

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

XOLAIR® (omalizumab) injection, for subcutaneous use  
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Initial U.S. Approval: 2003

### WARNING: ANAPHYLAXIS

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

Anaphylaxis, presenting as bronchospasm, hypotension, syncope, urticaria, and/or angioedema of the throat or tongue, has been reported to occur after administration of XOLAIR. Anaphylaxis has occurred after the first dose of XOLAIR but also has occurred beyond 1 year after beginning treatment. Closely observe patients for an appropriate period of time after XOLAIR administration and be prepared to manage anaphylaxis that can be life-threatening. Inform patients of the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and have them seek immediate medical care should symptoms occur. (5.1)

### RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5) 09/2018

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

XOLAIR is an anti-IgE antibody indicated for:

- Moderate to severe persistent asthma in patients 6 years of age and older with a positive skin test or in vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen and symptoms that are inadequately controlled with inhaled corticosteroids (1.1)
- Chronic idiopathic urticaria in adults and adolescents 12 years of age and older who remain symptomatic despite H1 antihistamine treatment (1.2)

Limitations of use:

- Not indicated for other allergic conditions or other forms of urticaria. (1.1, 1.2)
- Not indicated for acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus. (1.1, 5.3)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

For subcutaneous (SC) administration only. (2.1, 2.2)

Divide doses of more than 150 mg among more than one injection site to limit injections to not more than 150 mg per site. (2.4)

- Asthma:** XOLAIR 75 to 375 mg SC every 2 or 4 weeks. Determine dose (mg) and dosing frequency by serum total IgE level (IU/mL), measured before the start of treatment, and body weight (kg). See the dose determination charts. (2.1)
- Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria:** XOLAIR 150 or 300 mg SC every 4 weeks. Dosing in CIU is not dependent on serum IgE level or body weight. (2.2)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Injection: 75 mg/0.5 mL and 150 mg/mL solution in a single-dose prefilled syringe (3)
- For Injection: 150 mg lyophilized powder in a single-dose vial for reconstitution (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

Severe hypersensitivity reaction to XOLAIR or any ingredient of XOLAIR (4, 5.1)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Anaphylaxis:** Administer only in a healthcare setting prepared to manage anaphylaxis that can be life-threatening and observe patients for an appropriate period of time after administration. (5.1)
- Malignancy:** Malignancies have been observed in clinical studies. (5.2)
- Acute Asthma Symptoms:** Do not use for the treatment of acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus. (5.3)
- Corticosteroid Reduction:** Do not abruptly discontinue corticosteroids upon initiation of XOLAIR therapy. (5.4)
- Eosinophilic Conditions:** Be alert to eosinophilia, vasculitic rash, worsening pulmonary symptoms, cardiac complications, and/or neuropathy, especially upon reduction of oral corticosteroids. (5.5)
- Fever, Arthralgia, and Rash:** Stop XOLAIR if patients develop signs and symptoms similar to serum sickness. (5.6)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

- Asthma:** The most common adverse reactions in clinical studies with adult and adolescent patients  $\geq 12$  years of age were arthralgia, pain (general), leg pain, fatigue, dizziness, fracture, arm pain, pruritus, dermatitis, and earache. In clinical studies with pediatric patients 6 to  $< 12$  years of age, the most common adverse reactions were nasopharyngitis, headache, pyrexia, upper abdominal pain, pharyngitis streptococcal, otitis media, viral gastroenteritis, arthropod bites, and epistaxis. (6.1)
- Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria:** The most common adverse reactions ( $\geq 2\%$  XOLAIR-treated patients and more frequent than in placebo) included the following: nausea, nasopharyngitis, sinusitis, upper respiratory tract infection, viral upper respiratory tract infection, arthralgia, headache, and cough. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Genentech at 1-888-835-2555 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

### DRUG INTERACTIONS

No formal drug interaction studies have been performed. (7)

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## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

### 1.1 Asthma

XOLAIR is indicated for patients 6 years of age and older with moderate to severe persistent asthma who have a positive skin test or in vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen and whose symptoms are inadequately controlled with inhaled corticosteroids.

XOLAIR has been shown to decrease the incidence of asthma exacerbations in these patients.

#### Limitations of Use:

- XOLAIR is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus.
- XOLAIR is not indicated for treatment of other allergic conditions.

### 1.2 Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria (CIU)

XOLAIR is indicated for the treatment of adults and adolescents 12 years of age and older with chronic idiopathic urticaria who remain symptomatic despite H1 antihistamine treatment.

#### Limitation of Use:

XOLAIR is not indicated for treatment of other forms of urticaria.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Dosage for Asthma

Administer XOLAIR 75 mg to 375 mg by subcutaneous injection every 2 or 4 weeks. Determine dose (mg) and dosing frequency by serum total IgE level (IU/mL) measured before the start of treatment, and by body weight (kg).

Adjust doses for significant changes in body weight during treatment (see Tables 1 and 2).

Total IgE levels are elevated during treatment and remain elevated for up to one year after the discontinuation of treatment. Therefore, re-testing of IgE levels during XOLAIR treatment cannot be used as a guide for dose determination.

- Interruptions lasting less than one year: Dose based on serum IgE levels obtained at the initial dose determination.

- Interruptions lasting one year or more: Re-test total serum IgE levels for dose determination using Table 1 or 2, based on the patient’s age.

Periodically reassess the need for continued therapy based upon the patient’s disease severity and level of asthma control.

Adult and adolescent patients 12 years of age and older: Initiate dosing according to Table 1.

**Table 1. Subcutaneous XOLAIR Doses Every 2 or 4 Weeks\* for Patients 12 Years of Age and Older with Asthma**

Pretreatment Serum IgE (IU/mL)	Dosing Freq.	Body Weight			
		30–60 kg	>60–70 kg	>70–90 kg	>90–150 kg
		Dose (mg)			
≥30–100	Every	150	150	150	300
>100–200	4	300	300	300	225
>200–300	weeks	300	225	225	300
>300–400	Every	225	225	300	<b>Insufficient Data to Recommend a Dose</b>
>400–500	2	300	300	375	
>500–600	weeks	300	375		
>600–700		375			

\*Dosing frequency:

- Subcutaneous doses to be administered every 4 weeks
- Subcutaneous doses to be administered every 2 weeks

Pediatric patients 6 to <12 years of age: Initiate dosing according to Table 2.

**Table 2. Subcutaneous XOLAIR Doses Every 2 or 4 Weeks\* for Pediatric Patients with Asthma Who Begin XOLAIR Between the Ages of 6 to <12 Years**

Pre-treatment Serum IgE (IU/mL)	Dosing Freq.	Body Weight									
		20-25 kg	>25-30 kg	>30-40 kg	>40-50 kg	>50-60 kg	>60-70 kg	>70-80 kg	>80-90 kg	>90-125 kg	>125-150 kg
		Dose (mg)									
30-100	Every 4 weeks	75	75	75	150	150	150	150	150	300	300
>100-200		150	150	150	300	300	300	300	300	225	300
>200-300		150	150	225	300	300	225	225	225	300	375
>300-400		225	225	300	225	225	225	300	300		
>400-500		225	300	225	225	300	300	375	375		
>500-600		300	300	225	300	300	375				
>600-700		300	225	225	300	375					
>700-800	Every 2 weeks	225	225	300	375						
>800-900		225	225	300	375						
>900-1000		225	300	375							
>1000-1100		225	300	375	Insufficient Data to Recommend a Dose						
>1100-1200		300	300								
>1200-1300		300	375								

\*Dosing frequency:

- Subcutaneous doses to be administered every 4 weeks
- Subcutaneous doses to be administered every 2 weeks

## 2.2 Dosage for Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria

Administer XOLAIR 150 mg or 300 mg by subcutaneous injection every 4 weeks.

