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## Approval Package for:

### *APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**019758Orig1s098**

*Trade Name:* CLORAZIL

*Generic or Proper Name:* (clozapine)

*Sponsor:* Heritage Life Science Barbados INC.

*Approval Date:* July 29, 2021

*Indication:* CLOZARIL is an atypical antipsychotic indicated for:

- Treatment-resistant schizophrenia. Efficacy was established in an active controlled study.
- Reducing suicidal behavior in patients with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. Efficacy was established in an active-controlled study.

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**APPROVAL LETTER**



NDA 019758/ S-98

## SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Heritage Life Sciences (Barbados) Inc.  
c/o HLS Therapeutics USA, Inc.  
Attention: Gilbert Godin, Chief Operating Officer  
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Dear Mr. Godin:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application (sNDA) dated July 20, 2021, received July 20, 2021, and your amendments, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for NDA 19758 Clozaril (clozapine HCl) 25 mg and 100 mg Tablets.

This Prior Approval supplemental new drug application provides for proposed modifications to the approved Clozapine Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS).

We have completed our review of this supplemental application, as amended. It is approved effective on the date of this letter.

### **RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY (REMS) REQUIREMENTS**

The REMS for clozapine products of which Clozaril is a member was originally approved on September 15, 2015, and the most recent REMS modification was approved on February 18, 2021. The REMS consists of elements to assure safe use, an implementation system, and a timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS.

Your proposed modifications to the REMS include changes to the frequency of the submission of patient monitoring via a new Patient Status Form and changes to the pharmacy operations to verify safe use conditions for a REMS dispense authorization. In addition, the third part of the goal has been revised from “ensuring compliance with the monitoring schedule for absolute neutrophil count (ANC) prior to dispensing clozapine” to “ensuring prescribers submit documentation that periodic monitoring of patients is performed to identify severe neutropenia.” You also proposed additional minor changes to the operation of the REMS program, including certain changes to the audit frequency and information dissemination requirements.

Your proposed modified REMS, submitted to Drug Master File (DMF) 030496 on July 16, 2020, amended and appended to this letter, is approved.

To support continued treatment of patients during the 117 calendar day transition period, the current REMS website, call center, operations, and requirements should remain in effect until the modifications detailed in this letter are fully functional.

- Beginning 26 calendar days after the date of this letter, re-enrollment in the modified REMS for prescribers, patients, pharmacies, and wholesalers-distributors opens.
- The modifications to the approved REMS must be fully functional within 117 calendar days of the date of this letter with the following exceptions:
  - The ANC result provided on the modified Patient Enrollment Form will be valid for 147 calendar days from the date of this letter.
  - Previously enrolled patients who have not re-enrolled in the modified REMS, with a current ANC, can be dispensed clozapine for 207 calendar days from the date of this letter.

The REMS uses a shared system for the elements to assure safe use, an implementation system, and a timetable for assessments of the REMS. This shared system, known as the Clozapine REMS, currently includes products listed on the FDA REMS website, available at: <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/remis/index.cfm> .

Other products may be added in the future if additional NDAs or ANDAs are approved.

The timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS must be revised to every 18 months from the date of this letter.

The REMS assessment plan must include, but is not limited to, the following:

### **Program Outreach and Communication**

#### **1. Clozapine REMS Outreach and Communication (18-month assessment post modification approval only)**

- a. The number of professional societies sent the Pharmacy Professional Society Letter or Healthcare Professional Society Letter by date and by method of distribution
  - i. Include which professional societies distributed the letter(s) or the content of the letter(s) to their respective members
- b. The number of Pharmacy Letters (by type of pharmacy), Healthcare Provider Letters and Wholesaler-Distributor Letters sent to each stakeholder, respectively, by date(s) and method(s) of distribution. Provide a list of the documents included with each distribution including the revision date
  - i. The number and percentage of emailed letters successfully delivered, opened, and unopened

- ii. The number and percentage of mailed letters successfully delivered and returned as undeliverable
- iii. The number and percentage of faxed letters successfully delivered and returned as undeliverable
- c. Date(s) and names of professional meetings where Clozapine REMS materials were disseminated or displayed
- d. Report on any communication activities used to inform stakeholders of the modified Clozapine REMS during the transition period of the REMS modification

### **Program Implementation and Operations**

#### **2. REMS Program Implementation and Operations (18-month assessment post-modification only)**

- a. Date when the modified Clozapine REMS website went live and was fully operational
- b. Date when the REMS Contact Center for the modified Clozapine REMS went live and was fully operational
- c. Date(s) when healthcare providers could become certified in the modified Clozapine REMS via online or by fax
- d. Date(s) when inpatient and outpatient pharmacies could be certified in the modified Clozapine REMS via online or by fax
- e. Date when wholesalers-distributors could be authorized in the modified Clozapine REMS via fax
- f. Date(s) when patients can be enrolled in the modified Clozapine REMS via website, fax or the REMS Contact Center
- g. Stakeholder Transition
  - i. For each stakeholder category (prescribers, prescriber designees, inpatient pharmacies, outpatient pharmacies, patients, wholesalers/distributors) report:
    - a) Number transitioned into the modified Clozapine REMS
    - b) Number certified or enrolled in the REMS program prior to implementation of the modified Clozapine REMS

**3. REMS Certification and Enrollment Statistics (provide the two previous, current and cumulative reporting periods beginning with the post-modification 18-month assessment)**

- a. Healthcare Providers (number and percent)
  - i. Healthcare Providers who are newly certified
  - ii. Active prescribers (i.e. who have prescribed clozapine at least once during the reporting period)
  - iii. Healthcare providers in incomplete status
    - a) Include a summary of reasons certification is incomplete
  - iv. For metrics 3.a.i. through iii, stratify by credentials, (e.g. Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Other) and geographic region (as defined by US Census)
  - v. A summary of the methods of prescriber certification (e.g. online, fax)
  - vi. Prescribers who were unable to become certified, accompanied by a summary of the reasons they were unable to be certified
- b. Prescriber Designees (number and percent)
  - i. Newly enrolled
  - ii. Active (associated with active prescriber)
  - iii. Prescriber designees in incomplete status
    - a) Include a summary of reasons certification is incomplete
  - iv. A summary of the methods of prescriber designee certification (e.g. online, fax)
  - v. Unable to become certified, accompanied by a summary of the reasons they were unable to be certified
- c. Patients (number and percent)
  - i. Newly enrolled

- ii. Active patients (i.e. received at least one dispense/authorization of clozapine during the reporting period)
  - iii. For metrics 3.c.i. and 3.c.ii, stratify by demographics (age, gender, ethnicity, race and geographic region [as defined by US Census]), benign ethnic neutropenia or hospice patient
  - iv. Of those newly enrolled, the number of unique patients who:
    - a) Had a yes response on their enrollment form to, Is this patient actively on clozapine therapy?
  - v. Patient Treatment Status by Patient Type (general population, BEN patients, hospice patients) for the reporting period and cumulatively:
    - a) Active
    - b) Interrupted
    - c) Discontinued
  - vi. A summary of the methods of patient enrollment (e.g. via online, fax or REMS Contact Center)
  - vii. Number of patients who were unable to become enrolled (i.e. incomplete status, cancelled), accompanied by a summary of the reasons they were unable to be enrolled
  - viii. Beginning with the 18-month assessment report: a nationally estimated number of patients that received a dispensed prescription for clozapine (all dosage forms) from U.S. outpatient retail pharmacies for the reporting period. Provide rationale for discrepancies between this estimate and the number of unique patients enrolled in the clozapine REMS and receiving at least one REMS Dispense Authorization during the reporting period.
- d. Pharmacies (number and percent)
- i. Newly certified in the modified Clozapine REMS
  - ii. Active pharmacies (i.e. have dispensed clozapine at least once during the reporting period)
  - iii. Pharmacies in incomplete status
    - a) Include a summary of reasons certification is incomplete

- iv. For metrics 3.d.i. through 3.d.iii, stratify by pharmacy type (inpatient, outpatient) and by geographic region (as defined by US Census)
- v. A summary of the methods of pharmacy enrollment (e.g. via online or fax)
- vi. Number of pharmacies that were unable to become certified (i.e. incomplete, cancelled), accompanied by a summary of the reasons they were unable to be enrolled

e. Wholesalers-distributors

- i. Newly authorized
- ii. Active (have shipped clozapine at least once during the reporting period)

**4. Clozapine Utilization Data (provide two previous, current and cumulative reporting periods)**

- a. Number of prescriptions/transactions authorized for dispensing and those dispensed stratified by
  - i. Prescriber credentials and geographic region
  - ii. Pharmacy type (inpatient, outpatient)
  - iii. Patient demographics (age, gender, ethnicity, race, and geographic region [as defined by US Census])
  - iv. Identify the source of this information

**5. REMS Infrastructure and Performance**

- a. REMS Program Website (provide two previous, current and cumulative reporting periods)
  - i. Number of visits and unique visits to the REMS website
  - ii. Number of REMS materials downloaded or printed for each material
  - iii. A summary of the Clozapine REMS website utilization

The Important Program Update on the Clozapine REMS Website is used to communicate important program changes to stakeholders. This section on the website will provide frequent updates to stakeholders regarding the

program. A summary of the number of updates communicated in this section of the website will be provided during the assessment reporting period.

- b. Contact Center Report: (provide current and cumulative reporting periods)
  - i. Number of contacts, inbound and outbound, by stakeholder type (patient/caregiver, healthcare provider, pharmacy, wholesaler/distributors, other)
  - ii. A table summarizing the most frequently asked questions (e.g., enrollment question) and by stakeholder type (patient/caregiver, healthcare provider, pharmacy, wholesaler/distributors, other)
  - iii. Summary of reason for contacts (examples may include “Enrollment question,” “Lab query,” etc.) by reporter (authorized representative, pharmacy, healthcare provider, patient/caregiver, wholesaler/distributor).
  - iv. If the summary reason for the contact(s) indicates a complaint, provide details on the nature of the complaint(s) and whether they indicate potential REMS burden or patient access issues
  - v. Reported lack of certified prescribers and/or pharmacies in a patient's local area
  - vi. A summary of frequently asked questions (FAQ) by stakeholder type
  - vii. Narrative of any corrective actions resulting from issues identified
- c. Infrastructure and Performance (provide current and cumulative reporting periods)
  - i. Number of times a backup system was used with reasons(s) for each instance (for example, pharmacy level problem, or REMS database problem) clearly defined and described with description of corrective actions taken
  - ii. Number of times unintended system interruptions occurred for each reporting period. Describe the number of stakeholders affected, how the issue was resolved, and steps put into place to minimize the impact of future interruptions

## **6. REMS Compliance (current reporting period)**

- a. Audits of inpatient and outpatient pharmacies, wholesalers/distributors, and the REMS program Contact Center will be conducted to ensure that all REMS processes and procedures are in place, functioning, and support the REMS

program, and will be submitted with each assessment report. The audit reports are to include:

- i. A copy of the audit plan used for the reporting period
  - ii. A detailed description of audit findings including the number with no findings, minor, moderate, or serious findings; include information about the root cause of any noncompliance
  - iii. Number of audited sites in each stakeholder category listed directly above
  - iv. Number of audits expected, and the number of audits performed
  - v. Number and types of deficiencies noted for each group of audited stakeholders
  - vi. Summary of corrective actions taken to address findings, the status of the corrective actions, and any resulting preventative actions that were taken
  - vii. Include a unique ID for each stakeholder that had deviations to track deviations by stakeholder over time
  - viii. Documentation of completion of training for relevant staff
  - ix. The existence of documented processes and procedures for complying with the REMS
  - x. Verification that at each audited stakeholder's site, the designated authorized representative remains the same. If different, include the number of new authorized representatives and verification of the site's recertification
- b. For each non-compliance event, provide the source of the report, a description of the event, the cause of the event, if any patient harm resulted, corrective actions taken and any outcome of actions taken. Also provide a summary of non-compliance identified by stakeholder, including but not limited to:
- i. For Prescribers, provide: (reported by month for the 18-month assessment only, then per reporting period)
    - a) Number of clozapine prescriptions dispensed that were written by non-certified prescribers:

- b) Number of unique prescribers that did not submit their patient's ANCs to the REMS program using the *Patient Status Form* on a monthly basis (within 37 calendar days)
  - c) Number of prescribers that did not submit the patient's ANC results to the REMS program after treatment discontinuation as indicated per the PI
  - d) Number of healthcare providers that were de-certified and reasons for de-certification. Include if any healthcare providers were re-certified
- ii. For Prescriber designees provide:
- a) Number of prescriber designees who were non-compliant with the Clozapine REMS requirements
  - b) Number of prescriber designees that were de-certified and reasons for de-certification
- iii. For Patients provide:
- a) Number of patients not enrolled in the REMS who were dispensed clozapine
  - b) Number of patient(s) who received a prescription(s) for clozapine without getting a blood test as ordered by their prescriber and reasons for such if known
- iv. For Pharmacies provide:
- a) Number and types of pharmacies for which non-compliance with the REMS is detected
  - b) Number of prescriptions dispensed by noncertified pharmacies stratified by type (inpatient and outpatient) and actions taken to prevent future occurrences (reported or detected through audit)
  - c) Number of times a clozapine prescription dispensed because a pharmacy bypassed REMS Dispense Authorization; and, if any such events occurred, describe how these events were identified, the root cause of the failure, and any corrective actions taken
  - d) Number of clozapine prescriptions dispensed to non-enrolled patients and the actions taken to prevent future occurrences
  - e) Number of times an inpatient pharmacy dispensed more than a 7-days' supply of clozapine to a patient at discharge

- f) Inpatient pharmacy dispensing for outpatient use (reported or detected through audit)
  - g) Number of pharmacies suspended or de-certified by pharmacy type, the reasons for such actions, and actions to address non-compliance
- v. For Wholesalers/distributors provide:
- a) The number of authorized wholesalers/distributors for which non-compliance with the REMS is detected
  - b) Number of shipments sent to noncertified pharmacies, source of report, and actions taken to prevent future occurrences (reported or detected through audit)
  - c) Number of wholesalers/distributors suspended or de-authorized, reasons for such action, and actions to address non-compliance
- vi. For REMS Dispense Authorizations (RDA) provide:
- a) Number of REMS Dispense Authorizations (RDA) without current lab value submitted on a *Patient Status Form*, provided as
    - 1. Total number of unique patients receiving RDA without current lab (i.e., aggregate)
    - 2. Number of RDAs for each unique patient without current lab; provide mean, median and range of RDAs per patient
  - b) Number of RDAs without any ANC (excluding hospice patients) on the submitted *Patient Status Form* and number of these resulting in clozapine dispensing
  - c) Number of RDAs without a *Treatment Rationale* provided when the ANC was unacceptable, and number of these resulting in clozapine dispensing
  - d) False negatives: e.g., all entities are certified, but system generated a prescription rejection notice
  - e) False positives: e.g., one or all entities were not certified but system verified dispensing/generated an RDA
- c. For each non-patient stakeholder referred to in section 6.b. above (18-month assessment only)

- i. Describe any moderate or serious non-compliance with the REMS that occurred during the first year of transitioning to the modified REMS
  - ii. Provide an assessment of stakeholder compliance in following the proposed transition plan in transitioning to the modified REMS
- d. Number of unique patients receiving a clozapine prescription under a *Dispense Rationale* stratified by type of *Dispense Rationale* and the number of prescriptions authorized under a *Dispense Rationale* per patient in a 6-month timeframe
  - i. Summary of outreach to prescribers
  - ii. Summary of resulting prescriber certifications (for non-certified prescriber *Dispense Rationale*)
  - iii. Summary of resulting *Patient Status Form* submissions (for no monthly *Patient Status Form* submitted)
  - iv. Number of unique patients who have exceeded or attempted more than the allowable *Dispense Rationales*
- e. Number of prescriptions dispensed under a *Dispense Rationale* stratified by prescriber, type of pharmacy and type of *Dispense Rationale*
- f. For each reporting period, include a copy of the non-compliance plan used during that reporting period

