that KEYTRUDA can cause fetal harm. Instruct women of reproductive potential to use highly effective contraception during and for 4 months after the last dose of KEYTRUDA [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.8) and *Use in Specific Populations* (8.1, 8.3)].
  - Advise nursing mothers not to breastfeed while taking KEYTRUDA and for 4 months after the final dose [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.2)].
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**MEDICATION GUIDE**

**KEYTRUDA® (key-true-duh)  
(pembrolizumab)  
for injection**

**KEYTRUDA® (key-true-duh)  
(pembrolizumab)  
injection**

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

KEYTRUDA is a medicine that may treat your melanoma or lung cancer by working with your immune system. KEYTRUDA can cause your immune system to attack normal organs and tissues in many areas of your body and can affect the way they work. These problems can sometimes become serious or life-threatening and can lead to death.

**Call or see your doctor right away if you develop any symptoms of the following problems or these symptoms get worse:**

**Lung problems (pneumonitis).** Symptoms of pneumonitis may include:

- shortness of breath
- chest pain
- new or worse cough

**Intestinal problems (colitis) that can lead to tears or holes in your intestine.** Signs and symptoms of colitis may include:

- diarrhea or more bowel movements than usual
- stools that are black, tarry, sticky, or have blood or mucus
- severe stomach-area (abdomen) pain or tenderness

**Liver problems (hepatitis).** Signs and symptoms of hepatitis may include:

- yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes
- nausea or vomiting
- pain on the right side of your stomach area (abdomen)
- dark urine
- feeling less hungry than usual
- bleeding or bruising more easily than normal

**Hormone gland problems (especially the thyroid, pituitary, adrenal glands, and pancreas).** Signs and symptoms that your hormone glands are not working properly may include:

- rapid heart beat
- weight loss or weight gain
- increased sweating
- feeling more hungry or thirsty
- urinating more often than usual
- hair loss
- feeling cold
- constipation
- your voice gets deeper
- muscle aches
- dizziness or fainting
- headaches that will not go away or unusual headache

**Kidney problems, including nephritis and kidney failure.** Signs of kidney problems may include:

- change in the amount or color of your urine.

**Problems in other organs.** Signs of these problems may include:

- rash
- changes in eyesight
- severe or persistent muscle or joint pains
- severe muscle weakness
- low red blood cells (anemia)

**Infusion (IV) reactions, that can sometimes be severe and life-threatening.** Signs and symptoms of infusion reactions may include:

- chills or shaking

- shortness of breath or wheezing
- itching or rash
- flushing
- dizziness
- fever
- feeling like passing out

**Getting medical treatment right away may help keep these problems from becoming more serious.**

Your doctor will check you for these problems during treatment with KEYTRUDA. Your doctor may treat you with corticosteroid or hormone replacement medicines. Your doctor may also need to delay or completely stop treatment with KEYTRUDA, if you have severe side effects.

**What is KEYTRUDA?**

KEYTRUDA is a prescription medicine used to treat:

- a kind of skin cancer called melanoma. KEYTRUDA may be used when your melanoma has spread or cannot be removed by surgery (advanced melanoma).
- a kind of lung cancer called non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). KEYTRUDA may be used when your lung cancer:
  - has spread **and**,
  - tests positive for “PD-L1” **and**,
  - you have tried chemotherapy that contains platinum, and it did not work or is no longer working **and**,
  - if your tumor has an abnormal “EGFR” or “ALK” gene, and you have also tried an EGFR or ALK inhibitor medicine.

It is not known if KEYTRUDA is safe and effective in children less than 18 years of age.

**What should I tell my doctor before receiving KEYTRUDA?**

**Before you receive KEYTRUDA, tell your doctor if you:**

- have immune system problems such as Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, or lupus
- have had an organ transplant
- have lung or breathing problems
- have liver problems
- have any other medical problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
  - KEYTRUDA can harm your unborn baby.
  - Females who are able to become pregnant should use an effective method of birth control during and for at least 4 months after the final dose of KEYTRUDA. Talk to your doctor about birth control methods that you can use during this time.
  - Tell your doctor right away if you become pregnant during treatment with KEYTRUDA.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.
  - It is not known if KEYTRUDA passes into your breast milk.
  - Do not breastfeed during treatment with KEYTRUDA and for 4 months after your final dose of KEYTRUDA.

**Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

**How will I receive KEYTRUDA?**

- Your doctor will give you KEYTRUDA into your vein through an intravenous (IV) line over 30 minutes.
- KEYTRUDA is usually given every 3 weeks.
- Your doctor will decide how many treatments you need.
- Your doctor will do blood tests to check you for side effects.
- If you miss any appointments, call your doctor as soon as possible to reschedule your appointment.

### What are the possible side effects of KEYTRUDA?

**KEYTRUDA can cause serious side effects. See “What is the most important information I should know about KEYTRUDA?”**

The most common side effects of KEYTRUDA in people with melanoma include:

- feeling tired
- rash
- diarrhea
- itching
- constipation
- nausea
- decreased appetite

The most common side effects of KEYTRUDA in people with NSCLC include:

- feeling tired
- decreased appetite
- shortness of breath
- cough

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of KEYTRUDA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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

### General information about the safe and effective use of KEYTRUDA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. If you would like more information about KEYTRUDA, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or nurse for information about KEYTRUDA that is written for healthcare professionals. For more information, go to [www.keytruda.com](http://www.keytruda.com).

### What are the ingredients in KEYTRUDA?

**Active ingredient:** pembrolizumab

**Inactive ingredients:**

KEYTRUDA for injection: L-histidine, polysorbate 80, and sucrose. May contain hydrochloric acid/sodium hydroxide.

KEYTRUDA injection: L-histidine, polysorbate 80, sucrose, and Water for Injection, USP.



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