Dosing of XOLAIR in CIU patients is not dependent on serum IgE (free or total) level or body weight.

The appropriate duration of therapy for CIU has not been evaluated. Periodically reassess the need for continued therapy.

## 2.3 Administration

XOLAIR is available as a prefilled syringe and as a lyophilized powder in vial for reconstitution. Both XOLAIR prefilled syringe and lyophilized powder should be administered by a healthcare professional. Administer XOLAIR by subcutaneous injection. The injection may take 5-10 seconds to administer. Do not administer more than one injection per site. (Table 3, Table 4).

**Table 3. Number of Prefilled Syringes, Injections and Total Injection Volumes**

XOLAIR Dose*	75 mg Syringes	150 mg Syringes	Total Volume Injected
75 mg	1	0	0.5 mL
150 mg	0	1	1 mL
225 mg	1	1	1.5 mL
300 mg	0	2	2 mL
375 mg	1	2	2.5 mL

\* All doses in the table are approved for use in asthma patients. The 150 mg and 300 mg XOLAIR doses are also approved for use in CIU patients.

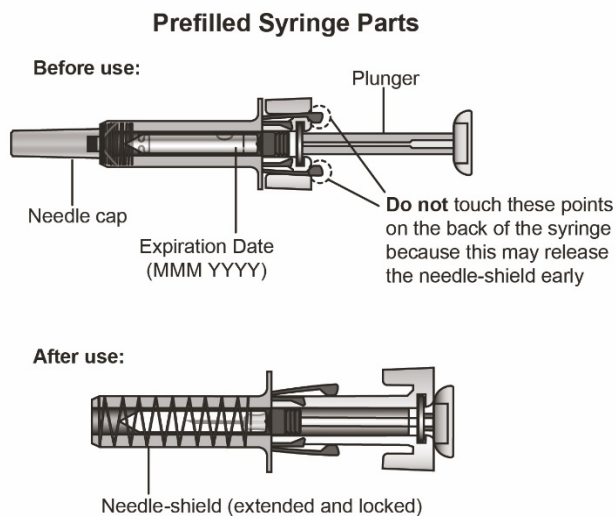
**Table 4. Number of Vials, Injections and Total Injection Volumes**

XOLAIR Dose*	Number of Vials	Number of Injections	Total Volume Injected
75 mg	1	1	0.6 mL
150 mg	1	1	1.2 mL
225 mg	2	2	1.8 mL
300 mg	2	2	2.4 mL
375 mg	3	3	3.0 mL

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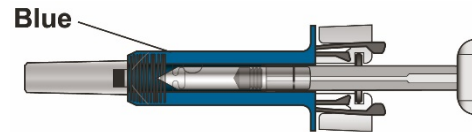
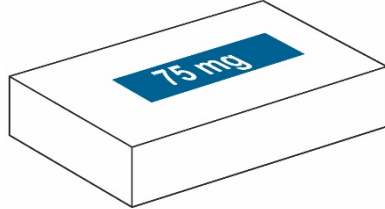
## 2.4 Preparation for Use and Injection of XOLAIR Prefilled Syringe

To prepare XOLAIR prefilled syringes for subcutaneous administration, please carefully read and adhere to these instructions for use.

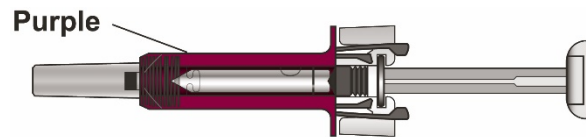
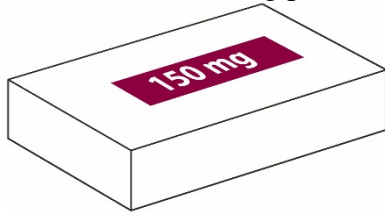


XOLAIR prefilled syringes are available in 2 dose strengths. These instructions are to be used for both dose strengths. You should check the label on the carton that comes with the XOLAIR prefilled syringe to make sure that the dose is correct.

- XOLAIR 75 mg prefilled syringe with a blue needle shield



- XOLAIR 150 mg prefilled syringe with a purple needle shield



### Storage Instructions

- Keep the unused syringe in the original carton and store the carton in a refrigerator at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C). **Do not** remove the syringe from its original carton during storage.
- Keep the XOLAIR syringe out of direct sunlight.
- **Do not** freeze.
- **Do not** use if the syringe has been frozen.
- Always keep the syringe dry.

### Important Information about the Prefilled Syringe

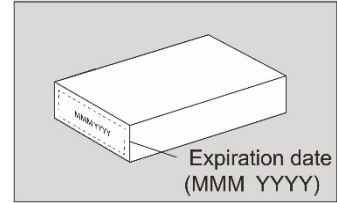
- The removable needle cap of XOLAIR solution for injection in prefilled syringe contains a derivative of natural rubber latex [see Description (11)].
- **Do not** open the sealed outer carton until you are ready to inject XOLAIR.
- **Do not** take the needle cap off until you are ready to inject XOLAIR.
- **Do not** try to take the syringe apart at any time.
- **Do not** reuse the same syringe.
- **Do not** use if the syringe has been dropped or damaged.
- **Do not** use if the packaging is damaged or appears to be tampered with.
- **Do not** leave the syringe unattended.
- Keep the syringe out of the reach of children.

### Preparing for the Injection

- 1 Find a clean, flat, working surface.
  - Each XOLAIR carton contains 1 syringe.
  - Take the carton containing the syringe out of the refrigerator.

2 Check the expiration date on the XOLAIR carton.

- Do not use it if the expiration date has passed because it may not be safe to use. If the expiration date has passed, safely dispose of the syringe in a sharps container (see step 14 at the end of these instructions for use).

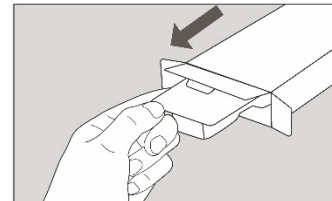


3 Place the carton on a clean flat, surface.

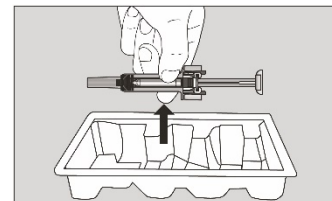
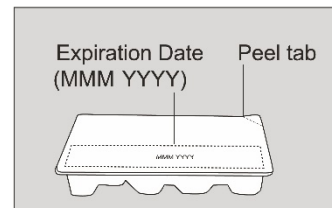
- Set aside the carton for at least 15-30 minutes so the syringe can warm up on its own to room temperature (leave the syringe in the carton to protect it from light).
- If the syringe does not reach room temperature, this could cause the injection to feel uncomfortable and make it hard to push the plunger.
- **Do not** allow the syringe to become hot.
- **Do not** speed up the warming process in any way, and do not put the syringe in a microwave or in warm water.