### **Safe Use Behaviors**

#### **7. Report on Patient Status Forms (PSF) (provide two previous, current and cumulative reporting periods)**

- a. Number of PSFs expected, received, outstanding, and not due as of the cut-off date by the number of active patients
- b. Number of PSFs not received within 37 calendar days after the date of the last PSF submission
- c. Number of unique patients for whom clozapine treatment was interrupted due to lack of PSF submission or late submission of a PSF
  - i. Of those patients who resumed therapy after late submission of the PSF, what was the time between when the PSF was due and a successful RDA
  - ii. Of these patients, the number for whom clozapine was discontinued

- d. (For the 18-month, 3-year, and 4½ year assessment reports only) The most common modes of submission of PSFs to the REMS (e.g. fax, online)
- e. The number of PSFs where the prescriber responded “no” to the question, “Are you monitoring the patient as recommended in the Prescribing Information (PI)?”
  - i. Number of unique patients
  - ii. Number of unique prescribers
- f. The percentage of unique patients who had their ANCs reported on their PSF in accordance with their monitoring schedule, reported by month (exclude those patients who had a treatment rationale, hospice patients, and patients for whom a dispense rationale was obtained or the prescriber did not submit a PSF for that month)
  - i. For those patients on a weekly monitoring schedule ANCs reported:
    - a) 0
    - b) 1
    - c) 2
    - d) 3
    - e) 4 or more
  - ii. For those patients on every two weeks monitoring schedule ANCs reported:
    - a) 0
    - b) 1
    - c) 2 or more
  - iii. For those patients on every four weeks monitoring schedule ANCs reported:
    - a) 0
    - b) 1 or more

## 8. Report on Prescription Rejections

- a. Number of prescriptions submitted for authorization stratified by outcome (authorized or rejected) and authorization type (Clozapine REMS Website or Clozapine REMS Contact Center)
- b. Mean, median, and range or the duration of time between rejection and subsequent RDA (for the same patient where both occurred in the reporting period), stratified by authorization type (Clozapine REMS Website or Clozapine REMS Contact Center)

- c. Provide reasons for all prescription rejections in the reporting period stratified by type of RDA (via Clozapine REMS Website or Clozapine REMS Contact Center)
  - i. Provide mean, median, and range or the duration of time between rejection and subsequent RDA (for the same patient where both occurred in the reporting period), stratified by reasons for prescription rejections

## 9. Report on *Treatment Rationales*

- a. Number of Treatment Rationales submitted
  - i. Number per unique patient stratified by patient type (general population, BEN, hospice)
- b. Mean, median and range of Treatment Rationales submitted per prescriber

## 10. Report on Notifications and Alerts

- a. Number of notifications and alerts sent, stratified by type and stakeholder type (prescriber, pharmacy) and resulting actions by stakeholder (clozapine discontinued, pharmacy became enrolled, etc.)
  - i. For overdue *Patient Status Form* and severe neutropenia notifications, provide the number of notifications per unique patient and any actions by stakeholder (clozapine discontinued, clozapine interrupted, Treatment Rationale submitted, etc.) resulting from the notification.

## Evaluation of Knowledge

### 11. Knowledge Assessments (18-month and 3-year assessments post-modification)

- a. Number of completed *Clozapine REMS Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers* and *Clozapine REMS Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies* (KA) for certified prescribers and pharmacy authorized representatives, and pharmacy staff that have elected to take the KA, including method of enrollment and number of attempts to complete, by stakeholder
- b. Summary of the most frequently missed KA questions, stratified by prescriber and pharmacy
- c. A summary of potential comprehension or perception issues identified with the KA

- d. Proposed remediation for *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Prescribers*, *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists*, *Clozapine REMS Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers*, or *Clozapine REMS Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies*.

**12. Periodic Surveys of Prescribers, Pharmacists and Patients (beginning with the 3-Year REMS Assessment Report and thereafter with each assessment report)**

A Knowledge, Attitude and Behavior (KAB) Survey will be conducted with random samples of prescribers, pharmacists, and patients who have prescribed, dispensed, or received clozapine.

- a. An evaluation of knowledge of certified prescribers of the risk of severe neutropenia, appropriate monitoring of clozapine and REMS requirements
- b. An evaluation of knowledge of authorized representatives and pharmacists of the risk of severe neutropenia, appropriate monitoring of clozapine and REMS requirements
- c. An evaluation of knowledge of patients or caregivers of the risk of severe neutropenia, and the need for appropriate monitoring

**Health Outcomes and/or Surrogates of Health Outcomes**

**13. Safety Surveillance** (per previous two reporting periods, current and cumulatively)

- a. Total instances of neutropenia for unique patients stratified by patient type (general population, BEN)
  - i. Severe: reported as lowest ANC for each unique patient whose ANC drops below 500/ $\mu$ L within each month
  - ii. Moderate: reported as lowest ANC for each unique patient whose ANC drops below 1000/ $\mu$ L, but remains at 500/ $\mu$ L or above within each month
  - iii. Mild: reported as lowest ANC for each unique patient whose ANC drops below 1500/ $\mu$ L, but remains at 1000/ $\mu$ L or above within each month
- b. For each unique patient identified in a.i (severe neutropenia) provide the time to onset from clozapine initiation to date of lab draw for first ANC consistent with severe neutropenia
- c. For each unique patient identified in a.i (severe neutropenia), provide the following stratified by general population patients and BEN patients to include the number and percentage of those with severe neutropenia:

- i. After clozapine treatment was interrupted for severe neutropenia, report treatment status on the date of the data cutoff for the reporting period
    - a) Treatment was discontinued
    - b) Received a treatment rationale
    - c) Moved to active status
    - d) Remained in interrupted status
  - ii. Had a daily ANC monitored until  $\geq 1,000 \mu\text{L}$  (general population) or  $\geq 500 \mu\text{L}$  (BEN) as per the PI
    - a) Then monitored three times weekly until ANC  $\geq 1,500 \mu\text{L}$  (general population) or  $\geq$  patient's baseline BEN) as per the PI
  - iii. Were rechallenged and outcome of the rechallenge (e.g. treatment discontinued, continued on treatment)
  - iv. Report the mean, median, maximum and minimum number of treatment status changes for unique patients with severe neutropenia
- d. Data from the REMS Patient Registry (REMS Data, Postmarketing Adverse Event Data, REMS Contact Center) of known or suspected adverse events due to clozapine-induced neutropenia (e.g. infection) are to be reported regardless of outcome. Provide an overall analysis and discussion of all cases identified from all sources including but not limited to the following for each case: any associated dates, clozapine dosages, dosage changes and ANC values associated with the adverse event.
- i. Include all event and prescribing information obtained from the follow-up questions from the REMS Contact Center for each case identified
  - ii. Number of *Patient Status Forms* that reported a patient had experienced an adverse event due to clozapine-induced neutropenia:
    - a) Number and percentage of unique patients
  - iii. Number of calls made to the REMS Contact Center reporting any adverse event(s) due to clozapine induced neutropenia (e.g. infection)
  - iv. Include in the analysis prescriber's adherence to baseline and periodic ANC monitoring as described in the PI for each unique case, by case number, in addition to aggregate results

#### 14. Data Sources for Safety Surveillance:

- a. Adverse event reports will be processed according to each Applicant's Standard Operation Procedures and criteria outlined in 21 CFR 314.80 The Applicants will process hematologic adverse drug experiences on clozapine collected by the single shared system as follows:

- i. All adverse events (hematologic and non-hematologic) will be considered “solicited” events and reported per 21 CFR 314.80(e). In other words, any adverse event collected by the single shared system that is determined to be serious, unexpected, and related will be reported as a 15-Day Alert Report
  - ii. Individual Case Safety Reports (ICSRs) will be submitted for both serious and non-serious outcomes for all cases of neutropenia (ANC < 1000/ $\mu$ l) for all patients (general population and BEN) per 21 CFR 314.80
  - iii. Serious, expected events will be reported within the line listing and SOC tabulations in the product’s periodic report
  - iv. Non-serious neutropenic events (ANC 1000/ $\mu$ l to 1499/ $\mu$ l) not associated with any other adverse event will not be submitted as an Individual Case Safety Report (ICSR). The Clozapine REMS will retain any lab records that fall between 1000/ $\mu$ L and 1499/ $\mu$ L. All ANCs between 1000/ $\mu$ L and 1499/ $\mu$ L will be reported in the REMS Assessment Reports. FDA may request the ICSRs of ANCs that fall within the specified range above, to be provided within a timeline agreed upon with FDA
- b. All serious and non-serious adverse events reported for clozapine outside of the single shared system (e.g., an adverse event reported to the sponsor) will be reported in accordance with 21 CFR 314.80

**15. With respect to each goal included in the strategy**, an assessment of the extent to which the approved strategy, including each element of the strategy, is meeting the goal or whether one or more such goals or such elements should be modified (Section 505-1(g)(3)).

**16. Report on Key Performance Indicator:** The key performance indicator (KPI), or the primary metric that will be used to evaluate the success of the Clozapine REMS, is the percentage of patients who received a dispensed prescription for clozapine during the reporting period that had a benefit/risk analysis conducted by the prescriber prior to authorizing clozapine use. Evidence that the benefit/risk analysis has occurred will be from the information submitted on the *Patient Enrollment Form* (initial prescription) or the *Patient Status Form* (ongoing prescriptions)

- a. Conduct a quarterly analysis of patients prescribed clozapine in the outpatient setting to assess whether a risk/benefit analysis was conducted by the prescriber authorizing clozapine therapy. The threshold for the KPI is as follows:

- i. By the last quarter of the 18-month assessment reporting interval prior to data lock, at least 75% of RDAs (excluding those obtained using a dispense rationale or associated with inpatient clozapine use) will be associated with a prescriber having conducted a risk/benefit analysis
- ii. Results of each quarterly analysis are to be included in the assessment report
- iii. Include a narrative of any process improvement measures or root cause analyses implemented as a result of these quarterly analyses

We remind you that in addition to the REMS assessments submitted according to the timetable in the approved REMS, you must include an adequate rationale to support a proposed REMS modification for the addition, modification, or removal of any goal or element of the REMS, as described in section 505-1(g)(4) of the FDCA.

We also remind you that you must submit a REMS assessment when you submit a supplemental application for a new indication for use, as described in section 505-1(g)(2)(A) of the FDCA. This assessment should include:

- a) An evaluation of how the benefit-risk profile will or will not change with the new indication;
- b) A determination of the implications of a change in the benefit-risk profile for the current REMS;
- c) *If the new, proposed indication for use introduces unexpected risks:* A description of those risks and an evaluation of whether those risks can be appropriately managed with the currently approved REMS.
- d) *If a REMS assessment was submitted in the 18 months prior to submission of the supplemental application for a new indication for use:* A statement about whether the REMS was meeting its goals at the time of that last assessment and if any modifications of the REMS have been proposed since that assessment.
- e) *If a REMS assessment has not been submitted in the 18 months prior to submission of the supplemental application for a new indication for use:* Provision of as many of the currently listed assessment plan items as is feasible.
- f) *If you propose a REMS modification based on a change in the benefit-risk profile or because of the new indication of use, submit an adequate rationale to support the modification, including:* Provision of the reason(s) why the proposed REMS modification is necessary, the potential effect on the serious risk(s) for which the REMS was required, on patient access to the drug, and/or on the burden on the health care delivery system; and other appropriate evidence or data to support the proposed change. Additionally, include any changes to the assessment plan necessary to assess the proposed modified REMS. *If you are not proposing a REMS modification, provide a rationale for why the REMS does not need to be modified.*

If the assessment instruments and methodology for your REMS assessments are not included in the REMS supporting document, or if you propose changes to the submitted assessment instruments or methodology, you should update the REMS supporting document to include specific assessment instrument and methodology information at least 90 days before the assessments will be conducted. Updates to the REMS supporting document may be included in a new document that references previous REMS supporting document submission(s) for unchanged portions. Alternatively, updates may be made by modifying the complete previous REMS supporting document, with all changes marked and highlighted. Prominently identify the submission containing the assessment instruments and methodology with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission:

**NDA 19758 REMS ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**  
(insert concise description of content in bold capital letters, e.g.,  
**ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY, PROTOCOL, SURVEY METHODOLOGIES,**  
**AUDIT PLAN, DRUG USE STUDY)**

An authorized generic drug under this NDA must have an approved REMS prior to marketing. Should you decide to market, sell, or distribute an authorized generic drug under this NDA, contact us to discuss what will be required in the authorized generic drug REMS submission.

We remind you that section 505-1(f)(8) of FDCA prohibits holders of an approved covered application with elements to assure safe use from using any element to block or delay approval of an application under section 505(b)(2) or (j). A violation of this provision in 505-1(f) could result in enforcement action.

Prominently identify any submission containing the REMS assessments or proposed modifications of the REMS with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission as appropriate:

**NDA 19758 REMS ASSESSMENT**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 19758/S-  
CHANGES BEING EFFECTED IN 30 DAYS  
PROPOSED MINOR REMS MODIFICATION**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 19758/S-  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT**

**PROPOSED MAJOR REMS MODIFICATION**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 19758/ S-  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATIONS DUE TO SAFETY LABELING  
CHANGES SUBMITTED IN SUPPLEMENT XXX**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT (NEW INDICATION FOR USE)  
FOR NDA 19758/ S-  
REMS ASSESSMENT  
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATION (if included)**

Should you choose to submit a REMS revision, prominently identify the submission containing the REMS revisions with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission:

**REMS REVISION FOR NDA 19758**

To facilitate review of your submission, we request that you submit your proposed modified REMS and other REMS-related materials in Microsoft Word format. If certain documents, such as enrollment forms, or website screenshots are only in PDF format, they may be submitted as such, but Word format is preferred.

**SUBMISSION OF REMS DOCUMENT IN SPL FORMAT**

FDA can accept the REMS document in Structured Product Labeling (SPL) format. If you intend to submit the REMS document in SPL format, as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the REMS document in SPL format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST).

For more information on submitting REMS in SPL format, please email [FDAREMSwebsite@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:FDAREMSwebsite@fda.hhs.gov).