4 Open the carton.

- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Take the blister pack out of the carton.

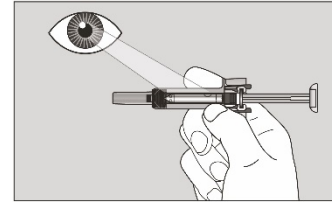


- Check the expiration date on blister pack.
- Do not use it if the expiration date has passed because it may not be safe to use. If the expiration date has passed, safely dispose of the syringe in a sharps container (see step 14 at the end of these instructions for use).
- Be careful when taking out the syringe. **Do not** flip the blister pack upside down to take out the syringe, and **do not** touch the back of the syringe. This may damage the syringe.
- Peel off the blister pack cover. Take the syringe out of the blister pack by holding the middle part of the syringe. When holding the syringe, make sure you always hold the syringe as shown.
- **Do not** handle the syringe by holding the plunger or needle cap.



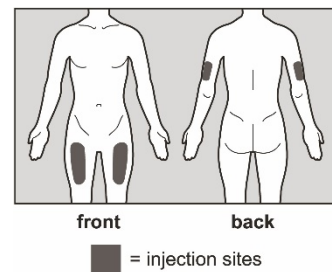
**5** Inspect the syringe closely.

- Check the syringe. The liquid in the syringe should be clear to slightly opalescent and colorless to pale brownish-yellow. **Do not** use the syringe if the liquid is cloudy, discolored, or contains foreign particles.
- Check the expiration date on the syringe. **Do not** use the syringe if the expiration date has passed because it may not be safe to use.
- If the medicine does not look as described or if the expiration date has passed, safely dispose of the syringe in a sharps container (see step 14 at the end of these instructions for use).



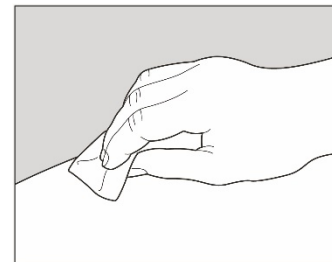
**6** Choose an injection site.

- The recommended injection sites are the upper arm and the front and middle of the thighs.
- **Do not** inject into moles, scars, bruises, or areas where the skin is tender, red, hard, or if there are breaks in the skin.
- Choose a different injection site for each new injection at least 1 inch from the area used for the last injection.



**7** Wipe the injection site with an alcohol pad in a circular motion and let it air dry for 10 seconds.

- **Do not** touch the injection site again before giving the injection.
- **Do not** fan or blow on the cleaned area.

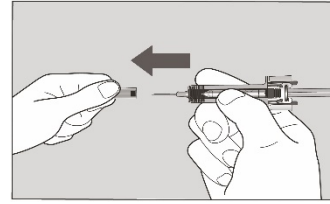




### Administering the Injection

**8** Hold the syringe firmly with 1 hand and pull the needle cap straight off with your other hand.

- **Do not** hold the plunger while you remove the needle cap.
- **Do not** touch the needle after removing the needle cap.
- Throw away the needle cap in a sharps container right away.
- There may be a small air bubble in the syringe. This is normal and you should not try to remove the air bubble.
- You may also see a drop of liquid at the end of the needle. This is also normal and will not affect the dose.

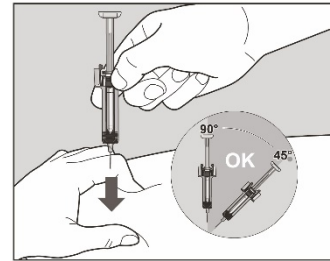


**9** Use your other hand and gently pinch the area of skin that was cleaned. Hold the pinched skin tight.

- Pinching the skin is important to make sure that you inject under the skin (into the fatty area) but not any deeper (into muscle).

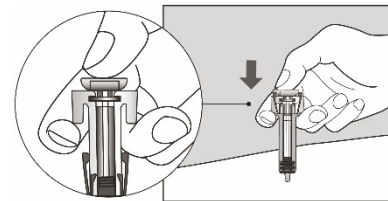
**10** Continue holding the syringe by the center and use a quick, dart-like motion to insert the needle all the way into the pinched skin at an angle between 45° to 90°. It is important to use the correct angle to make sure the medicine is delivered under the skin (into the fatty area), or the injection could be uncomfortable and the medicine may not work.

- **Do not** touch the plunger while inserting the needle into the skin.
- **Do not** insert the needle through clothing. Once the needle is inserted, hold the syringe tightly in place and **do not** change the angle of injection or insert the needle again. The patient should not move and should avoid sudden movements throughout the injection.



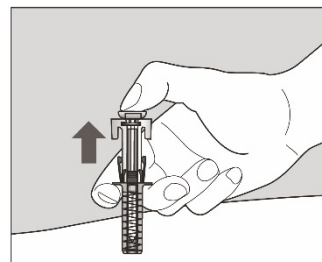
**11** Slowly inject all of the medicine by gently pushing the plunger all the way down.

- You must press the plunger all the way down to make sure that the full dose of medicine gets injected. If the plunger is not fully pressed, the needle shield will not extend to cover the needle when it is removed.



**12** Gently release the plunger and allow the needle to be covered by the needle-shield.

- If the needle is not covered, proceed carefully to dispose of the syringe (see step 14 at the end of these instructions for use).



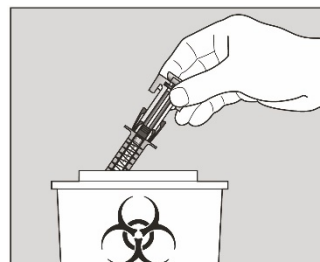
### **After the Injection**

**13** There may be a little bleeding at the injection site. You can press a cotton ball or gauze over the injection site.

- **Do not** rub the injection site.
- If needed, you may cover the injection site with a small bandage.
- In case of skin contact with medicine, wash the area that touched the medicine with water.

**14** The XOLAIR prefilled syringe is a single-dose syringe and should not be used again.

- Put the used XOLAIR prefilled syringe in a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container right away after use. **Do not** throw away (dispose of) the prefilled syringe in the trash.
- **Do not** put the needle cap back on the needle.



## **2.5 Preparation for Use and Injection of XOLAIR Lyophilized Powder**

The supplied XOLAIR lyophilized powder must be reconstituted with Sterile Water for Injection (SWFI) USP, using the following instructions:

- 1) Before reconstitution, determine the number of vials that will need to be reconstituted (each vial delivers 150 mg of XOLAIR in 1.2 mL) (see Table 4).
- 2) Draw 1.4 mL of SWFI, USP, into a 3 mL syringe equipped with a 1-inch, 18-gauge needle.
- 3) Place the vial upright on a flat surface and using standard aseptic technique, insert the needle and inject the SWFI, USP, directly onto the product.
- 4) Keeping the vial upright, gently swirl the upright vial for approximately 1 minute to evenly wet the powder. Do not shake.
- 5) Gently swirl the vial for 5 to 10 seconds approximately every 5 minutes in order to dissolve any remaining solids. **The lyophilized product takes 15 to 20 minutes to dissolve.** If it takes longer than 20 minutes to dissolve completely, gently swirl the vial for 5 to 10 seconds approximately every 5 minutes until there are no visible gel-like particles in the solution. Do not use if the contents of the vial do not dissolve completely by 40 minutes.
- 6) After reconstitution, XOLAIR solution is somewhat viscous and will appear clear or slightly opalescent. It is acceptable if there are a few small bubbles or foam around the edge of the vial; there should be no visible gel-like particles in the reconstituted solution. Do not use if foreign particles are present.

- 7) Invert the vial for 15 seconds in order to allow the solution to drain toward the stopper.
- 8) **Use the XOLAIR solution within 8 hours following reconstitution when stored in the vial at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F), or within 4 hours of reconstitution when stored at room temperature.** Reconstituted XOLAIR vials should be protected from sunlight.
- 9) Using a new 3 mL syringe equipped with a 1-inch, 18-gauge needle, insert the needle into the inverted vial. Position the needle tip at the very bottom of the solution in the vial stopper when drawing the solution into the syringe. The reconstituted product is somewhat viscous. **Withdraw all of the product** from the vial before expelling any air or excess solution from the syringe. Before removing the needle from the vial, pull the plunger all the way back to the end of the syringe barrel in order to remove all of the solution from the inverted vial.
- 10) Replace the 18-gauge needle with a 25-gauge needle for subcutaneous injection.
- 11) Expel air, large bubbles, and any excess solution in order to obtain a volume of 1.2 mL corresponding to a dose of 150 mg of XOLAIR. To obtain a volume of 0.6 mL corresponding to a dose of 75 mg of XOLAIR, expel air, large bubbles and discard 0.6 mL from the syringe. A thin layer of small bubbles may remain at the top of the solution in the syringe
- 12) Administer XOLAIR by subcutaneous injection. The injection may take 5-10 seconds to administer because the solution is slightly viscous. Do not administer more than 150 mg (contents of one vial) per injection site. Divide doses of more than 150 mg among two or more injection sites.

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection:

XOLAIR injection is a clear to slightly opalescent and colorless to pale brownish-yellow solution available as:

- 75 mg/0.5 mL in a single-dose prefilled syringe with blue needle shield
- 150 mg/mL in a single-dose prefilled syringe with purple needle shield

For injection: 150 mg white lyophilized powder in a single-dose vial for reconstitution.

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

The use of XOLAIR is contraindicated in the following:

Severe hypersensitivity reaction to XOLAIR or any ingredient of XOLAIR [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### 5.1 Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis has been reported to occur after administration of XOLAIR in premarketing clinical trials and in postmarketing spontaneous reports [*see Boxed Warning and Adverse Reactions (6.3)*]. Signs and symptoms in these reported cases have included bronchospasm, hypotension, syncope, urticaria, and/or angioedema of the throat or tongue. Some of these events have been life-threatening. In premarketing clinical trials in patients with asthma, anaphylaxis was reported in 3 of 3507 (0.1%) patients. Anaphylaxis occurred with the first

dose of XOLAIR in two patients and with the fourth dose in one patient. The time to onset of anaphylaxis was 90 minutes after administration in two patients and 2 hours after administration in one patient.

A case-control study showed that, among XOLAIR users, patients with a history of anaphylaxis to foods, medications, or other causes were at increased risk of anaphylaxis associated with XOLAIR, compared to those with no prior history of anaphylaxis [*see Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

In postmarketing spontaneous reports, the frequency of anaphylaxis attributed to XOLAIR use was estimated to be at least 0.2% of patients based on an estimated exposure of about 57,300 patients from June 2003 through December 2006. Anaphylaxis has occurred as early as after the first dose of XOLAIR, but also has occurred beyond one year after beginning regularly scheduled treatment.

Administer XOLAIR only in a healthcare setting by healthcare providers prepared to manage anaphylaxis that can be life-threatening. Observe patients closely for an appropriate period of time after administration of XOLAIR, taking into account the time to onset of anaphylaxis seen in premarketing clinical trials and postmarketing spontaneous reports [*see Adverse Reactions (6)*]. Inform patients of the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, and instruct them to seek immediate medical care should signs or symptoms occur.

Discontinue XOLAIR in patients who experience a severe hypersensitivity reaction [*see Contraindications (4)*].

## **5.2 Malignancy**

Malignant neoplasms were observed in 20 of 4127 (0.5%) XOLAIR-treated patients compared with 5 of 2236 (0.2%) control patients in clinical studies of adults and adolescents  $\geq 12$  years of age with asthma and other allergic disorders. The observed malignancies in XOLAIR-treated patients were a variety of types, with breast, non-melanoma skin, prostate, melanoma, and parotid occurring more than once, and five other types occurring once each. The majority of patients were observed for less than 1 year. The impact of longer exposure to XOLAIR or use in patients at higher risk for malignancy (e.g., elderly, current smokers) is not known.

In a subsequent observational study of 5007 XOLAIR-treated and 2829 non-XOLAIR-treated adolescent and adult patients with moderate to severe persistent asthma and a positive skin test reaction or in vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen, patients were followed for up to 5 years. In this study, the incidence rates of primary malignancies (per 1000 patient years) were similar among XOLAIR-treated (12.3) and non-XOLAIR-treated patients (13.0) [*see Adverse Reactions (6)*]. However, study limitations preclude definitively ruling out a malignancy risk with XOLAIR. Study limitations include: the observational study design, the bias introduced by allowing enrollment of patients previously exposed to XOLAIR (88%), enrollment of patients (56%) while a history of cancer or a premalignant condition were study exclusion criteria, and the high study discontinuation rate (44%).

## **5.3 Acute Asthma Symptoms**

XOLAIR has not been shown to alleviate asthma exacerbations acutely. Do not use XOLAIR to treat acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus.

#### **5.4 Corticosteroid Reduction**

Do not discontinue systemic or inhaled corticosteroids abruptly upon initiation of XOLAIR therapy for asthma. Decrease corticosteroids gradually under the direct supervision of a physician. In CIU patients, the use of XOLAIR in combination with corticosteroids has not been evaluated.

#### **5.5 Eosinophilic Conditions**

In rare cases, patients with asthma on therapy with XOLAIR may present with serious systemic eosinophilia sometimes presenting with clinical features of vasculitis consistent with Churg-Strauss syndrome, a condition which is often treated with systemic corticosteroid therapy. These events usually, but not always, have been associated with the reduction of oral corticosteroid therapy. Physicians should be alert to eosinophilia, vasculitic rash, worsening pulmonary symptoms, cardiac complications, and/or neuropathy presenting in their patients. A causal association between XOLAIR and these underlying conditions has not been established.