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Ermias Zerislassie, Regulatory Project Manager, at 301-796-2770.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Marc Stone, M.D.  
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**REMS**

# RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY (REMS) Document

## Clozapine Shared System REMS Program

### I. Administrative Information

Initial Shared System REMS Approval: 09/2015

Most Recent Modification: 07/2021

### II. REMS Goal

The goal of the Clozapine REMS Program is to mitigate the risk of severe neutropenia associated with the use of clozapine by:

1. Educating prescribers and pharmacists about the risk of severe neutropenia and appropriate monitoring requirements
2. Informing patients about the risk of severe neutropenia and appropriate monitoring requirements
3. Ensuring prescribers submit documentation that periodic monitoring of patients is performed to identify severe neutropenia
4. Ensuring the prescriber documents a risk-benefit assessment when ANC falls below the acceptable range as described in the Prescribing Information
5. Establishing long-term safety and safe use of clozapine by enrolling all patients who receive clozapine in the registry

### III. REMS Requirements

**Clozapine Applicants must ensure that healthcare providers, patients, pharmacies, and wholesalers-distributors comply with the following requirements:**

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#### 1. Healthcare Providers who prescribe clozapine for outpatient use and/or inpatient treatment for patients must:

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To become certified to prescribe:

1. Review the drug's Prescribing Information.
  2. Review the following: [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Healthcare Providers](#).
  3. Successfully complete the [Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers](#) and submit it to the REMS Program.
  4. Enroll in the REMS Program by completing the [Prescriber Enrollment Form](#).
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- Before treatment (at onset)
5. Counsel the patient on the risks associated with clozapine, including severe neutropenia, and the Clozapine RE Program requirements including to report signs of infection using [A Guide for Patients and Caregivers: What You Need to Know about Clozapine and Neutropenia](#). Provide a copy to the patient unless clinical judgment dictates that the patient's adherence to the treatment regimen will be negatively impacted by providing the Guide.
  6. Advise the patient of absolute neutrophil count (ANC). Document and update the ANC to the RE Program using the [Patient Enrollment Form](#).
  7. Enroll the patient in the RE Program by completing and updating the [Patient Enrollment Form](#) to the RE Program.

- During treatment; according to the monitoring frequency the Prescriber Informant
8. Advise the patient of ANC admission monitoring frequency.
  9. For patient with an ANC that falls below the acceptable range: Advise the patient of health status for appropriate effects of continuing treatment.

- During treatment, monthly
10. Document and update the ANC result, the monitoring frequency, and appropriate effects for continuing treatment to the RE Program using the [Patient Status Form](#).

- After treatment Modified contact; Monitor according to the monitoring frequency the Prescriber Informant
11. Advise the patient of ANC. Document and update the ANC result to the RE Program using the [Patient Status Form](#).

## 2. Patients who are prescribed clozapine:

- Before treatment (at onset)
1. Receive counseling from the prescriber of the risks of clozapine and the Clozapine RE Program requirements, using [A Guide for Patients and Caregivers: What You Need to Know About Clozapine and Neutropenia](#).
  2. Get a blood test to check your neutrophil count.
  3. Be enrolled in the RE Program. Enrollment forms will be provided to the RE Program.

- During treatment; as directed by your prescriber
4. Get a blood test to check your neutrophil count.

- After treatment Modified contact; as directed by your prescriber
5. Get a blood test to check your neutrophil count.

- At all times Monitor
6. Inform the prescriber if you have signs and symptoms of infection.

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### 3. Pharmacists dispensing clozapine for outpatients:

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To become certified to dispense

1. Designate an authorized representative to carry out the certification process and oversee implementation and compliance with the REMS program on behalf of the pharmacy.
2. Have the authorized representative review [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists](#).
3. Have the authorized representative successfully complete the [Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies](#) and submit it to the REMS program.
4. Establish processes and procedures to verify an available, current ANC is within the acceptable range for patients enrolled but not authorized to receive the drug.
5. Have the authorized representative enroll in the REMS program by completing and submitting the [Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form](#) to the REMS program.
6. Train all relevant staff involved in dispensing clozapine on the requirements of the REMS program using the [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists](#).

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Before dispensing

7. Obtain authorization to dispense each prescription by contacting the REMS Program to verify that the patient is enrolled and authorized to receive drug.
8. For patients enrolled but not authorized to receive clozapine: Verify an available, current ANC is within the acceptable range through the processes and procedures established as a requirement of the REMS Program, document and submit the ANC and the prescriber's NPI to the REMS Program and obtain authorization to dispense each prescription by contacting the REMS program to verify the patient is now authorized to receive clozapine.
9. Report dosing information to the REMS Program.

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To maintain certification to dispense

10. Have the new Authorized Representative enroll in the REMS Program by reviewing [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists](#), successfully completing the [Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies](#) and the [Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form](#) and submitting both to the REMS Program.

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At all times

11. Not distribute, transfer, loan, or sell clozapine except to certified dispensers.
12. Maintain records of staff training and that all processes and procedures are in place and are being followed.
13. Comply with audits carried out by the manufacturers or a third party acting on behalf of the manufacturers, to ensure that all processes and procedures are in place and are being followed.

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### 4. Pharmacists dispensing clozapine for inpatients:

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- To become certified to open a
1. Designate an authorized representative to carry out the certification process and oversee implementation and compliance with the REMS program on behalf of the pharmacy.
  2. Have the authorized representative review [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists](#).
  3. Have the authorized representative successfully complete the [Knowledge, Assessment or Pharmacist](#) and submit to the REMS program.
  4. Establish process and procedure to verify an available current ANC within the acceptable range or patient enrolled but no authorized representative receive clozapine.
  5. Have the authorized representative enroll in the REMS program by completing and submitting the [Inpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form](#) of the REMS program.
  6. Train all relevant personnel participating in clozapine on the requirements of the REMS program using the [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists](#).
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- Before opening a store
7. Obtain authorization to open a by contacting the REMS Program or verify with the patient enrolled authorized representative receive the rug.
  8. For patient enrolled but no authorized representative by the REMS Program receive the rug: Verify an available current ANC within acceptable range through the process and procedure established as a requirement of the REMS Program document and submit the ANC of the REMS Program and obtain authorization to open a each prescription by contacting the REMS program or verify with the patient now authorized representative receive clozapine.
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9. Dependence no more than a 7-day supply.
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- To manage a certification process
10. Have the new authorized representative enroll in the REMS Program by reviewing [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists](#) successfully complete the [Knowledge Assessment or Pharmacist](#) and the [Inpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form](#) and submit to the REMS Program.
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- All measures ,
11. Management records and arrangements for all process and procedure are in place and are being followed.
  12. No rebate, renter loan or sell clozapine except to certified pharmacist.
  13. Comply with all requirements by the manufacturer or authorized party acting, on behalf of the manufacturer to ensure that all process and procedure are in place and are being followed.
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## 5. Wholesalers-distributors that distribute clozapine must:

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- To be able to rebate
1. Establish process and procedure to ensure that the rug is rebated only to certified pharmacist.

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**To inform healthcare providers about the REMS Program and the risks and safe use of clozapine, Clozapine Applicants must disseminate REMS communication materials according to the table below:**

Target Audience	Communication Materials-& Dissemination Plans
Pr rib r r ifi d in h Cozapin REMS c	REMS L r: <a href="#">H a h ar Pro id r L r wi h a a hmen Fa h : Wha ' Chang d in h Cozapin REMS for Pr rib r ?</a> 1. Emai wi hin 30 a ndar day of appro a of h REMS modifi a ion, and again 30 a ndar day a r. a. S nd by mai or fax wi hin 7 a ndar day of h da h ond mai wa n if mai wa r por d und i rab or unop n d. 2. Emai wi hin 90 a ndar day of appro a of h REMS modifi a ion and again 15 a ndar day a r. a. S nd by mai or fax wi hin 7 a ndar day of h da h ond mai wa n if mai wa r por d und i rab or unop n d.
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Pr rib r no y r - r ifi d in h Cozapin REMS wi h 5 or mor pa i n r a d wi h Cozapin c	Ou bound Voi Ca : 1.c Ca b ginning 120 a ndar day af r appro a of h REMS modifi a ion and mak 1 a mp wi hin 30 a ndar day . 2. Ca b ginning 150 a ndar day af r appro a of h REMS modifi a ion and mak up o 2 a mp wi hin 60 a ndar day .

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**Target Audience      Communication Materials-& Dissemination Plans**

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Healthcare providers who are likely to prescribe clonidine

REMS Letter: [Healthcare Professional Society Letter](#) with attachment [Factsheet: What's Changed with the Clonidine REMS Program for Prescribers?](#), [Dr p In Summary for Healthcare Providers](#)

1. Disseminate within 15 calendar days of approval of the REMS modification through the following professional societies and request the letter content be provided to their members:
  - a. American Society of Hematology, American Psychiatric Association, American College of Psychiatrists, American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry, American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry, American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Physicians, American Academy of Physician Assistants, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

Authorized representatives for inpatient and outpatient pharmacies certified in the Clonidine REMS

REMS Letter: [Pharmacy Letter](#) with attachment [Factsheet: What's Changed with the Clonidine REMS Program for Pharmacies?](#)

1. Email within 15 calendar days of approval of the REMS modification and again 15 calendar days later.
  - a. Send by mail or fax within 7 calendar days of the date the second email was sent if email was reported undeliverable or unopened.

Inpatient and outpatient pharmacies likely to dispense clonidine

REMS Letter: [Pharmacy Professional Society Letter](#) with attachments [Factsheet: What's Changed with the Clonidine REMS Program for Pharmacies?](#), [Dr p In Summary for Pharmacies](#)

1. Disseminate, within 15 calendar days of the approval of the REMS modification, through the following professional societies and request the letter content be provided to their members:
  - a. American Pharmacists Association, American Society of Health System Pharmacists, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists, National Community Pharmacists Association, National Association of Specialty Pharmacies, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association

Wholesaler-distributors enrolled in the Clonidine REMS

REMS Letter: [Wholesaler-Distributor Letter with attachment Factsheet: What's Changed with the Clonidine REMS Program for Pharmacies?](#)

1. Email within 30 calendar days of approval of the REMS modification and again 15 calendar days later.
  - a. Send by mail or fax within 7 calendar days of the date the second email was sent if email was reported undeliverable or unopened.
2. Request the [Factsheet](#) be provided in time to all pharmacies ordering clonidine between August 21, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

Healthcare providers

[Website Pop-Up Message 1](#)

1. Publish prominently on [www.clonidinerems.com](http://www.clonidinerems.com) within 7 calendar days of the approval of the REMS modification and display for 109 calendar days. The [Message](#) must appear the first time a stakeholder logs into the system following launch of the message and require an active click to close it.

Important Program Update

1. Publish prominently at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) within 7 calendar days of the approval of the REMS modification and display for 109 calendar days.

Website Pop-Up Message 2

1. Publish prominently on the public homepage at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) on November 15, 2021 and display for 90 calendar days. The Message must appear with each visit to the homepage and require an active click to close it.

**To support REMS program operations, Clozapine Applicants must:**

1. Authorize dispensing for each patient based on verifying the patient is enrolled, and receipt of the [Patient Status Form](#) on the following schedule:  
    Authorize the first dispensing based on receipt of the [Patient Enrollment Form](#).

For subsequent dispensings, the [Patient Status Form](#) must be received within 37 calendar days after the date of the last [Patient Status Form](#). If the [Patient Status Form](#) is not received within 37 calendar days, the patient is not authorized to receive the drug until a completed form is received or a current ANC (result obtained within the last 30 calendar days) within the acceptable range is provided to a pharmacist up to three times per patient per year for outpatient dispensings.

2. Establish and maintain the REMS program website, [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com). The REMS program website must include the capability to: complete prescriber and pharmacy certification online, enroll and manage patients online including ANC results and patient authorization status; and print the Prescribing Information, Medication Guide, and REMS materials. All product websites for healthcare providers and consumers must include prominent REMS-specific links to the REMS program website. The REMS program website must not link back to the promotional product websites.
3. Make the REMS Program website fully operational and all REMS materials available through the website and coordination center within 117 calendar days of the REMS modification (November 15, 2021).
4. Establish and maintain a REMS Program coordination center for REMS participants at 888-586-0758.
5. Establish and maintain a validated, secure database of all REMS participants who are enrolled and/or certified in the Clozapine REMS Program.
6. Ensure that prescribers and pharmacies are able to become certified by fax and online.
7. Ensure prescribers are able to enroll patients by fax and online.
8. Ensure prescribers are able to report ANC results by phone, fax using the [Patient Status Form](#), and online.
9. Ensure pharmacies are able to report ANC results by phone, fax using the [ANC Lab Reporting Form](#) and online.
10. Ensure prescribers are able to authorize continuing clozapine treatment for patients when the prescriber determines the benefits outweigh the risks of developing severe neutropenia by fax, phone, and online.
11. Ensure pharmacies are able to enroll as inpatient (for purposes of this REMS, including but not limited to a pharmacy dispensing clozapine only to patients receiving inpatient medical care and other related services for surgery, acute medical conditions, or injuries (usually for a short-term illness or condition)) or outpatient (for purposes of this REMS, including but not limited to retail drug stores,

ambulator pharmacies, and pharmacies dispensing to long-term care, rehabilitation facilities, and prisons (states).

12. Ensure pharmacies are able to obtain authorization to dispense buprenorphine and naloxone.
13. Provide [lozans](#) and the [Risk of Neurotoxicity: A Guide for Healthcare Providers](#) to Healthcare Providers who (1) Attempt to prescribe lozans and are not certified, or (2) Inquire about how to become certified.
14. Provide [lozans](#) and the [Risk of Neurotoxicity: A Guide for Pharmacists](#) to pharmacists who (1) Attempt to dispense lozans and are not certified, or (2) Inquire about how to become certified.
15. Notify prescribers and pharmacies within 24 hours after they become certified in the REMS program.
16. Provide certified prescribers access to the database of certified pharmacies and enrollment dates.
17. Provide certified pharmacies access to the database of certified prescribers and enrollment dates.
18. Provide authorized wholesaler-distributors access to the database of certified pharmacies.
19. Establish and maintain a register which includes reporting and collection system for all patients to provide information on serotonin toxicity.
20. Ensure that on a report of serotonin toxicity resulting in hospitalization or death is received, lozans Applicants follow up with the healthcare provider to obtain all required data for the register.

**To ensure REMS participants' compliance with the REMS program, Clozapine Applicants must:**

21. Ensure the [Patient Status Form](#) is received for each patient enrolled in the REMS Program: If the form is not received within 31 calendar days of the date of the last [Patient Status Form](#), lozans Applicants must contact the prescriber for the form.
22. Maintain adequate records to demonstrate that the REMS requirements have been met, including, but limited to records of: lozans distribution and dispensing; certification of prescribers, and pharmacies, and authorization of wholesaler-distributors; enrollment dates; and audits of REMS participants. These records must be readily available for FDA inspections.
23. Establish a plan for addressing non-compliance with REMS Program requirements.
24. Monitor prescribers, pharmacies, and wholesaler-distributors on an ongoing basis to ensure the requirements of the lozans REMS Program are being met. Take corrective action if non-compliance is identified, including de-certification.
25. Verify over two years that the designated authorized representative for the pharmacy is the same. If different, the pharmacy must re-certify with a new authorized representative.
26. Audit annually 10% of certified outpatient pharmacies (maximum 400) and 10% of certified inpatient pharmacies (maximum 400) that have ordered lozans in the previous 12 months to ensure that all processes and procedures are in place, functioning, and support the REMS Program requirements.
27. Audit wholesaler-distributors no later than 180 calendar days after the wholesaler-distributor is authorized and annually thereafter to ensure that all processes and procedures are in place, functioning, and support the REMS Program requirements. The annual audit must include all wholesaler-distributors that distributed lozans in the previous 12 months.
28. Take reasonable steps to improve implementation of and compliance with the requirements of the lozans REMS Program based on monitoring and evaluation of the lozans REMS Program.

## IV. REMS Content Table

Clozapine NDA Applicants must submit REMS Assessments 18 months from the date of the approval of the July 29, 2021 modification and every 18 months thereafter. To facilitate inclusion of as much information as possible while allowing reasonable time to prepare the submission, the reporting interval covered by each assessment should conclude no earlier than 60 calendar days before the submission date for that assessment. Clozapine NDA Applicants must submit each assessment so that it will be received by the FDA on or before the due date.