#### **5.6 Fever, Arthralgia, and Rash**

In post-approval use, some patients have experienced a constellation of signs and symptoms including arthritis/arthralgia, rash, fever and lymphadenopathy with an onset 1 to 5 days after the first or subsequent injections of XOLAIR. These signs and symptoms have recurred after additional doses in some patients. Although circulating immune complexes or a skin biopsy consistent with a Type III reaction were not seen with these cases, these signs and symptoms are similar to those seen in patients with serum sickness. Physicians should stop XOLAIR if a patient develops this constellation of signs and symptoms [*see Adverse Reactions (6.3)*].

#### **5.7 Parasitic (Helminth) Infection**

Monitor patients at high risk of geohelminth infection while on XOLAIR therapy. Insufficient data are available to determine the length of monitoring required for geohelminth infections after stopping XOLAIR treatment.

In a one-year clinical trial conducted in Brazil in adult and adolescent patients at high risk for geohelminthic infections (roundworm, hookworm, whipworm, threadworm), 53% (36/68) of XOLAIR-treated patients experienced an infection, as diagnosed by standard stool examination, compared to 42% (29/69) of placebo controls. The point estimate of the odds ratio for infection was 1.96, with a 95% confidence interval (0.88, 4.36) indicating that in this study a patient who had an infection was anywhere from 0.88 to 4.36 times as likely to have received XOLAIR than a patient who did not have an infection. Response to appropriate anti-geohelminth treatment of infection as measured by stool egg counts was not different between treatment groups.

#### **5.8 Laboratory Tests**

Serum total IgE levels increase following administration of XOLAIR due to formation of XOLAIR:IgE complexes [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*]. Elevated serum total IgE levels may persist for up to 1 year following discontinuation of XOLAIR. Do not use serum total IgE levels obtained less than 1 year following discontinuation to reassess the dosing regimen for asthma patients, because these levels may not reflect steady state free IgE levels [*see Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

Use of XOLAIR has been associated with:

- Anaphylaxis [*see Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Malignancies [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]

### 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 clinical practice.

#### Adverse Reactions from Clinical Studies in Adult and Adolescent Patients 12 Years of Age and Older with Asthma

The data described below reflect XOLAIR exposure for 2076 adult and adolescent patients ages 12 and older, including 1687 patients exposed for six months and 555 exposed for one year or more, in either placebo-controlled or other controlled asthma studies. The mean age of patients receiving XOLAIR was 42 years, with 134 patients 65 years of age or older; 60% were women, and 85% Caucasian. Patients received XOLAIR 150 mg to 375 mg every 2 or 4 weeks or, for patients assigned to control groups, standard therapy with or without a placebo.

The adverse events most frequently resulting in clinical intervention (e.g., discontinuation of XOLAIR, or the need for concomitant medication to treat an adverse event) were injection site reaction (45%), viral infections (23%), upper respiratory tract infection (20%), sinusitis (16%), headache (15%), and pharyngitis (11%). These events were observed at similar rates in XOLAIR-treated patients and control patients.

Table 5 shows adverse reactions from four placebo-controlled asthma trials that occurred  $\geq 1\%$  and more frequently in adult and adolescent patients 12 years of age and older receiving XOLAIR than in those receiving placebo. Adverse events were classified using preferred terms from the International Medical Nomenclature (IMN) dictionary. Injection site reactions were recorded separately from the reporting of other adverse events.

**Table 5. Adverse Reactions  $\geq 1\%$  More Frequent in XOLAIR-Treated Adult or Adolescent Patients 12 years of Age and Older in Four Placebo-controlled Asthma Trials**

Adverse reaction	XOLAIR n=738	Placebo n=717
<u>Body as a whole</u>		
Pain	7%	5%
Fatigue	3%	2%
<u>Musculoskeletal system</u>		
Arthralgia	8%	6%
Fracture	2%	1%
Leg pain	4%	2%
Arm pain	2%	1%
<u>Nervous system</u>		
Dizziness	3%	2%
<u>Skin and appendages</u>		
Pruritus	2%	1%
Dermatitis	2%	1%
<u>Special senses</u>		
Earache	2%	1%

There were no differences in the incidence of adverse reactions based on age (among patients under 65), gender or race.

#### *Anaphylaxis Case Control Study*

A retrospective case-control study investigated risk factors for anaphylaxis to XOLAIR among patients treated with XOLAIR for asthma. Cases with an adjudicated history of anaphylaxis to XOLAIR were compared to controls with no such history. The study found that a self-reported history of anaphylaxis to foods, medications or other causes was more common among patients with XOLAIR anaphylaxis (57% of 30 cases) compared to controls (23% of 88 controls) [OR 8.1, 95% CI 2.7 to 24.3]. Because this is a case-control study, the study cannot provide the incidence of anaphylaxis among XOLAIR users. From other sources, anaphylaxis to XOLAIR was observed in 0.1% of patients in clinical trials and at least 0.2% of patients based upon postmarketing reports [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1), Adverse Reactions (6.3)*].

#### *Injection Site Reactions*

In adults and adolescents, injection site reactions of any severity occurred at a rate of 45% in XOLAIR-treated patients compared with 43% in placebo-treated patients. The types of injection site reactions included: bruising, redness, warmth, burning, stinging, itching, hive formation, pain, indurations, mass, and inflammation.

Severe injection site reactions occurred more frequently in XOLAIR-treated patients compared with patients in the placebo group (12% versus 9%).

The majority of injection site reactions occurred within 1 hour post injection, lasted less than 8 days, and generally decreased in frequency at subsequent dosing visits.

#### Adverse Reactions from Clinical Studies in Pediatric Patients 6 to <12 Years of Age with Asthma

The data described below reflect XOLAIR exposure for 926 patients 6 to <12 years of age, including 583 patients exposed for six months and 292 exposed for one year or more, in either placebo-controlled or other controlled asthma studies. The mean age of pediatric patients receiving XOLAIR was 8.8 years; 69% were male, and 64% were Caucasian. Pediatric patients received XOLAIR 75 mg to 375 mg every 2 or 4 weeks or, for patients assigned to control groups, standard therapy with or without a placebo. No cases of malignancy were reported in patients treated with XOLAIR in these trials.

The most common adverse reactions occurring at  $\geq 3\%$  in the pediatric patients receiving XOLAIR and more frequently than in patients treated with placebo were nasopharyngitis, headache, pyrexia, upper abdominal pain, pharyngitis streptococcal, otitis media, viral gastroenteritis, arthropod bite, and epistaxis.

The adverse events most frequently resulting in clinical intervention (e.g., discontinuation of XOLAIR, or the need for concomitant medication to treat an adverse event) were bronchitis (0.2%), headache (0.2%) and urticaria (0.2%). These events were observed at similar rates in XOLAIR-treated patients and control patients.

#### Adverse Reactions from Clinical Studies in Patients with Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria (CIU)

The safety of XOLAIR for the treatment of CIU was assessed in three placebo-controlled, multiple-dose clinical trials of 12 weeks' (CIU Trial 2) and 24 weeks' duration (CIU Trials 1 and 3). In CIU Trials 1 and 2, patients received XOLAIR 75 mg, 150 mg, or 300 mg or placebo every 4 weeks in addition to their baseline level of H1 antihistamine therapy throughout the treatment period. In CIU Trial 3 patients were randomized to XOLAIR 300 mg or placebo every 4 weeks in addition to their baseline level of H1 antihistamine therapy. The data described below reflect XOLAIR exposure for 733 patients enrolled and receiving at least one dose of XOLAIR in the three clinical trials, including 684 patients exposed for 12 weeks and 427 exposed for 24 weeks. The mean age of patients receiving XOLAIR 300 mg was 43 years, 75% were women, and 89% were white. The demographic profiles for patients receiving XOLAIR 150 mg and 75 mg were similar.