## V. REMS Materials

The following materials are part of the Clozapine REMS:

### Enrollment Form

Prescriber:

1. [Prescriber Enrollment Form](#)

Patient:

2. [Patient Enrollment Form](#)

Pharmacy:

3. [Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form](#)
4. [Inpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form](#)

### Training and Educational Material

Prescriber:

5. [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Healthcare Providers](#)
6. [Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers](#)

Patient:

7. [A Guide for Patients and Caregivers: What You Need to Know about Clozapine and Neutropenia](#)

Pharmacy:

8. [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists](#)
9. [Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacists](#)

### Patient Care Form

10. [Patient Status Form](#)
11. [ANC Lab Reporting Form](#)

### Communication Material

12. [Healthcare Provider Letter](#)
13. [Healthcare Professional Society Letter](#)
14. [Drop In Summary for Healthcare Providers](#)
15. [Pharmacy Letter](#)
16. [Pharmacy Professional Society Letter](#)
17. [Drop In Summary for Pharmacists](#)
18. [Wholesaler-Distributor Letter](#)
19. [Factsheet: What's Changed with the Clozapine REMS Program for Prescribers](#)
20. [Factsheet: What's Changed with the Clozapine REMS Program for Pharmacists](#)
21. [Website Pop-Up Message 1](#)
22. [Website Pop-Up Message 2](#)
23. [Important Program Update](#)

**Other Material**

.REMS program website ([www.lozapineREMS.com](http://www.lozapineREMS.com)) C

Prescribers who prescribe clozapine only to patients receiving inpatient medical care and other related services for surgery, acute medical conditions or injuries (usually for a short-term illness or condition) are not required to be certified in the Clozapine REMS. Patients in this setting are required to be enrolled in the Clozapine REMS in order to receive clozapine.

For immediate certification, please go to [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

## Instructions

**Clozapine is only available through the Clozapine REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy). In order to become certified and prescribe clozapine, you must:**

1. Review the Prescribing Information for clozapine and *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Healthcare Providers*
2. Successfully complete and submit the *Clozapine REMS Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers*
3. Complete and submit this one-time *Clozapine REMS Prescriber Enrollment Form*

## Prescriber Responsibilities

### I have:

- Reviewed the drug's Prescribing Information for clozapine.
- Reviewed the **Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Healthcare Providers**.
- Successfully completed the **Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers** and submitted it to the Clozapine REMS.

### Before treatment initiation (first dose), I must:

- Counsel the patient or caregiver on the risks associated with clozapine, including severe neutropenia, and the Clozapine REMS requirements including to report signs of infection using **A Guide for Patients and Caregivers: What You Need to Know about Clozapine and Neutropenia**.
- Provide a copy of the Guide to the patient unless clinical judgment indicates that the patient's adherence to the treatment regimen will be negatively impacted by providing the Guide.
- Assess the patient's absolute neutrophil count (ANC). Document and submit the ANC to the Clozapine REMS using the **Patient Enrollment Form**.
- Enroll the patient in the Clozapine REMS by completing and submitting the **Patient Enrollment Form** to the Clozapine REMS.

### During treatment; according to the monitoring frequency in the Prescribing Information, I must

- Assess the patient's ANC and monitoring frequency.
- For patients with an ANC that falls below the acceptable range: Assess the patient's health status for appropriateness of continuing treatment.

### During treatment, monthly, I must:

- Document and submit the ANC results, the monitoring frequency, and appropriateness for continuing treatment to the Clozapine REMS using the **Patient Status Form**.

### After treatment discontinuation; according to the monitoring frequency in the Prescribing Information, I must:

- Assess the patient's ANC. Document and submit the ANC results to the REMS program using the **Patient Status Form**.

I understand that if I do not maintain compliance with the requirements of the Clozapine REMS, I will no longer be able to prescribe Clozapine.

I understand that personnel from the Clozapine REMS or a designated third party acting on behalf of the Clozapine Sponsors may contact me to gather information, resolve discrepancies, or to provide other information related to the Clozapine REMS.

I understand that clozapine manufacturers or their agents and contractors may contact me via phone, mail or email to survey me on the effectiveness of the program requirements for the Clozapine REMS.

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Prescriber Information (All Fields Required Unless Otherwise Indicated)			
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Individual NPI #:		Individual DEA #:	
Email Address:			
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Clinic/Practice Name:			
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## Instructions for Prescribers and Prescriber Designees

This form may be completed by a certified prescriber or a prescriber designee.

### Complete this form for a patient if:

- re-enrolling a patient into the Clozapine REMS
- the patient has never been treated with clozapine previously, or
- you have never treated this patient with clozapine (regardless of the patient's history of clozapine treatment)

A prescriber must complete the form to designate the patient as a Benign Ethnic Neutropenia (BEN) patient or a Hospice Care patient. A prescriber designee may not complete the form for these patients.

For immediate enrollment, please go to [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

For enrollment via fax, please complete all required fields below and fax to 800-878-5927. For enrollment via the Clozapine REMS Contact Center, please call 888-586-0758. Enrollment confirmation will be sent via the contact preference specified on the prescriber's *Clozapine REMS Prescriber Enrollment Form*.

**Clozapine is only available through the single shared Clozapine REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy). In order to treat a patient with clozapine, the patient MUST be enrolled in the Clozapine REMS. To enroll a patient, you must:**

1. Inform the patient or caregiver about the risk of severe neutropenia with clozapine and the Clozapine REMS requirements including to report signs of infection
2. Provide the patient or caregiver with *A Guide for Patients and Caregivers: What You Need to Know about Clozapine and Neutropenia* unless you determine that the patient's adherence to the treatment regimen will be negatively impacted by providing the *A Guide for Patients and Caregivers: What You Need to Know about Clozapine and Neutropenia* and informing them about this risk
3. Complete and submit this *Clozapine REMS Patient Enrollment Form*

## Patient Information (\* Required Field)

First Name*:		Last Name*:	
Gender*:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date of Birth* (MM/DD/YYYY):	/ /
Race*:	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Ethnicity*:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino		
Phone:	Email Address:		
Does the patient have a permanent address*?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Zip Code:	

## Patient Status (\* Required Field)

Is this patient actively on clozapine therapy\*?  Yes  No  Unknown

If Yes, what is this patient's current monitoring frequency?

3 times a week  Every 2 weeks  Weekly  Monthly

## Baseline or Most Recent Lab Information (All Fields Required)

Blood Draw Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	ANC (per $\mu$ L):
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**Prescriber Information (\* Required Field)**

First Name*:	Last Name*:	Individual NPI Number*:
Phone:	Email:	Fax:

**Prescriber Designee Information (All Fields Required if Form is Completed by a Prescriber Designee)**

First Name*:	Last Name*:	
Phone*:	Fax:	Email:

**Benign Ethnic Neutropenia (BEN) Patient Attestation (Prescriber signature required for attestation of BEN diagnosis)**

A BEN patient designation provides a separate ANC monitoring algorithm for the patient. The BEN designation is a permanent status. By signing below, I attest that the above is a patient with documented benign ethnic neutropenia.

**Prescriber Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospice Care Patient Attestation (Prescriber signature required for attestation of Hospice Care)**

For hospice patients (i.e., terminally ill patients with an estimated life expectancy of six months or less), the prescriber may reduce the frequency of submitting a Patient Status Form to once every 6 months after a discussion with the patient and his/her caregiver. To change the frequency of submitting a Patient Status Form to once every 6 months for a hospice patient, the prescriber must sign below:

By signing below, I attest that the above is a hospice care patient.

**Prescriber Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form if your pharmacy dispenses clozapine only to patients treated on an outpatient or chronic basis, including, but not limited to, retail drug stores, ambulatory care pharmacies, and pharmacies dispensing to long-term care, rehabilitation facilities, and prison systems.

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## Instructions

Use this form to enroll a **SINGLE** pharmacy location. To enroll **MULTIPLE** pharmacy locations, you must go to [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

Clozapine is only available through the Clozapine REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy). In order to dispense clozapine, the pharmacy must designate an authorized representative.

### The authorized representative for the pharmacy must:

1. Review *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists*.
2. Successfully complete and submit the *Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies*.
3. Complete and submit this *Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment*.

## Authorized Representative Responsibilities

### As the Authorized Representative, I must:

- Review **Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists**.
- Successfully complete **the Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies** and submit it to the Clozapine REMS.
- Establish processes and procedures to verify an available, current ANC is within the acceptable range for patients enrolled but not authorized to receive the drug.
- Train all relevant staff involved in dispensing clozapine on the requirements of the Clozapine REMS using the **Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists**.

### Before dispensing, all pharmacy staff must:

- Obtain authorization to dispense each prescription by contacting the Clozapine REMS to verify that the patient is enrolled and authorized to receive drug.
- For patients enrolled but not authorized to receive clozapine:
  - Verify an available, current ANC is within the acceptable range through the processes and procedures established as a requirement of the Clozapine REMS,
  - Document and submit the ANC and the prescriber's NPI to the Clozapine REMS and
  - Obtain authorization to dispense each prescription by contacting the Clozapine REMS to verify the patient is now authorized to receive clozapine.
- Report dosing information to the Clozapine REMS.

### All pharmacy staff must

- Not distribute, transfer, loan, or sell clozapine except to certified dispensers.
- Maintain records of staff training and that all processes and procedures are in place and are being followed.
- Comply with audits carried out by the manufacturers or a third party acting on behalf of the manufacturers, to ensure that all processes and procedures are in place and are being followed.

### To maintain certification to dispense, any new Authorized Representative must:

- Enroll in the Clozapine REMS by reviewing **Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists**, successfully complete the **Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies** and the **Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form** and submit both to the Clozapine REMS.

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Outpatient Pharmacy Information (All Fields Required Unless Otherwise Indicated)			
Pharmacy Name:		Organization NPI #:	
Address:		DEA # (opt.)	
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Ext (opt):	Fax (opt.):	
The name, location, and phone number of your pharmacy will be publicly available on ClozapineREMS.com. If you do not want your information available, please call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 1-888-586-0758.			
Allow this pharmacy to be found on the Clozapine REMS website as a: <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Pharmacy			
Authorized Representative Information (All Fields Required Unless Otherwise Indicated)			
First Name:	Last Name:	Position/Title:	
Email Address:			
Credentials: <input type="checkbox"/> RPh <input type="checkbox"/> PharmD <input type="checkbox"/> BCPS <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Phone:	Ext (opt):	Fax (opt.):	
Preferred Method of Contact (opt.): <input type="checkbox"/> Text to Mobile # <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call			
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Complete this form if your pharmacy is within a facility dispensing clozapine only to patients receiving inpatient medical care and other related services for surgery, acute medical conditions, or injuries (usually for a short-term illness or condition).

If your pharmacy dispenses clozapine only to patients treated on an outpatient or chronic basis, including, but not limited to, retail drug-stores, ambulatory care pharmacies, and pharmacies dispensing to long-term care, rehabilitation facilities, and prison systems, please complete the Clozapine REMS Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form.

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Clozapine is only available through the Clozapine REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy). In order to dispense clozapine, the pharmacy must designate an authorized representative.

**The authorized representative for the pharmacy must:**

1. Review *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists*.
2. Successfully complete and submit the *Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies*.
3. Complete and submit this *Inpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form*.

## Authorized Representative Responsibilities

**As the Authorized Representative, I must:**

- Review **Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists**.
- Successfully complete the **Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies** and submit it to the Clozapine REMS.
- Establish processes and procedures to verify an available, current ANC is within the acceptable range for patients enrolled but not authorized to receive clozapine.
- Train all relevant staff involved in dispensing clozapine on the requirements of the Clozapine REMS, using the **Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists**.

**Before first dose, all pharmacy staff must:**

- Obtain authorization to dispense by contacting the Clozapine REMS to verify that the patient is enrolled and authorized to receive the drug.
- For patients enrolled but not authorized to receive clozapine:
  - Verify an available, current ANC is within the acceptable range through the processes and procedures established as a requirement of the Clozapine REMS,
  - Document and submit the ANC to the Clozapine REMS and
  - Obtain authorization to dispense each prescription by contacting the Clozapine REMS to verify the patient is now authorized to receive clozapine.

**At discharge, all pharmacy staff must:**

- Dispense no more than a 7-days' supply.

**At all times, all pharmacy staff must:**

- Maintain records of staff training and that all processes and procedures are in place and are being followed.
- Not distribute, transfer, loan, or sell clozapine except to certified dispensers.
- Comply with audits carried out by the manufacturers or a third party acting on behalf of the manufacturers, to ensure that all processes and procedures are in place and are being followed.

**To maintain certification to dispense, any new Authorized Representative must:**

- Enroll in the Clozapine REMS by reviewing **Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists**, successfully complete the **Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies** and the **Inpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form** and submit both to the Clozapine REMS.

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Inpatient Pharmacy Information (All Fields Required Unless Otherwise Indicated)			
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Address:		DEA # (opt.)	
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Ext (opt):	Fax (opt.):	
Authorized Representative Information (All Fields Required Unless Otherwise Indicated)			
First Name:	Last Name:	Position/Title:	
Email Address:			
Credentials: <input type="checkbox"/> RPh <input type="checkbox"/> PharmD <input type="checkbox"/> BCPS <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Phone:	Ext (opt):	Fax (opt.):	
Preferred Method of Contact (opt.): <input type="checkbox"/> Text to Mobile # <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call			
Authorized Representative's Signature: _____		Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____	

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# Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia:

## A Guide for Healthcare Providers

This Guide discusses:

- What is the Clozapine REMS?
- Clozapine and the risk of severe neutropenia
- Treatment recommendations and patient absolute neutrophil count (ANC) monitoring
- Prescriber requirements for the Clozapine REMS
- Pharmacy requirements for the Clozapine REMS



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# 1 The Clozapine REMS

Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 500/ $\mu$ L). The requirements to prescribe, dispense, and receive clozapine are incorporated into a single shared program called the Clozapine Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS). A REMS is a strategy to manage known or potential risks associated with a drug or group of drugs and is required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for clozapine to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risk of severe neutropenia.

The Clozapine REMS provides a **centralized** point of access:

1. For **prescribers** and **pharmacies** to certify before prescribing or dispensing clozapine
2. To enroll and manage **patients** on clozapine treatment

Clozapine is available by prescription as:

- Clozaril<sup>®</sup> (clozapine) tablets, for oral use
- Versacloz<sup>®</sup> (clozapine, USP) oral suspension
- Approved generic equivalents of these products

**To minimize the risk of severe neutropenia associated with the use of clozapine, the Clozapine REMS includes the following key program requirements:**

### **Prescribers (who prescribe clozapine for outpatient use or initiate treatment for inpatients)**

- Must certify in the Clozapine REMS to prescribe clozapine
- Must enroll all patients in the Clozapine REMS
- Must provide a baseline ANC when enrolling a new patient
- Must order ANC testing for each of their clozapine patients according to the clozapine Prescribing Information
- Must verify and document each clozapine patient's ANCs to the Clozapine REMS monthly, by submitting the Patient Status Form

### **Outpatient Pharmacies**

- Must certify in the Clozapine REMS to dispense clozapine
- Must obtain a REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA) prior to dispensing a clozapine prescription. For the first dispensing after enrollment, the RDA will verify that:
- the pharmacy is certified
  - the patient is enrolled
  - the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued
- For a subsequent dispensing, the RDA will verify that:
- the pharmacy is certified
  - the patient is enrolled
  - a Patient Status Form has been completed in the last 37 days
    - the prescriber has authorized the continuation of treatment if one or more labs are missing
    - the prescriber has provided a Treatment Rationale if the most current ANC lab value is below the acceptable range
  - the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

### **Inpatient Pharmacies**

- Must certify in the Clozapine REMS to dispense clozapine
- Must obtain a REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA) before the **initial** dispensing of a clozapine prescription. For the first dispensing after enrollment, the RDA will verify that:
- the pharmacy is certified

- the patient is enrolled
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

For a subsequent dispensing, the RDA will verify that:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- a Patient Status Form has been completed in the last 37 days
  - the prescriber has authorized the continuation of treatment if one or more labs are missing
  - the prescriber has authorized a Treatment Rationale if the most current ANC lab value is below the acceptable range
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

### Patients

- Must be enrolled in the Clozapine REMS by a certified prescriber to receive clozapine
- Must comply with the ANC testing requirements

## 2 Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC), Neutropenia, and Patient ANC Monitoring

### ***What is Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC)?***

ANC is the laboratory parameter for monitoring patients for clozapine-induced neutropenia. Prescribers must submit the ANC before starting and during clozapine treatment.