Table 6 shows adverse reactions that occurred in  $\geq 2\%$  of patients receiving XOLAIR (150 or 300 mg) and more frequently than those receiving placebo. Adverse reactions are pooled from Trial 2 and the first 12 weeks of Trials 1 and 3.



**Table 6. Adverse Reactions Occurring in  $\geq 2\%$  in XOLAIR-Treated Patients and More Frequently than in Patients Treated with Placebo (Day 1 to Week 12) in CIU Trials**

Adverse Reactions*	CIU Trials 1, 2 and 3 Pooled		
	150mg (n=175)	300mg (n=412)	Placebo (n=242)
<u>Gastrointestinal disorders</u>			
Nausea	2 (1.1%)	11 (2.7%)	6 (2.5%)
<u>Infections and infestations</u>			
Nasopharyngitis	16 (9.1%)	27 (6.6%)	17 (7.0%)
Sinusitis	2 (1.1%)	20 (4.9%)	5 (2.1%)
Upper respiratory tract infection	2 (1.1%)	14 (3.4%)	5 (2.1%)
Viral upper respiratory tract infection	4 (2.3%)	2 (0.5%)	(0.0%)
<u>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</u>			
Arthralgia	5 (2.9%)	12 (2.9%)	1 (0.4%)
<u>Nervous system disorders</u>			
Headache	21 (12.0%)	25 (6.1%)	7 (2.9%)
<u>Respiratory, thoracic, and mediastinal disorders</u>			
Cough	2 (1.1%)	9 (2.2%)	3 (1.2%)

\* by MedDRA (15.1) System Organ Class and Preferred Term

Additional reactions reported during the 24-week treatment period in Trials 1 and 3 [ $\geq 2\%$  of patients receiving XOLAIR (150 mg or 300 mg) and more frequently than those receiving placebo] included: toothache, fungal infection, urinary tract infection, myalgia, pain in extremity, musculoskeletal pain, peripheral edema, pyrexia, migraine, sinus headache, anxiety, oropharyngeal pain, asthma, urticaria, and alopecia.

#### *Injection Site Reactions*

Injection site reactions of any severity occurred during the studies in more XOLAIR-treated patients [11 patients (2.7%) at 300 mg, 1 patient (0.6%) at 150 mg] compared with 2 placebo-treated patients (0.8%). The types of injection site reactions included: swelling, erythema, pain, bruising, itching, bleeding and urticaria. None of the events resulted in study discontinuation or treatment interruption.

#### Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Events from Clinical Studies in Patients with Asthma

A 5-year observational cohort study was conducted in patients  $\geq 12$  years of age with moderate to severe persistent asthma and a positive skin test reaction to a perennial aeroallergen to evaluate the long term safety of XOLAIR, including the risk of malignancy [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]. A total of 5007 XOLAIR-treated and 2829 non-XOLAIR-treated patients enrolled in the study. Similar percentages of patients in both cohorts were current (5%) or former smokers (29%). Patients had a mean age of 45 years and were followed for a mean of 3.7 years. More XOLAIR-treated patients were diagnosed with severe asthma (50%) compared to the non-XOLAIR-treated patients (23%) and 44% of

patients prematurely discontinued the study. Additionally, 88% of patients in the XOLAIR-treated cohort had been previously exposed to XOLAIR for a mean of 8 months.

A higher incidence rate (per 1000 patient-years) of overall cardiovascular and cerebrovascular serious adverse events (SAEs) was observed in XOLAIR-treated patients (13.4) compared to non-XOLAIR-treated patients (8.1). Increases in rates were observed for transient ischemic attack (0.7 versus 0.1), myocardial infarction (2.1 versus 0.8), pulmonary hypertension (0.5 versus 0), pulmonary embolism/venous thrombosis (3.2 versus 1.5), and unstable angina (2.2 versus 1.4), while the rates observed for ischemic stroke and cardiovascular death were similar among both study cohorts. The results suggest a potential increased risk of serious cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events in patients treated with XOLAIR. However, the observational study design, the inclusion of patients previously exposed to XOLAIR (88%), baseline imbalances in cardiovascular risk factors between the treatment groups, an inability to adjust for unmeasured risk factors, and the high study discontinuation rate limit the ability to quantify the magnitude of the risk.

A pooled analysis of 25 randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trials of 8 to 52 weeks in duration was conducted to further evaluate the imbalance in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular SAEs noted in the above observational cohort study. A total of 3342 XOLAIR-treated patients and 2895 placebo-treated patients were included in the pooled analysis. The patients had a mean age of 38 years, and were followed for a mean duration of 6.8 months. No notable imbalances were observed in the rates of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular SAEs listed above. However, the results of the pooled analysis were based on a low number of events, slightly younger patients, and shorter duration of follow-up than the observational cohort study; therefore, the results are insufficient to confirm or reject the findings noted in the observational cohort study.

## **6.2 Immunogenicity**

As with all therapeutic proteins, there is potential for immunogenicity. 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 the incidence of antibodies to omalizumab in the studies described below with the incidence of antibodies in other studies or to other products may be misleading

Antibodies to XOLAIR were detected in approximately 1/1723 (<0.1%) of patients treated with XOLAIR in the clinical studies evaluated for approval of asthma in patients 12 years of age and older. In three pediatric studies, antibodies to XOLAIR were detected in one patient out of 581 patients 6 to <12 years of age treated with XOLAIR and evaluated for antibodies. There were no detectable antibodies in the patients treated in the phase 3 CIU clinical trials, but due to levels of XOLAIR at the time of anti-therapeutic antibody sampling and missing samples for some patients, antibodies to XOLAIR could only have been determined in 88% of the 733 patients treated in these clinical studies. The data reflect the percentage of patients whose test results were considered positive for antibodies to XOLAIR in ELISA assays and are highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assays.

### 6.3 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of XOLAIR in adult and adolescent patients 12 years of age and older. 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 drug exposure.

Anaphylaxis: Based on spontaneous reports and an estimated exposure of about 57,300 patients from June 2003 through December 2006, the frequency of anaphylaxis attributed to XOLAIR use was estimated to be at least 0.2% of patients. Diagnostic criteria of anaphylaxis were skin or mucosal tissue involvement, and, either airway compromise, and/or reduced blood pressure with or without associated symptoms, and a temporal relationship to XOLAIR administration with no other identifiable cause. Signs and symptoms in these reported cases included bronchospasm, hypotension, syncope, urticaria, angioedema of the throat or tongue, dyspnea, cough, chest tightness, and/or cutaneous angioedema. Pulmonary involvement was reported in 89% of the cases. Hypotension or syncope was reported in 14% of cases. Fifteen percent of the reported cases resulted in hospitalization. A previous history of anaphylaxis unrelated to XOLAIR was reported in 24% of the cases.

Of the reported cases of anaphylaxis attributed to XOLAIR, 39% occurred with the first dose, 19% occurred with the second dose, 10% occurred with the third dose, and the rest after subsequent doses. One case occurred after 39 doses (after 19 months of continuous therapy, anaphylaxis occurred when treatment was restarted following a 3-month gap). The time to onset of anaphylaxis in these cases was up to 30 minutes in 35%, greater than 30 and up to 60 minutes in 16%, greater than 60 and up to 90 minutes in 2%, greater than 90 and up to 120 minutes in 6%, greater than 2 hours and up to 6 hours in 5%, greater than 6 hours and up to 12 hours in 14%, greater than 12 hours and up to 24 hours in 8%, and greater than 24 hours and up to 4 days in 5%. In 9% of cases the times to onset were unknown.

Twenty-three patients who experienced anaphylaxis were rechallenged with XOLAIR and 18 patients had a recurrence of similar symptoms of anaphylaxis. In addition, anaphylaxis occurred upon rechallenge with XOLAIR in 4 patients who previously experienced urticaria only.

Eosinophilic Conditions: Eosinophilic conditions have been reported [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

Fever, Arthralgia, and Rash: A constellation of signs and symptoms including arthritis/arthralgia, rash (urticaria or other forms), fever and lymphadenopathy similar to serum sickness have been reported in post-approval use of XOLAIR [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*].

Hematologic: Severe thrombocytopenia has been reported.

Skin: Hair loss has been reported.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

No formal drug interaction studies have been performed with XOLAIR.

In patients with asthma the concomitant use of XOLAIR and allergen immunotherapy has not been evaluated.

In patients with CIU the use of XOLAIR in combination with immunosuppressive therapies has not been studied.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

A registry study of XOLAIR exposure during pregnancy showed no increase in the rate of major birth defects or miscarriage. There was an increased rate of low birth weight among registry infants compared to infants in the other cohorts, despite average gestational age at birth; however, women taking XOLAIR during pregnancy also had more severe asthma, which makes it difficult to determine whether the low birth weight is due to the drug or the disease severity [see *Data*]. There are risks associated with poorly or moderately controlled asthma in pregnancy [see *Clinical Considerations*].

Human IgG antibodies are known to cross the placental barrier; therefore, XOLAIR may be transmitted from the mother to the developing fetus.

In animal reproduction studies, no evidence of fetal harm was observed in *Cynomolgus* monkeys with subcutaneous doses of omalizumab up to approximately 10 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) [see *Data*].

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population(s) is unknown. All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the US general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively.

#### Clinical Considerations

##### *Disease-associated maternal and/or embryo/fetal risk*

In women with poorly or moderately controlled asthma, evidence demonstrates that there is an increased risk of preeclampsia in the mother and prematurity, low birth weight, and small for gestational age in the neonate. The level of asthma control should be closely monitored in pregnant women and treatment adjusted as necessary to maintain optimal control.

#### Data

##### *Human Data*

A prospective cohort pregnancy exposure registry study conducted in the US from 2006 to 2018, included 250 pregnant women with asthma treated with XOLAIR. Of these, 246 patients were exposed to XOLAIR in the first trimester of pregnancy, and the median exposure duration was 8.7 months.

The registry findings for applicable mother and infant subgroups were compared to age-adjusted frequencies in a disease matched external cohort of 1,153 pregnant women with asthma (without exposure to XOLAIR) identified from healthcare databases of residents in the Canadian province of Quebec, and referred to as the Quebec External Comparator Cohort (“comparator cohort”).

Among applicable registry infants, the prevalence of major congenital anomalies (8.1%) was similar to that for infants in the comparator cohort (8.9%). Among applicable registry pregnancies, 99.1% led to live births, similar to 99.3% for the comparator cohort. There

was an increased rate of low birth weight among registry infants (13.7%) as compared to the comparator cohort (9.8%); however, women taking XOLAIR during pregnancy also had more severe asthma, which makes it difficult to determine whether the low birth weight is due to the drug or the disease severity.

The registry study cannot definitively establish the absence of any risk because of methodological limitations, including the observational nature of the registry, small sample size, and potential differences between the registry population and the comparator cohort.

### *Animal Data*

Reproductive studies have been performed in Cynomolgus monkeys. There was no evidence of maternal toxicity, embryotoxicity, or teratogenicity when omalizumab was administered throughout the period of organogenesis at doses that produced exposures approximately 10 times the MHRD (on a mg/kg basis with maternal subcutaneous doses up to 75 mg/kg/week). Omalizumab did not elicit adverse effects on fetal or neonatal growth when administered throughout late gestation, delivery, and nursing.

## **8.2 Lactation**

### Risk Summary

There is no information regarding the presence of omalizumab in human milk, or the effects on milk production. However, omalizumab is a human monoclonal antibody (IgG1 kappa), and immunoglobulin (IgG) is present in human milk in small amounts.

The majority of infants (80.9%, 186/230) in the pregnancy exposure registry were breastfed. Events categorized as “infections and infestations” were not significantly increased in infants who were exposed to XOLAIR through breastfeeding compared with infants who were not breastfed, or infants who were breastfed without exposure to XOLAIR.

The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother’s clinical need for XOLAIR and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from omalizumab or from the underlying maternal condition.

## **8.4 Pediatric Use**

### Asthma

Safety and efficacy of XOLAIR for asthma were evaluated in 2 trials in 926 (XOLAIR 624; placebo 302) pediatric patients 6 to <12 years of age with moderate to severe persistent asthma who had a positive skin test or in vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen. One trial was a pivotal trial of similar design and conduct to that of adult and adolescent Asthma Trials 1 and 2. The other trial was primarily a safety study and included evaluation of efficacy as a secondary outcome. In the pivotal trial, XOLAIR-treated patients had a statistically significant reduction in the rate of exacerbations (exacerbation was defined as worsening of asthma that required treatment with systemic corticosteroids or a doubling of the baseline ICS dose) [*see Clinical Studies (14.1)*].

Safety and efficacy in pediatric patients with asthma below 6 years of age have not been established.





















In CIU Trial 1, a larger proportion of patients treated with XOLAIR 300 mg (36%) reported no itch and no hives (UAS7=0) at Week 12 compared to patients treated with XOLAIR 150 mg (15%), XOLAIR 75 mg (12%), and placebo group (9%). Similar results were observed in CIU Trial 2.

## **16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

### Prefilled Syringe

XOLAIR (omalizumab) injection is a clear to slightly opalescent and colorless to pale brownish-yellow solution in a single-dose prefilled glass syringe with a 26 gauge staked needle, rigid needle cap, and needle shield. Each carton contains one prefilled syringe.

Each XOLAIR 75 mg carton contains one single-dose 75 mg prefilled syringe with a blue needle shield (NDC 50242-214-01).

Each XOLAIR 150 mg carton contains one single-dose 150 mg prefilled syringe with a purple needle shield (NDC 50242-215-01).

XOLAIR prefilled syringe should be shipped and stored under refrigerated conditions 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) in the original carton. Protect from direct sunlight.