ANC is usually available as a component of the complete blood count (CBC), including differential:

- ANC is more relevant to drug-induced neutropenia than white blood cell (WBC) count
- ANC may also be calculated using the following formula:

<b>Absolute Neutrophil Count</b>	=	<b>Total WBC Count</b>	X	<b>Total percentage of neutrophils* obtained from the differential</b>
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\*Includes both banded and segmented neutrophils

Other granulocytes (basophils and eosinophils) contribute minimally to neutropenia and their measurement is not necessary.

### ***What is the risk of severe neutropenia associated with clozapine?***

Clozapine can cause severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infections and death. Severe neutropenia occurs in a small percentage of patients taking clozapine.

- Severe neutropenia is defined as ANC less than 500/ $\mu$ L
- “Severe neutropenia” replaces the previous terms “severe leukopenia,” “severe granulocytopenia,” and “agranulocytosis”
- The risk appears greatest during the first 18 weeks of clozapine treatment
- The mechanism is not dose-dependent
- It is unclear if concurrent use of other drugs known to cause neutropenia increases the risk or severity of clozapine-induced neutropenia
- If clozapine is used concurrently with a medication(s) known to cause neutropenia:
  - Consider monitoring patients more closely than the treatment guidelines recommend, and
  - Consult with the treating oncologist in patients receiving concomitant chemotherapy

For a complete discussion of other risks, including other Boxed Warnings, please see the full Prescribing Information available at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

## **What is Benign Ethnic Neutropenia (BEN)?**

BEN is a condition observed in certain ethnic groups whose average ANC's are lower than "standard" laboratory ranges for neutrophils. Because of this condition, patients who have been diagnosed with BEN have a separate ANC monitoring algorithm when treated with clozapine.

**When enrolling a patient in the Clozapine REMS, identify if the patient has documented BEN, so the patient is monitored according to the correct ANC monitoring algorithm.**

A few important things to know about patients with documented BEN:

- It is most commonly observed in individuals of African descent (approximate prevalence of 25-50%), some Middle Eastern ethnic groups, and in other non-Caucasian ethnic groups with darker skin
- BEN is more common in men
- Patients with BEN have normal hematopoietic stem cell number and myeloid maturation, are healthy, and do not suffer from repeated or severe infections
- Patients with BEN **are not** at increased risk for developing clozapine-induced neutropenia

Additional evaluation may be needed to determine if baseline neutropenia is due to BEN. Consider a hematology consultation before starting or during clozapine treatment as necessary.

## **What are the treatment recommendations and monitoring requirements for patients taking clozapine?**



**Before starting treatment** with clozapine, the baseline ANC must be:

- at least 1500/ $\mu$ L for the general population
- at least 1000/ $\mu$ L for patients diagnosed with BEN

**During treatment**, monitor ANC regularly as described in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) below.

Patients may transition to less frequent ANC monitoring based on the number of weeks of continuous clozapine therapy and the patient's ANC's.

### **During the first six months of treatment:**

- Weekly ANC monitoring is required for all patients

### **During the second six months of treatment:**

- Monitoring frequency can be reduced to every two weeks if the ANC remains in the normal range (ANC greater than or equal to 1500/ $\mu$ L for the general population, ANC greater than or equal to 1000/ $\mu$ L for patients with BEN)

### **After one year of treatment:**

- If the patient's ANC continues to remain in the normal range, ANC monitoring may be reduced to monthly (every 4 weeks) thereafter.

The recommended ANC monitoring frequency for patients in the general population and patients who have documented BEN is shown in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) below. The table also provides recommendations for monitoring patients who experience a decrease in ANC during the course of treatment.

**Table 1 - Recommended Monitoring Frequency and Clinical Decisions by ANC Level for the General Patient Population**

ANC Level	Treatment Recommendation	ANC Monitoring
<b>Normal Range</b> ANC $\geq$ 1500/ $\mu$ L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate treatment</li> <li>• If treatment interrupted:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- &lt; 30 days, continue monitoring as before</li> <li>- <math>\geq</math> 30 days, monitor as if new patient</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discontinuation for reasons other than neutropenia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly from initiation to six months</li> <li>• Every two weeks from 6 to 12 months</li> <li>• Monthly after 12 months</li> <li>• See Section 2.4 of the Prescribing Information</li> </ul>
<b>Mild Neutropenia</b> (1000 - 1499/ $\mu$ L)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• Once ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L, return to patient's last "Normal Range" ANC monitoring interval**</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate Neutropenia</b> (500 - 999/ $\mu$ L)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend hematology consultation</li> <li>• Interrupt treatment for suspected clozapine-induced neutropenia</li> <li>• Resume treatment once ANC normalizes to <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L, then:</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• Once ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L, check ANC weekly for 4 weeks, then return to patient's last "Normal Range" ANC monitoring interval**</li> </ul>
<b>Severe Neutropenia</b> (< 500/ $\mu$ L)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend hematology consultation</li> <li>• Interrupt treatment for suspected clozapine-induced neutropenia</li> <li>• Do not rechallenge unless prescriber determines benefits outweigh risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• If patient rechallenged, resume treatment as a new patient under "Normal Range" monitoring once ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ul>

\* Confirm all initial reports of ANC less than 1500/ $\mu$ L with a repeat ANC measurement within 24 hours

\*\* If clinically appropriate

**Table 2 Recommended Monitoring Frequency and Clinical Decisions by ANC Level for Patients with BEN**

ANC Level	Treatment Recommendation	ANC Monitoring
<b>Normal BEN Range</b> (Established ANC baseline $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$ )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain at least two baseline ANC levels before initiating treatment</li> <li>If treatment interrupted:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; 30 days, continue monitoring as before</li> <li><math>\geq 30</math> days, monitor as if new patient</li> </ul> </li> <li>Discontinuation for reasons other than neutropenia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly from initiation to 6 months</li> <li>Every 2 weeks from 6 to 12 months</li> <li>Monthly after 12 months</li> <li>See Section 2.4 of the Prescribing Information</li> </ul>
<b>BEN Neutropenia</b> (500 - 999/ $\mu\text{L}$ )*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend hematology consultation</li> <li>Continue treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}</math> or <math>\geq</math> patient's known baseline.</li> <li>Once ANC <math>\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}</math> or at patient's known baseline, check ANC weekly for 4 weeks, then return to patient's last "Normal BEN Range" ANC monitoring interval**</li> </ul>
<b>BEN Severe Neutropenia</b> (< 500/ $\mu\text{L}$ )*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend hematology consultation</li> <li>Interrupt treatment for suspected clozapine-induced neutropenia</li> <li>Do not rechallenge unless prescriber determines benefits outweigh risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily until ANC <math>\geq 500/\mu\text{L}</math></li> <li>Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> patients baseline</li> <li>If patient rechallenged, resume treatment as a new patient under "Normal Range" monitoring once ANC <math>\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}</math> or at patient's baseline</li> </ul>

\* Confirm all initial reports of ANC less than 1500/ $\mu\text{L}$  with a repeat ANC measurement within 24 hours

\*\* If clinically appropriate

## ***Can a patient continue clozapine treatment with an ANC less than 1000/ $\mu\text{L}$ ?***

### **For Patients in the General Population**

Yes; prescribers may choose to continue clozapine treatment in patients with ANCs less than 1000/ $\mu\text{L}$ . However, prescribers should follow the treatment recommendations as noted in [Table 1](#) and carefully determine if the benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risks.

The recommendations to interrupt treatment are provided to ensure patient safety. If monitoring ANC and symptoms of infection is not done appropriately, patients with ANCs less than 1000/ $\mu\text{L}$  are at risk for developing complications of severe neutropenia, including serious infection and death.

Refer to [Section 3](#) of this document for more details on how to authorize a patient to continue treatment.

### **For Patients with documented BEN**

Yes; the Prescribing Information for clozapine recommends interrupting clozapine treatment for patients with BEN only when the ANC is **less than 500/ $\mu\text{L}$** . No interruption in treatment is recommended for ANC 500-999/ $\mu\text{L}$ , although a hematology consultation is recommended.

### ***If a patient develops a fever, how is clozapine treatment managed?***

Generally, clozapine treatment should be interrupted as a precautionary measure in any patient who develops a fever of 38.5°C (101.3°F) or greater, and an ANC should be obtained. Fever is often the first sign of a neutropenic infection.

If fever occurs in any patient with an ANC less than 1000/ $\mu$ L, initiate appropriate neutropenia work-up and treatment for infection. Refer to [Table 1](#) for ANC monitoring recommendations.

If any patient presents with evidence of fever and/or neutropenia, consider a hematology consultation.

### ***How is clozapine discontinued for neutropenia?***

The method of treatment discontinuation will vary depending on the patient's most recent ANC result. Abrupt treatment discontinuation is necessary for moderate to severe neutropenia that you suspect is caused by clozapine.



**REMEMBER** to submit the decision to discontinue clozapine for a patient to the Clozapine REMS. You can complete this in one of three ways:



By signing in to the Clozapine REMS Website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com)



By calling the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758



By completing the "Patient Status" section of the *Clozapine REMS Patient Status Form* and faxing it to the Clozapine REMS at 800-878-5927

### ***How is a patient monitored if clozapine treatment is discontinued for neutropenia?***

- Monitor ANC in any patient reporting a fever (temperature of 38.5°C or 101.3°F or greater) during the 2 weeks after discontinuation
- Monitor all patients carefully for the recurrence of psychotic symptoms and symptoms related to cholinergic rebound, such as profuse sweating, headache, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
- For abrupt clozapine discontinuation for a reason unrelated to neutropenia, continuation of the existing ANC monitoring is recommended for general population patients until their ANC is greater than or equal to 1500/ $\mu$ L and for patients with documented BEN until their ANC is greater than or equal to 1000/ $\mu$ L or above their baseline

After **discontinuing** clozapine, monitor ANC according to the recommendations in [Table 2](#) as shown below.

**Table 2: Recommended monitoring frequency when clozapine treatment is discontinued**

<b>Moderate Neutropenia</b> (500 to 999/ $\mu$ L)*	<b>GENERAL POPULATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L, then</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ul>
<b>Severe Neutropenia</b> (less than 500/ $\mu$ L)*	<b>GENERAL POPULATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L, then</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ul>
	<b>BEN POPULATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> patients established baseline</li> </ul>

\* Confirm all initial reports of ANC less than 1500/ $\mu$ L (ANC < 1000/ $\mu$ L for BEN patients) with a repeat ANC measurement within 24 hours

Refer to Section 2.4 of the clozapine Prescribing Information for further information.

### ***Can a patient be rechallenged with clozapine?***

Yes; for some patients who experience, or have experienced, moderate clozapine-related neutropenia (ANC less than 1000/ $\mu$ L) or severe clozapine-related neutropenia (ANC less than 500/ $\mu$ L), the risk of serious psychiatric illness from discontinuing clozapine may be greater than the risk of rechallenge. This may be relevant for patients with severe schizophrenic illness who have no treatment option other than clozapine.

In making the decision to rechallenge a patient, consider:

- A hematology consult
- The ANC ranges defined in the Prescribing Information
- The patient’s medical and psychiatric history
- A discussion with the patient and his or her caregiver about the benefits and risks of clozapine rechallenge
- The severity and characteristics of the neutropenic episode




Refer to Section 2.5 in the clozapine Prescribing Information for more information on how to restart clozapine in patients who have discontinued clozapine.

### 3 Clozapine REMS Requirements for Prescribers

#### *What is the role of prescribers in the Clozapine REMS?*

**Step 1: Review the Prescribing Information for clozapine**

**Step 2: Certify\* in the Clozapine REMS by:**

-  Reviewing *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Prescribers*
-  Successfully complete and submit the *Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers*
-  Complete and submit the *Prescriber Enrollment Form*

**Step 3: Counsel each patient** (or their caregiver) about the risk of severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infection and death

**Step 4: Enroll every new patient** in the Clozapine REMS, providing an ANC with the enrollment

**Step 5: Check the ANC** for each patient according to the monitoring requirements

**Step 6: Submit each patient's ANCs** to the Clozapine REMS monthly, using the *Patient Status Form*

**Step 7: Provide authorization to continue treatment**, if necessary, through the Clozapine REMS when the patient's ANC results meet criteria for interruption of therapy, and you decide to continue clozapine treatment

Refer to the section titled, "What is a *Treatment Rationale?*" on [page 14](#) for more details on how to authorize a patient to continue treatment.

\*Prescribers who prescribe clozapine only to patients receiving inpatient medical care and other related services for surgery, acute medical conditions or injuries (usually for a short-term illness or condition) are not required to certify in the Clozapine REMS. Patients in this setting are required to be enrolled in the Clozapine REMS in order to receive clozapine. If a patient in this setting is not enrolled, he/she must be enrolled by a certified prescriber before being allowed to receive clozapine.

## ***How do I Designate a Prescriber Designee?***

Prescribers may designate other healthcare providers or office staff to enroll patients and submit ANC results monthly, using the Patient Status Form, on the prescriber's behalf.

 Visit [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

To enroll a prescriber designee online, log into your account and select the Manage Designees button. Select the Invite Designee button. Follow the instructions. The designee will receive an email with a link to allow them to create an account. Once created, the designee may log into their account and enroll patients and submit ANC results monthly, using the Patient Status Form, on your behalf.

To enroll a prescriber designee via fax, print out the Prescriber Designee Enrollment Form. Complete all sections. Both you and the designee must sign the form. Fax the form to 800-878-5927.

## ***What do I tell my patients about clozapine?***



- Use the patient counseling tool entitled, *A Guide for Patients and Caregivers: What You Need to Know about Clozapine and Neutropenia* to help counseling your patients.
- Tell your patients about the risk of severe neutropenia which can lead to serious infections and death.
- Explain the importance of having required blood tests to check if a patient is more likely to get an infection.
- Tell patients to talk to a doctor immediately if they have any symptoms of infection. These symptoms are clearly laid out in the counseling tool. Provide your patient with the counseling tool.