Do not freeze. Do not use if the syringe has been frozen.

### Vial

XOLAIR is supplied as a lyophilized, white, sterile powder in a single-dose vial without preservatives. Each carton contains one 150 mg single-dose vial of XOLAIR® (omalizumab) for injection NDC 50242-040-62.

XOLAIR should be shipped at controlled ambient temperature ( $\leq 30^{\circ}\text{C}$  [ $\leq 86^{\circ}\text{F}$ ]). Store XOLAIR under refrigerated conditions 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) in the original carton. Do not use beyond the expiration date stamped on carton.

## **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

See FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide).

### Information for Patients

Provide and instruct patients to read the accompanying Medication Guide before starting treatment and before each subsequent treatment. The complete text of the Medication Guide is reprinted at the end of this document.

Inform patients of the risk of life-threatening anaphylaxis with XOLAIR including the following points [*see Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]:

- There have been reports of anaphylaxis occurring up to 4 days after administration of XOLAIR
- XOLAIR should only be administered in a healthcare setting by healthcare providers
- Patients should be closely observed following administration
- Patients should be informed of the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis
- Patients should be instructed to seek immediate medical care should such signs or symptoms occur

Instruct patients receiving XOLAIR not to decrease the dose of, or stop taking any other asthma or CIU medications unless otherwise instructed by their physician. Inform patients

that they may not see immediate improvement in their asthma or CIU symptoms after beginning XOLAIR therapy.

Inform patients the needle cover on the prefilled syringe contains dry natural rubber (a derivative of latex), which may cause allergic reactions in individuals sensitive to latex

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<p><b>What is the most important information I should know about XOLAIR?</b>  <b>XOLAIR may cause serious side effects, including:</b>  <b>Severe allergic reaction.</b> A severe allergic reaction called anaphylaxis can happen when you receive XOLAIR. The reaction can occur after the first dose, or after many doses. It may also occur right after a XOLAIR injection or days later. Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening condition and can lead to death. Go to the nearest emergency room right away if you have any of these symptoms of an allergic reaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wheezing, shortness of breath, cough, chest tightness, or trouble breathing</li> <li>• low blood pressure, dizziness, fainting, rapid or weak heartbeat, anxiety, or feeling of “impending doom”</li> <li>• flushing, itching, hives, or feeling warm</li> <li>• swelling of the throat or tongue, throat tightness, hoarse voice, or trouble swallowing</li> </ul> <p>Your healthcare provider will monitor you closely for symptoms of an allergic reaction while you are receiving XOLAIR and for a period of time after your injection. Your healthcare provider should talk to you about getting medical treatment if you have symptoms of an allergic reaction after leaving the healthcare provider’s office or treatment center.</p>	
<p><b>What is XOLAIR?</b>  XOLAIR is an injectable prescription medicine used to treat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• moderate to severe persistent asthma in patients 6 years of age and older whose asthma symptoms are not controlled by asthma medicines called inhaled corticosteroids. A skin or blood test is performed to see if you have allergies to year-round allergens.</li> <li>• chronic idiopathic urticaria (CIU; chronic hives without a known cause) in patients 12 years of age and older who continue to have hives that are not controlled by H1 antihistamine treatment.</li> </ul> <p>XOLAIR is not used to treat other allergic conditions, other forms of urticaria, acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus.</p>	
<p><b>Who should not receive XOLAIR?</b>  <b>Do not receive XOLAIR if you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are allergic to omalizumab or any of the ingredients. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in XOLAIR.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>What should I tell my healthcare provider before receiving XOLAIR?</b>  <b>Before receiving XOLAIR, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a latex allergy or any other allergies (such as food allergy or seasonal allergies). The needle cap on the XOLAIR prefilled syringe may contain latex.</li> <li>• have sudden breathing problems (bronchospasm)</li> <li>• have ever had a severe allergic reaction called anaphylaxis</li> <li>• have or have had a parasitic infection</li> <li>• have or have had cancer</li> <li>• are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if XOLAIR may harm your unborn baby.</li> <li>• are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if XOLAIR passes into your breast milk. Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby while you receive XOLAIR.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take</b>, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements.</p>	
<p><b>How should I receive XOLAIR?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XOLAIR should be given by your healthcare provider in a healthcare setting.</li> <li>• XOLAIR is given in 1 or more injections under the skin (subcutaneous), 1 time every 2 or 4 weeks.</li> </ul>	

- In asthma patients, a blood test for a substance called IgE must be performed prior to starting XOLAIR to determine the appropriate dose and dosing frequency.
- In patients with chronic hives, a blood test is not necessary to determine the dose or dosing frequency.
- Do not decrease or stop taking any of your other asthma or hive medicine unless your healthcare providers tell you to.
- You may not see improvement in your symptoms right away after XOLAIR treatment.

**What are the possible side effects of XOLAIR?**

**XOLAIR may cause serious side effects, including:**

- See **“What is the most important information I should know about XOLAIR?”**
- **Cancer.** Cases of cancer were observed in some people who received XOLAIR.
- **Inflammation of your blood vessels.** Rarely, this can happen in people with asthma who receive XOLAIR. This usually, but not always, happens in people who also take a steroid medicine by mouth that is being stopped or the dose is being lowered. It is not known whether this is caused by XOLAIR. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have:
  - rash
  - chest pain
  - shortness of breath
  - a feeling of pins and needles or numbness of your arms or legs
- **Fever, muscle aches, and rash.** Some people who take XOLAIR get these symptoms 1 to 5 days after receiving a XOLAIR injection. If you have any of these symptoms, tell your healthcare provider.
- **Parasitic infection.** Some people who are at a high risk for parasite (worm) infections, get a parasite infection after receiving XOLAIR. Your healthcare provider can test your stool to check if you have a parasite infection.
- **Heart and circulation problems.** Some people who receive XOLAIR have had chest pain, heart attack, blood clots in the lungs or legs, or temporary symptoms of weakness on one side of the body, slurred speech, or altered vision. It is not known whether these are caused by XOLAIR.

**The most common side effects of XOLAIR:**

- **In adults and children 12 years of age and older with asthma:** pain especially in your arms and legs, dizziness, feeling tired, skin rash, bone fractures, and pain or discomfort of your ears.
- **In children 6 to less than 12 years of age with asthma:** common cold symptoms, headache, fever, sore throat, pain or discomfort of your ear, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and nose bleeds.
- **In people with chronic idiopathic urticaria:** nausea, headaches, swelling of the inside of your nose, throat or sinuses, cough, joint pain, and upper respiratory tract infection.

These are not all the possible side effects of XOLAIR. 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 XOLAIR.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. If you would like more information, talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about XOLAIR that is written for health professionals. Do not use XOLAIR for a condition for which it was not prescribed. For more information, go to [www.xolair.com](http://www.xolair.com) or call 1-866-4XOLAIR (1-866-496-5247).

**What are the ingredients in XOLAIR?**

**Active ingredient:** omalizumab

**Inactive ingredients:**

Prefilled syringe: L-arginine hydrochloride, L-histidine, L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate, and polysorbate 20

Vial: L-histidine, L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate, polysorbate 20 and sucrose

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