You may choose not to provide *A Guide for Patients and Caregivers: What You Need to Know about Clozapine and Neutropenia* to the patient or caregiver if you determine that the patient's adherence to clozapine treatment will be negatively impacted by providing it. If you choose to not provide the guide to a patient, remember to talk about the following symptoms:

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|--|---|
| • Infection, including skin, throat, urinary tract, vaginal, pneumonia, or any other infection | • Pain or burning while urinating             |
| • Fever or chills  | • Unusual vaginal discharge or itching        |
| • Sores or ulcers inside your mouth, gums, or on your skin                                     | • Abdominal pain                              |
| • Wounds that take a long time to heal   | • Sores or pain in or around your rectal area |
| • Feel like you have the flu   | • Feel extremely weak or tired                |

### ***How do I enroll a patient?***

You can enroll a patient in one of two ways:

-  By signing into the Clozapine REMS Website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) and enrolling the patient online
-  By downloading a *Patient Enrollment Form* from the Clozapine REMS Website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) and faxing the completed form to 800-878-5927

### **Complete a *Clozapine REMS Patient Enrollment Form* if:**

- The patient has never been treated with clozapine before; or,
- If you have never treated this patient with clozapine, regardless of the patient's history of clozapine treatment




### ***How do I submit ANC results for my patients?***

#### **Prescribers and Prescriber Designees**

Prescribers or their designees are responsible for submitting ANC monthly, using the *Patient Status Form*, to the Clozapine REMS before clozapine can be dispensed by an outpatient pharmacy.

#### **For Prescribers in an Outpatient setting:**

Submit the *Patient Status Form* monthly in one of three ways:

-  By signing into the Clozapine REMS Website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com)
-  By calling the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758
-  By faxing\* the *Patient Status Form* results to the Clozapine REMS at 800-878-5927

#### **Pharmacies**

Pharmacists must verify that the patient is enrolled in the Clozapine REMS and authorized to receive clozapine before clozapine can be dispensed by a pharmacy within a facility that dispenses clozapine to patients receiving inpatient medical care and other related services for surgery, acute medical conditions, or injuries (usually for a short-term illness or condition).

For patients enrolled but not authorized by the Clozapine REMS to receive clozapine, the pharmacy must verify an available, current ANC is within acceptable range through the processes and procedures established as a requirement of the Clozapine REMS, document and submit the ANC to the Clozapine REMS and obtain authorization to dispense each prescription by contacting the Clozapine REMS to verify the patient is now authorized to receive clozapine. The pharmacy may use either the ANC Reporting Form, the website, or the contact center to report an ANC.




**While the patient is hospitalized, remember to monitor ANC according to the patient's ANC monitoring frequency on file with the Clozapine REMS.**

## When should I submit a patient's ANC to the Clozapine REMS?

Patient ANC information must be submitted to the Clozapine REMS using the *Patient Status Form*. Although the Patient Status Form is only submitted monthly, prescribers must ensure their patients are on the appropriate monitoring frequency and adhere to the corresponding blood draw intervals. Single ANCs may still be submitted via the ANC Lab Reporting Form.

Your options to submit ANCs are:

- 
1. Submit all at once via the *Patient Status Form* monthly
  2. Submit as labs are obtained via the *ANC Lab Reporting Form*

## How do I authorize continuation of clozapine when my patient's ANC is less than 1000/ $\mu$ L (general population) or less than 500/ $\mu$ L (patients with BEN)?

When a patient's ANC is less than 1000/ $\mu$ L (general population) or less than 500/ $\mu$ L (patients with documented BEN), a prescriber may provide a *Treatment Rationale* to authorize clozapine treatment to continue.



### What is a Treatment Rationale?

An authorization called a *Treatment Rationale* requires the prescriber to confirm that the benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risks of developing severe neutropenia. The Treatment Rationale is a section that is completed on the Patient Status Form.

### How can I provide a Treatment Rationale?

- The Clozapine REMS will alert the prescriber if an ANC is submitted that is below the recommended thresholds for a patient; clozapine will not be dispensed to the patient unless the prescriber provides a *Treatment Rationale* to authorize continuation of treatment.
- The Clozapine REMS will automatically change the treatment status of a patient with a low ANC to "interrupted" or "discontinued," according to the recommendations in the Prescribing Information, found in [Table 1](#) above.
- If the prescriber wishes to continue clozapine treatment, the prescriber must confirm that the benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risks of developing severe neutropenia by providing a *Treatment Rationale* on the *Patient Status Form*. The completion of a *Treatment Rationale* will change the patient's treatment status back to "active."

Prescribers must confirm treatment continuation one of two ways:

-  By signing into the Clozapine REMS Website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) and submitting a *Patient Status Form* online
-  By faxing a signed *Patient Status Form* to 800-878-5927 with a completed *Treatment Rationale* section

- After the prescriber provides the *Treatment Rationale*, the Clozapine REMS will issue an

RDA, which allows the outpatient pharmacy to dispense clozapine.

- Information provided in the Clozapine REMS is not a substitute for appropriate documentation in the patient's medical record regarding the prescriber's decision to continue, interrupt, or discontinue clozapine treatment.

### ***What if my clozapine patient is under hospice care?***

For hospice patients (i.e., terminally ill patients with an estimated life expectancy of six months or less), the prescriber may reduce the ANC monitoring frequency to, at a minimum, once every six months, after a discussion with the patient and his/her caregiver. Individual treatment decisions should weigh the importance of monitoring ANC in the context of the need to control psychiatric symptoms and the patient's terminal illness.

Designating a patient as a Hospice Care patient reduces the frequency of submitting a *Patient Status Form* to once every six months.

### ***What if my patient has been treated with clozapine before?***

If another prescriber has previously treated the patient with clozapine, you must enroll the patient by completing and submitting the *Patient Enrollment Form* to the Clozapine REMS (online or by fax) to be able to access the patient's ANC history.

If you cannot find the patient, call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758 for assistance or to re-enroll the patient.

If you would like to inquire about a patient's previous clozapine history before enrolling the patient, please call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758 for assistance.

**To access patient information through the Clozapine REMS, you must enroll the patient. If you would like to inquire about a patient's previous clozapine history before enrolling the patient, please call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758 for assistance**

## 4 Reporting Adverse Events Associated with Clozapine

Report suspected adverse events directly to the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758. You also may report adverse event information to the FDA MedWatch Reporting System by telephone at (800) FDA-1088 or by mail using Form 3500A, available at [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

## 5 Clozapine REMS Information and Resources

Additional Clozapine REMS information and resources are available online at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) or by calling the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758.

### Glossary

**Absolute neutrophil count (ANC):** Laboratory parameter for monitoring patients for clozapine-induced neutropenia.

**Benign Ethnic Neutropenia (BEN):** A condition observed in certain ethnic groups whose average ANC is lower than “standard” laboratory ranges for neutrophils compared to the general population. Patients with documented BEN have a separate ANC monitoring algorithm when treated with clozapine.

**Dispense Rationale:** The Clozapine REMS Program provides certified pharmacies with an opportunity to apply clinical judgment and continue to dispense clozapine to enrolled patients when a Patient Status Form has not been received and the pharmacist is in possession of a current ANC within an acceptable range for the patient.

**Inpatient pharmacy:** A pharmacy within a facility dispensing clozapine only to patients receiving inpatient medical care and other related services for surgery, acute medical conditions or injuries (usually for a short-term illness or condition).

**Outpatient pharmacy:** A pharmacy dispensing clozapine only to patients treated on an outpatient or chronic basis. This includes, but is not limited to, retail drugstores, ambulatory care pharmacies, and pharmacies dispensing to long-term care, rehabilitation facilities and prison systems.

**REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA):** An authorization given to pharmacies which reflects that the safe-use conditions for that patient have been met. The RDA is provided by the Clozapine REMS. For an outpatient pharmacy, the RDA verifies that the patient is enrolled, the pharmacy is certified, and that the patient is authorized to receive drug. For an inpatient pharmacy, the RDA verifies that the patient is enrolled, and the pharmacy is certified. This RDA permits dispensing of clozapine to the patient.

**Treatment Rationale (TR):** A justification used by a prescriber to allow a patient having moderate neutropenia (ANC 500-999/ $\mu$ L for the general population) or severe neutropenia (ANC < 500/ $\mu$ L for general population and patients with documented BEN) to continue treatment. Only prescribers can confirm that benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risks of developing severe neutropenia.

## Instructions

1. Complete Section 1 below to ensure the Knowledge Assessment is associated with your program record.
2. Answer all questions in Section 2.
3. Fax the completed *Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers* to the Clozapine REMS at **800-878-5927**.

For real-time processing of this Knowledge Assessment, please go to [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

## 1 Prescriber Information (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

First Name:	MI (opt):	Last Name:
Individual NPI #:		Individual DEA #:
Email Address:		
Clinic/Practice Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Ext. (opt):	Fax (opt.):

## 2 Knowledge Assessment

Please select the best answer for each of the following questions. All questions must be answered correctly to become certified.

### Question 1

**All clozapine products are only available under the single shared Clozapine REMS.**

- A. True
- B. False

### Question 2

**Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infection and death.**

- A. True
- B. False

### Question 3

**Severe neutropenia is defined as:**

- A. A white blood cell count (WBC) less than 2000/ $\mu$ L
- B. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 1000/ $\mu$ L
- C. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 500/ $\mu$ L
- D. None of the above

### Question 4

**Before initiating treatment with clozapine:**

- A. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be at least 1000/ $\mu$ L for a patient with documented benign ethnic neutropenia (BEN)
- B. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be at least 1500/ $\mu$ L for a patient who is part of the general population (i.e., the patient does not have documented BEN)
- C. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) is not necessary
- D. Both A and B

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**Question 5**

**Before clozapine treatment initiation, a certified prescriber must:**

- A. Determine if the patient has documented BEN
- B. Enroll the patient in the Clozapine REMS
- C. Counsel the patient/caregiver about the risk of severe neutropenia
- D. Order blood work to obtain an ANC
- E. Review the ANC and submit it to the Clozapine REMS
- F. All of the above

**Question 6**

**In the outpatient setting, prescribers must submit the *Patient Status Form* monthly, to the single shared Clozapine REMS, before the patient can be dispensed clozapine.**

- A. True
- B. False

**Question 7**

**How much clozapine can be dispensed?**

- A. A 30-day supply
- B. A 90-day supply
- C. As much as the patient wants or the insurance will pay for
- D. It depends when the patient's next blood draw is, according to the monitoring requirements. Dispense enough medication to treat the patient with clozapine until the next blood draw/ANC or as directed by the prescriber

**Question 8**

**Regarding patients with documented BEN, which of the following statements are true?**

- A. Patients with BEN have a different clozapine treatment algorithm and monitoring requirements
- B. Patients with BEN are healthy and do not suffer from repeated severe infections
- C. Patients with BEN are NOT at increased risk for developing clozapine-induced neutropenia
- D. Before starting clozapine, additional evaluation may be needed to determine if baseline neutropenia is due to BEN. Hematology consultation may be necessary
- E. All of the above statements are true

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## Question 9

If a new patient's baseline ANC is within the normal range, how should the ANC monitoring schedule proceed?

- A. Weekly from initiation to discontinuation of therapy
- B. Weekly from initiation to 6 months; every 2 weeks from 6 to 12 months; monthly after 12 months
- C. Monthly from initiation to discontinuation of therapy
- D. No additional ANC monitoring is required if the patient's baseline ANC is within the normal range

## Question 10

If a patient's ANC indicates mild neutropenia, which of the following statements is true?

- A. ANC monitoring should be conducted three times weekly until  $ANC \geq 1500/\mu L$  if the patient is part of the general population (i.e., if the patient does not have documented BEN)
- B. Mild neutropenia is within the normal range for a patient with documented BEN
- C. If the patient has documented BEN, ANC monitoring should be conducted: weekly from initiation to 6 months; every 2 weeks from 6 to 12 months; monthly after 12 months
- D. All of the above

## Question 11

If a patient's ANC indicates moderate neutropenia, which of the following statements is true?

- A. Treatment should be continued regardless of whether the patient is part of the general population or has documented BEN
- B. If the patient is part of the general population (i.e., if the patient does not have documented BEN), interrupt therapy and conduct ANC monitoring: daily until  $ANC \geq 1000/\mu L$ ; three times weekly until  $ANC \geq 1500/\mu L$ ; weekly for 4 weeks; then return to the patient's last "Normal Range" ANC monitoring interval
- C. The ANC monitoring schedule is the same regardless of whether the patient is part of the general population or has BEN
- D. None of the above

## Question 12

If a patient's ANC indicates severe neutropenia, which of the following statements is true?

- A. Treatment should be interrupted regardless of whether the patient is part of the general population or has BEN and a hematology consultation should be considered; resume treatment only if the prescriber determines that the benefits of clozapine therapy outweigh the risks
- B. If the patient is part of the general population (i.e., if the patient does not have documented BEN), interrupt treatment and conduct ANC monitoring: daily until  $ANC \geq 1000/\mu L$ ; three times weekly until  $ANC \geq 1500/\mu L$
- C. The patient may still be rechallenged with clozapine at the discretion of the prescriber
- D. All of the above

Required for all prescribers	<b>Prescriber Signature</b>	<b>Date:</b>
	<b>X</b>	/ /



## A Guide for Patients and Caregivers:

What You Need to Know about Clozapine  
and Neutropenia

### **Patients:**

- Review this Guide with your doctor, pharmacist, or nurse.
- Ask questions!
- Make sure you understand what you need to do to receive Clozapine.

## What is clozapine?

Clozapine is a prescription medicine to treat people with schizophrenia who have not responded to other medicines. Clozapine may also reduce the risk of suicidal behavior.

## What is the most serious risk of clozapine treatment?

**Clozapine can cause a blood condition (severe neutropenia), which can lead to serious infections and death.** Neutropenia occurs when you have too few of a certain type of white blood cells called neutrophils. This makes it harder for your body to fight infections.

## Why do I need to have blood tests?

Getting your blood tested is important because a low number of neutrophils may not cause any symptoms until you have an infection. Having a blood test helps your doctor know if you are more likely to get an infection.

You must have regular blood tests before you start taking clozapine and during your treatment. This test is called absolute neutrophil count (ANC). If the number of neutrophils, or ANC, is too low, you may have to stop clozapine. Your doctor will decide if or when it is safe to restart clozapine.

## What are the symptoms of infection?



- Infection, including skin, throat, urinary tract, vaginal, pneumonia, or any other infection
- Fever or chills
- Sores or ulcers inside your mouth, gums, or on your skin
- Wounds that take a long time to heal
- Feel like you have the flu
- Pain or burning while urinating
- Unusual vaginal discharge or itching
- Abdominal pain
- Sores or pain in or around your rectal area
- Feel extremely weak or tired

**If you have any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor right away**

## What can I do to help reduce the risk of developing neutropenia?

### Three important things you can do:

1. Have your blood tested as instructed by your doctor.
2. Tell your doctor about all the medicines you are taking (prescription and over-the-counter) and if you start a new medicine.
3. Tell your doctor right away if you get a fever, feel sick, or have any signs of infections.

## What are the blood testing requirements for clozapine?

### Get your Blood Tested

- Your doctor will give you an order to have blood tests done.
- You will need to get your blood tested on the following schedule or as directed by your doctor:
  - Weekly blood tests for the first 6 months you are taking clozapine
  - Every 2 weeks for the next 6 months if your ANC stays normal
  - Monthly after the first year if your ANC stays normal

### Results

- If your ANC is too low, your doctor will schedule blood tests more frequently.

### Stay on Clozapine

- The Clozapine REMS will keep track of your blood test results so your doctor and pharmacist know if it is safe to fill your clozapine prescription.

## How do I receive my clozapine from the pharmacy?

Only certain pharmacies are allowed to provide you with clozapine. Your doctor will help you find a pharmacy.

**Remember: You must get your blood tested before you can receive clozapine from your pharmacy!**

## What is the Clozapine Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS)?

A REMS is a drug safety program that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) can require for certain medicines with serious safety concerns. Drug companies and healthcare providers must take extra steps to make sure the benefits of using the drug are more than the risks. Clozapine has a REMS because treatment with clozapine may cause a blood condition (severe neutropenia), which can lead to serious infections and death.

## Where can I get more information about clozapine?

If you would like more information, talk to your doctor or visit [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

Report any side effects directly to the Clozapine REMS at **888-586-0758**.

You can also report negative side effects to the FDA at [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch), or call **800-FDA-1088**.



# Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia:

## A Guide for Pharmacists

This Guide discusses:

- What is the Clozapine REMS?
- Clozapine and the risk of severe neutropenia
- Treatment recommendations and patient absolute neutrophil count (ANC) monitoring
- Pharmacy requirements for the Clozapine REMS



**Look for this symbol to point out changes to the Clozapine REMS.**

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## 1 The Clozapine REMS

Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 500/ $\mu$ L). The requirements to prescribe, dispense, and receive clozapine are incorporated into a single shared program called the Clozapine Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS). A REMS is a strategy to manage known or potential risks associated with a drug or group of drugs and is required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for clozapine to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risk of severe neutropenia.

The Clozapine REMS provides a **centralized** point of access:

1. For **prescribers** and **pharmacies** to certify before prescribing or dispensing clozapine
2. To enroll and manage **patients** on clozapine treatment

Clozapine is available by prescription as:

- Clozaril<sup>®</sup> (clozapine) tablets, for oral use
- Versacloz<sup>®</sup> (clozapine, USP) oral suspension
- Approved generic equivalents of these products

**To minimize the risk of severe neutropenia associated with the use of clozapine, the Clozapine REMS includes the following key program requirements:**

### Prescribers (who prescribe clozapine for outpatient use or initiate treatment for inpatients)

- Must certify in the Clozapine REMS to prescribe clozapine
- Must enroll all patients in the Clozapine REMS
- Must provide a baseline ANC when enrolling a new patient
- Must order ANC testing for each of their clozapine patients according to the clozapine Prescribing Information
- Must verify each clozapine patient's ANCs to the Clozapine REMS monthly, using the *Patient Status Form* (Each ANC value may be separately submitted, when obtained, using the ANC Lab Reporting Form)

### Outpatient Pharmacies

- Must certify in the Clozapine REMS to dispense clozapine
- Must obtain a REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA) prior to dispensing a clozapine prescription.

For the first dispensing after enrollment, the RDA will verify that:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

For a subsequent dispensing, the RDA will verify that:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- a Patient Status Form has been completed in the last 37 days
  - the prescriber has authorized the continuation of treatment if one or more labs are missing
  - the prescriber has provided a Treatment Rationale if the most current ANC lab value is below the acceptable range
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued



## Inpatient Pharmacies

- Must certify in the Clozapine REMS to dispense clozapine
- Must obtain a REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA) before the **initial** dispensing of clozapine.

For the first dispensing after enrollment, the RDA will verify that:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

For a subsequent dispensing, the RDA will verify that:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- a Patient Status Form has been completed in the last 37 days
  - the prescriber has authorized the continuation of treatment if one or more labs are missing
  - the prescriber has authorized a Treatment Rationale if the most current ANC lab value is below the acceptable range
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

## Patients

- Must be enrolled in the Clozapine REMS by a certified prescriber to receive clozapine
- Must comply with the ANC testing requirements

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## 2 Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC), Neutropenia, and Patient ANC Monitoring

### ***What is Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC)?***

ANC is the laboratory parameter for monitoring patients for clozapine-induced neutropenia. Prescribers must submit the ANC before starting and during clozapine treatment.

ANC is usually available as a component of the complete blood count (CBC), including differential:

- ANC is more relevant to drug-induced neutropenia than white blood cell (WBC) count
- ANC may also be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Absolute Neutrophil Count} = \text{Total WBC Count} \times \text{Total percentage of neutrophils* obtained from the differential}$$

\*Includes both banded and segmented neutrophils

Other granulocytes (basophils and eosinophils) contribute minimally to neutropenia and their measurement is not necessary.

### ***What is the risk of severe neutropenia associated with clozapine?***

Clozapine can cause severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infections and death. Severe neutropenia occurs in a small percentage of patients taking clozapine.

- Severe neutropenia is defined as ANC less than 500/ $\mu\text{L}$
- “Severe neutropenia” replaces the previous terms “severe leukopenia,” “severe granulocytopenia,” and “agranulocytosis”
- The risk appears greatest during the first 18 weeks of clozapine treatment
- The mechanism is not dose-dependent
- It is unclear if concurrent use of other drugs known to cause neutropenia increases the risk or severity of clozapine-induced neutropenia
- If clozapine is used concurrently with a medication(s) known to cause neutropenia:
  - Consider monitoring patients more closely than the treatment guidelines recommend, and
  - Consult with the treating oncologist in patients receiving concomitant chemotherapy

For a complete discussion of other risks, including other Boxed Warnings, please see the full Prescribing Information available at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

## What is Benign Ethnic Neutropenia (BEN)?

BEN is a condition observed in certain ethnic groups whose average ANC's are lower than "standard" laboratory ranges for neutrophils. Because of this condition, patients who have been diagnosed with BEN have a separate ANC monitoring algorithm when treated with clozapine.

**When enrolling a patient in the Clozapine REMS, identify if the patient has documented BEN, so the patient is monitored according to the correct ANC monitoring algorithm.**

A few important things to know about patients with documented BEN:

- It is most commonly observed in individuals of African descent (approximate prevalence of 25-50%), some Middle Eastern ethnic groups, and in other non-Caucasian ethnic groups with darker skin
- BEN is more common in men
- Patients with BEN have normal hematopoietic stem cell number and myeloid maturation, are healthy, and do not suffer from repeated or severe infections
- Patients with BEN **are not** at increased risk for developing clozapine-induced neutropenia

Additional evaluation may be needed to determine if baseline neutropenia is due to BEN. Consider a hematology consultation before starting or during clozapine treatment as necessary.

## What are the treatment recommendations and monitoring requirements for patients taking clozapine?

**Before starting treatment** with clozapine, the baseline ANC must be:

- at least 1500/ $\mu$ L for the general population
- at least 1000/ $\mu$ L for patients diagnosed with BEN



**During treatment**, monitor ANC regularly as described in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) below.

Patients may transition to less frequent ANC monitoring based on the number of weeks of continuous clozapine therapy and the patient's ANC's.

### During the first six months of treatment:

- Weekly ANC monitoring is required for all patients

### During the second six months of treatment:

- Monitoring frequency can be reduced to every two weeks if the ANC remains in the normal range (ANC greater than or equal to 1500/ $\mu$ L for the general population, ANC greater than or equal to 1000/ $\mu$ L for patients with BEN)

### After one year of treatment:

- If the patient's ANC continues to remain in the normal range, ANC monitoring may be reduced to monthly (every 4 weeks) thereafter.

The recommended ANC monitoring frequency for patients in the general population and patients who have documented BEN is shown in **Table 1** and **Table 2** below. The table also provides recommendations for monitoring patients who experience a decrease in ANC during the course of treatment.

**Table 1 - Recommended Monitoring Frequency and Clinical Decisions by ANC Level for the General Patient Population**

ANC Level	Treatment Recommendation	ANC Monitoring
<b>Normal Range</b> ANC $\geq$ 1500/ $\mu$ L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate treatment</li> <li>• If treatment interrupted:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- &lt; 30 days, continue monitoring as before</li> <li>- <math>\geq</math> 30 days, monitor as if new patient</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discontinuation for reasons other than neutropenia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly from initiation to six months</li> <li>• Every two weeks from 6 to 12 months</li> <li>• Monthly after 12 months</li> <li>• See Section 2.4 of the Prescribing Information</li> </ul>
<b>Mild Neutropenia</b> (1000 - 1499/ $\mu$ L)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• Once ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L, return to patient's last "Normal Range" ANC monitoring interval**</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate Neutropenia</b> (500 - 999/ $\mu$ L)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend hematology consultation</li> <li>• Interrupt treatment for suspected clozapine-induced neutropenia</li> <li>• Resume treatment once ANC normalizes to <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L, then:</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• Once ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L, check ANC weekly for 4 weeks, then return to patient's last "Normal Range" ANC monitoring interval**</li> </ul>
<b>Severe Neutropenia</b> (< 500/ $\mu$ L)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend hematology consultation</li> <li>• Interrupt treatment for suspected clozapine-induced neutropenia</li> <li>• Do not rechallenge unless prescriber determines benefits outweigh risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• If patient rechallenged, resume treatment as a new patient under "Normal Range" monitoring once ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ul>

\* Confirm all initial reports of ANC less than 1500/ $\mu$ L with a repeat ANC measurement within 24 hours

\*\* If clinically appropriate

**Table 2 - Recommended Monitoring Frequency and Clinical Decisions by ANC Level for Patients with BEN**

ANC Level	Treatment Recommendation	ANC Monitoring
<b>Normal BEN Range</b> (Established ANC baseline $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$ )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain at least two baseline ANC levels before initiating treatment</li> <li>If treatment interrupted:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; 30 days, continue monitoring as before</li> <li><math>\geq 30</math> days, monitor as if new patient</li> </ul> </li> <li>Discontinuation for reasons other than neutropenia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly from initiation to 6 months</li> <li>Every 2 weeks from 6 to 12 months</li> <li>Monthly after 12 months</li> <li>See Section 2.4 of the Prescribing Information</li> </ul>
<b>BEN Neutropenia</b> (500 - 999/ $\mu\text{L}$ )*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend hematology consultation</li> <li>Continue treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}</math> or <math>\geq</math> patient's known baseline.</li> <li>Once ANC <math>\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}</math> or at patient's known baseline, check ANC weekly for 4 weeks, then return to patient's last "Normal BEN Range" ANC monitoring interval**</li> </ul>
<b>BEN Severe Neutropenia</b> ( $< 500/\mu\text{L}$ )*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend hematology consultation</li> <li>Interrupt treatment for suspected clozapine-induced neutropenia</li> <li>Do not rechallenge unless prescriber determines benefits outweigh risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily until ANC <math>\geq 500/\mu\text{L}</math></li> <li>Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> patient's baseline</li> <li>If patient rechallenged, resume treatment as a new patient under "Normal Range" monitoring once ANC <math>\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}</math> or at patient's baseline</li> </ul>

\* Confirm all initial reports of ANC less than 1500/ $\mu\text{L}$  with a repeat ANC measurement within 24 hours

\*\* If clinically appropriate

## ***Can a patient continue clozapine treatment with an ANC less than 1000/ $\mu\text{L}$ ?***

### **For Patients in the General Population**

Yes; prescribers may choose to continue clozapine treatment in patients with ANCs less than 1000/ $\mu\text{L}$ . However, prescribers should follow the treatment recommendations as noted in [Table 1](#) and carefully determine if the benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risks.

The recommendations to interrupt treatment are provided to ensure patient safety. If monitoring ANC and symptoms of infection is not done appropriately, patients with ANCs less than 1000/ $\mu\text{L}$  are at risk for developing complications of severe neutropenia, including serious infection and death.

### **For Patients with documented BEN**

Yes; the Prescribing Information for clozapine recommends interrupting clozapine treatment for patients with BEN only when the ANC is **less than 500/ $\mu\text{L}$** . No interruption in treatment is recommended for ANC 500-999/ $\mu\text{L}$ , although a hematology consultation is recommended.

### ***If a patient develops a fever, how is clozapine treatment managed?***

Generally, clozapine treatment should be interrupted as a precautionary measure in any patient who develops a fever of 38.5°C (101.3°F) or greater, and an ANC should be obtained. Fever is often the first sign of a neutropenic infection.

If fever occurs in any patient with an ANC less than 1000/μL, initiate appropriate neutropenia work-up and treatment for infection. Refer to **Table 1** and **Table 2** for ANC monitoring recommendations.

If any patient presents with evidence of fever and/or neutropenia, consider a hematology consultation.

### ***How is clozapine discontinued for neutropenia?***

The method of treatment discontinuation will vary depending on the patient's most recent ANC result. Abrupt treatment discontinuation is necessary for moderate to severe neutropenia that the prescriber suspects is caused by clozapine. The prescriber may discontinue treatment by the methods listed below.



**REMEMBER** to submit the decision to discontinue clozapine for a patient to the Clozapine REMS. You can complete this in one of three ways:



By signing in to the Clozapine REMS Website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com)



By calling the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758



By completing the "Patient Status" section of the *Clozapine REMS Patient Status Form* and faxing it to the Clozapine REMS at 800-878-5927

### ***How is a patient monitored if clozapine treatment is discontinued for neutropenia?***

- Monitor ANC in any patient reporting a fever (temperature of 38.5°C or 101.3°F or greater) during the 2 weeks after discontinuation
- Monitor all patients carefully for the recurrence of psychotic symptoms and symptoms related to cholinergic rebound, such as profuse sweating, headache, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
- For abrupt clozapine discontinuation for a reason unrelated to neutropenia, continuation of the existing ANC monitoring is recommended for general population patients until their ANC is greater than or equal to 1500/μL and for patients with documented BEN until their ANC is greater than or equal to 1000/μL or above their baseline

After **discontinuing** clozapine, monitor ANC according to the recommendations in **Table 3** as shown below.

**Table 3 Recommended monitoring frequency when clozapine treatment is discontinued**

<b>Moderate Neutropenia</b> (500 to 999/ $\mu$ L)*	<b>GENERAL POPULATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L, then</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ul>
<b>Severe Neutropenia</b> (less than 500/ $\mu$ L)*	<b>GENERAL POPULATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1000/<math>\mu</math>L, then</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> 1500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> </ul> <b>BEN POPULATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily until ANC <math>\geq</math> 500/<math>\mu</math>L</li> <li>• Three times weekly until ANC <math>\geq</math> patients established baseline</li> </ul>

\* Confirm all initial reports of ANC less than 1500/ $\mu$ L (ANC < 1000/ $\mu$ L for BEN patients) with a repeat ANC measurement within 24 hours

Refer to Section 2.4 of the clozapine Prescribing Information for further information.

### ***Can a patient be rechallenged with clozapine?***

Yes; for some patients who experience, or have experienced, moderate clozapine-related neutropenia (ANC less than 1000/ $\mu$ L) or severe clozapine-related neutropenia (ANC less than 500/ $\mu$ L), the risk of serious psychiatric illness from discontinuing clozapine may be greater than the risk of rechallenge. This may be relevant for patients with severe schizophrenic illness who have no treatment option other than clozapine.

In making the decision to rechallenge a patient, consider:

- A hematology consult
- The ANC ranges defined in the Prescribing Information
- The patient's medical and psychiatric history
- A discussion with the patient and his or her caregiver about the benefits and risks of clozapine rechallenge
- The severity and characteristics of the neutropenic episode

Refer to Section 2.5 in the clozapine Prescribing Information for more information on how to restart clozapine in patients who have discontinued clozapine.

### 3 Clozapine REMS Requirements for Pharmacies

#### ***What types of pharmacies must be certified?***

All inpatient and outpatient pharmacies must certify in the Clozapine REMS to purchase and dispense clozapine. The requirements for outpatient pharmacies are different from the requirements for inpatient pharmacies. The different requirements are explained in the section, "**How do I verify the patient is authorized to receive clozapine?**"

An **inpatient pharmacy** is a pharmacy within a facility dispensing clozapine only to patients receiving inpatient medical care and other related services for surgery, acute medical conditions, or injuries (usually for a short-term illness or condition).

An **outpatient pharmacy** is a pharmacy that dispenses clozapine only to patients treated on an outpatient or chronic basis including, but not limited to, retail drug-stores, ambulatory care pharmacies, and pharmacies dispensing to long-term care, rehabilitation facilities, and prison systems.

The designated authorized representative for the pharmacy will complete the *Inpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form* and/or the *Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form*. This form is to certify a single inpatient or a single outpatient pharmacy location.

The authorized representative for the pharmacy or pharmacies can certify the pharmacy online or by fax. Certifying multiple pharmacy locations must be completed online.

#### ***Who is an Authorized Representative?***

In general, an authorized representative for a pharmacy:

- Coordinates the activities required in the Clozapine REMS
- Establishes and implements processes and procedures to ensure compliance with the safe-use conditions required in the Clozapine REMS

Specific duties of an authorized representative are noted in the section, "**What is the role of the pharmacy authorized representative in the Clozapine REMS?**"

For a pharmacy with a single location, the authorized representative may be a:

- Pharmacy Manager, or
- Staff Pharmacist




If your pharmacy has more than one pharmacy location and your organization would like to coordinate staff training and implement processes for all the pharmacies in your organization, the authorized representative may be a:

- Director of Pharmacy Services, or
- Corporate Executive overseeing Pharmacy Services

### ***What is the role of the pharmacy authorized representative in the Clozapine REMS?***

Designate an authorized representative for your pharmacy. The authorized representative for every pharmacy must:

#### **Step 1: Certify in the Clozapine REMS by:**

-  Reviewing *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists*
-  Successfully complete and submit the *Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies*
-  Complete and submit the *Inpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form* and/or the *Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form*

#### **Step 2: Ensure training for all relevant staff** involved in the dispensing of clozapine on the Clozapine REMS requirements using the *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists*

Once a staff is trained on the Clozapine REMS requirements, the authorized representative may invite that staff to become enrolled in the Clozapine REMS. To invite a staff or an additional authorized representative, log into your account at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com). Select the Manage Personnel button, then select the Add Authorized Representative or Staff button and follow the steps.

#### **Step 3: Put processes and procedures in place** to verify an available, current ANC is within the acceptable range for patients enrolled but not authorized to receive the drug.

For patients enrolled but not authorized to receive clozapine, verify an available, current ANC is within the acceptable range through the processes and procedures established as a requirement of the Clozapine REMS, document and submit the ANC and the prescriber's NPI to the Clozapine REMS and obtain authorization to dispense each prescription by contacting the Clozapine REMS program to verify the patient is now authorized to receive clozapine.

### ***Does a Pharmacy's Certification Expire?***

A pharmacy's certification does not expire. However, if a pharmacy's authorized representative changes, the new authorized representative must certify the pharmacy in the REMS Program by reviewing *Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists*, successfully completing the *Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies* and the *Outpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form* and submitting both to the REMS Program.

## ***How do I verify the patient is authorized to receive clozapine?***

Before any pharmacy dispenses clozapine to a patient, you must obtain authorization from the Clozapine REMS in the form of a REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA).

## ***What is a REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)?***

An RDA is an electronic code that indicates the Clozapine REMS has verified that all safe use conditions have been met.

For the first dispensing, the RDA will verify that:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

For a subsequent dispensing, the RDA will verify that:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- a Patient Status Form has been completed in the last 37 days
  - the prescriber has authorized the continuation of treatment if one or more labs are missing
  - the prescriber has provided a Treatment Rationale if the most current ANC lab value is below the acceptable range
  - the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

## **Obtain an RDA in one of two ways:**

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By using the Clozapine REMS Website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com)



By calling the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758

## Outpatient Pharmacies



### Certification

As part of certification in the Clozapine REMS, the authorized representative for your pharmacy must implement processes to comply with program requirements, which include how your pharmacy will ensure an RDA is obtained each time a clozapine prescription is dispensed.

### Dispensing

Before you dispense clozapine to each patient, you must obtain an RDA by:

#### Step 1: Accessing the Clozapine REMS in one of two ways:

-  Sign in to the Clozapine REMS Website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com), or
-  Call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758

#### Step 2: Providing the following information:

- Pharmacy Location Information
- Patient Name
- Patient Date of Birth
- Dispense Date
- NDC
- Days' Supply
- Quantity Dispensed

#### Step 3: Before issuing the RDA, the Clozapine REMS will verify the following for you:

For the first dispensing after patient enrollment:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

For a subsequent dispensing:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- a Patient Status Form has been completed in the last 37 days
  - the prescriber has authorized the continuation of treatment if one or more labs are missing
  - the prescriber has provided a Treatment Rationale if the most current ANC lab value is below the acceptable range
  - the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

#### Using a Dispense Rationale

If a Patient Status Form has not been completed within the last 37 days, a Dispense Rationale will be automatically presented to you. To use the Dispense Rationale, you must be in possession of a current ANC within an acceptable range for the patient.

Enter the prescriber's NPI number, the blood draw date, and the ANC value and select the 'Request Dispense Rationale' button.

Three Dispense Rationales may be used per patient per year.



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**Step 4: Once an RDA is obtained, you can dispense clozapine to the patient.**

- You do not need to document the RDA on the prescription or in your pharmacy management system
- If you do not receive an RDA, the Clozapine REMS will provide a message to explain why you are not authorized to dispense clozapine to the patient



**Dispensing Information for All Outpatient Pharmacies**

- The amount of clozapine that can be dispensed depends on when the patient's next blood draw is scheduled to occur, according to the monitoring frequency requirements.
- Pharmacies should dispense enough medication to treat the patient with clozapine until the next blood draw/ANC or as directed by the prescriber.
- If you do not receive an RDA, you will receive a message explaining why you are not authorized to dispense clozapine to the patient.

**How do I Reverse an RDA?**

If a prescription is not dispensed to the patient and is returned to stock, the RDA must be reversed. To reverse an RDA, log into your account at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) and select the Reverse RDA button. Find the patient and follow the directions.

You may also reverse and RDA by calling the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758.

**RDA Fact Sheet for Outpatient Pharmacies**

An RDA Fact Sheet for Outpatient Pharmacies has been developed as a reference to help outpatient pharmacy staff understand the possible outcomes of an RDA, and actions to be taken by the pharmacy for each outcome. The Fact Sheet also has information for the following:

1. How Do I Request a REMS Dispense Authorization?
2. How Do I Request a Dispense Rationale?
3. How Do I Submit ANC Labs?

The RDA Fact Sheet for Outpatient Pharmacies can be found online at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

## Inpatient Pharmacies

### Certification

As part of certification in the Clozapine REMS, the authorized representative for your pharmacy must implement processes to comply with program requirements, which include how your pharmacy will ensure an RDA is obtained before the first inpatient clozapine prescription is dispensed.

### Dispensing

**Before you dispense the first inpatient clozapine dose to each patient,** you must obtain an RDA by:

**Step 1: Accessing the Clozapine REMS** in one of two ways:

-  Sign into the website at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com), or
-  Call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758

**Step 2: Providing the following information:**

- Pharmacy Location Information
- Patient Name
- Patient Date of Birth
- Dispense Date

**Step 3:** Before issuing the RDA, **the Clozapine REMS will verify** the following for you:

For the first dispensing after patient enrollment:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

For a subsequent dispensing:

- the pharmacy is certified
- the patient is enrolled
- a Patient Status Form has been completed in the last 37 days
  - the prescriber has authorized the continuation of treatment if one or more labs are missing
  - the prescriber has provided a Treatment Rationale if the most current ANC lab value is below the acceptable range
  - the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued

### Using a Dispense Rationale

If a Patient Status Form has not been completed within the last 37 days, a Dispense Rationale will be automatically presented to you. To use the Dispense Rationale, you must be in possession of a current ANC within an acceptable range for the patient.

Enter the blood draw date and the ANC value and select the 'Request Dispense Rationale' button.

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**Step 4: Once an RDA is obtained, you can dispense clozapine to the patient.**

- You do not need to document the RDA on the prescription or in your pharmacy management system
- If you do not receive an RDA, the Clozapine REMS will provide a message to explain why you are not authorized to dispense clozapine to the patient



**While the patient is hospitalized, we encourage reporting ANC values to the Clozapine REMS according to the patient's monitoring frequency using one of the options below.**

### How Do I Submit ANC values Outside of the RDA Process?

Yes, ANC values can be submitted using the following options:

**Option 1:** Use the Clozapine REMS Website to:

1. Log in to your account at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com)
2. Select the button 'Submit ANC Lab'
3. Find the patient information and enter the ANC value and Blood Draw Date

**Option 2:** Document the ANC results on an ANC Lab Reporting Form and fax the completed form to 800-878-5927.

**Option 3:** Call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758.

### How do I Reverse an RDA?

If a prescription is not dispensed to the patient and is returned to stock, the RDA must be reversed. To reverse an RDA, log into your account at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) and select the Reverse RDA button. Find the patient and follow the directions.

You may also reverse an RDA by calling the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758.

### RDA Fact Sheet for Inpatient Pharmacies

An RDA Fact Sheet for Inpatient Pharmacies has been developed as a reference to help inpatient pharmacy staff understand the possible outcomes of an RDA, and actions to be taken by the pharmacy for each outcome. The Fact Sheet also has information for the following:

1. How Do I Request a REMS Dispense Authorization?
2. How Do I Request a Dispense Rationale?
3. How Do I Submit ANC Labs?

The RDA Fact Sheet for Inpatient Pharmacies can be found online at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

## 4 Reporting Adverse Events Associated with Clozapine

Report suspected adverse events directly to the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758. You also may report adverse event information to the FDA MedWatch Reporting System by telephone at (800) FDA-1088 or by mail using Form 3500A, available at [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

## 5 Clozapine REMS Information and Resources

Additional Clozapine REMS information and resources are available online at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) or by calling the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 888-586-0758.

### Glossary

**Absolute neutrophil count (ANC):** Laboratory parameter for monitoring patients for clozapine-induced neutropenia.

**Benign Ethnic Neutropenia (BEN):** A condition observed in certain ethnic groups whose average ANC is lower than “standard” laboratory ranges for neutrophils compared to the general population. Patients with documented BEN have a separate ANC monitoring algorithm when treated with clozapine.

**Dispense Rationale:** The Clozapine REMS Program provides certified pharmacies with an opportunity to apply clinical judgment and continue to dispense clozapine to enrolled patients when a Patient Status Form has not been received and the pharmacist is in possession of a current ANC within an acceptable range for the patient.

**Inpatient pharmacy:** A pharmacy within a facility dispensing clozapine only to patients receiving inpatient medical care and other related services for surgery, acute medical conditions or injuries (usually for a short-term illness or condition).

**Outpatient pharmacy:** A pharmacy dispensing clozapine only to patients treated on an outpatient or chronic basis. This includes, but is not limited to, retail drugstores, ambulatory care pharmacies, and pharmacies dispensing to long-term care, rehabilitation facilities and prison systems.

**REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA):** An authorization given to pharmacies which reflects that the safe-use conditions for that patient have been met. The RDA is provided by the Clozapine REMS. For an outpatient pharmacy, the RDA verifies that the patient is enrolled, the pharmacy is certified, and that the patient is authorized to receive drug. For an inpatient pharmacy, the RDA verifies that the patient is enrolled, and the pharmacy is certified. This RDA permits dispensing of clozapine to the patient.

**Treatment Rationale (TR):** A justification used by a prescriber to allow a patient having moderate neutropenia (ANC 500-999/ $\mu$ L for the general population) or severe neutropenia (ANC < 500/ $\mu$ L for general population and patients with documented BEN) to continue treatment. Only prescribers can confirm that benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risks of developing severe neutropenia.

## Instructions

1. Complete Sections 1 and 2 below to ensure the Knowledge Assessment is associated with your program record.
2. Answer all questions in Section 3.
3. Fax the completed *Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies* to the Clozapine REMS at **800-878-5927**.

For real-time processing of this Knowledge Assessment, please go to [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

## 1 Pharmacy Information (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Pharmacy Name:		Organization NPI #:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Ext. (opt):	Fax (opt.):	

## 2 Pharmacy Authorized Representative Information

First Name:	MI (opt):	Last Name:
Email Address:		
Phone:	Ext. (opt):	Fax (opt.):

## 3 Knowledge Assessment

Please select the best answer for each of the following questions. All questions must be answered correctly to become certified.

### Question 1

**All clozapine products are only available under the single shared Clozapine REMS.**

- A. True
- B. False

### Question 2

**Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infection and death.**

- A. True
- B. False

### Question 3

**Severe neutropenia is defined as:**

- A. A white blood cell count (WBC) less than 2000/ $\mu$ L
- B. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 1000/ $\mu$ L
- C. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 500/ $\mu$ L
- D. None of the above

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**Question 4**

**Before initiating treatment with clozapine:**

- A. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be at least 1000/ $\mu$ L for a patient with documented benign ethnic neutropenia (BEN)
- B. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be at least 1500/ $\mu$ L for a patient who is part of the general population (i.e., the patient does not have documented BEN)
- C. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) is not necessary
- D. Both A and B

**Question 5**

**Before clozapine treatment initiation, a certified prescriber must:**

- A. Determine if the patient has documented BEN
- B. Enroll the patient in the Clozapine REMS
- C. Counsel the patient/caregiver about the risk of severe neutropenia
- D. Order blood work to obtain an ANC
- E. Review the ANC and submit it to the Clozapine REMS
- F. All of the above

**Question 6**

**Prescribers must submit the *Patient Status Form* monthly, to the Clozapine REMS, before the patient is authorized to be dispensed clozapine.**

- A. True
- B. False

**Question 7**

**Before each outpatient dispensing or before the first inpatient dispensing for a patient, the pharmacist must:**

- A. Verify the patient is enrolled in the Clozapine REMS
- B. Verify the patient is authorized to receive drug
- C. Obtain a REMS Dispense Authorization each time from the REMS
- D. For patients enrolled but not authorized by the Clozapine REMS to receive clozapine, document and submit an available, current ANC that is within acceptable range and obtain a Dispense Rationale
- E. All of the above

**Question 8**

**How much clozapine can be dispensed?**

- A. A 30-day supply
- B. A 90-day supply
- C. As much as the patient wants or the insurance will pay for
- D. It depends when the patient's next blood draw is, according to the monitoring requirements. Dispense enough medication to treat the patient with clozapine until the next blood draw/ANC or as directed by the prescriber

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**Question 9**

**Regarding patients with documented BEN, which of the following statements are true?**

- A. Patients with BEN have a different clozapine treatment algorithm and monitoring requirements
- B. Patients with BEN are healthy and do not suffer from repeated severe infections
- C. Patients with BEN are NOT at increased risk for developing clozapine-induced neutropenia
- D. Before starting clozapine, additional evaluation may be needed to determine if baseline neutropenia is due to BEN. Hematology consultation may be necessary
- E. All of the above statements are true

**Question 10**

**If a new patient's baseline ANC is within the normal range, how should the ANC monitoring schedule proceed?**

- A. Weekly from initiation to discontinuation of therapy
- B. Weekly from initiation to 6 months; every 2 weeks from 6 to 12 months; monthly after 12 months
- C. Monthly from initiation to discontinuation of therapy
- D. No additional ANC monitoring is required if the patient's baseline ANC is within the normal range

**Question 11**

**If a patient's ANC indicates mild neutropenia, which of the following statements is true?**

- A. ANC monitoring should be conducted three times weekly until  $ANC \geq 1500/\mu L$  if the patient is part of the general population (i.e., if the patient does not have documented BEN)
- B. Mild neutropenia is within the normal range for a patient with documented BEN
- C. If the patient has documented BEN, ANC monitoring should be conducted: weekly from initiation to 6 months; every 2 weeks from 6 to 12 months; monthly after 12 months
- D. All of the above

**Question 12**

**If a patient's ANC indicates moderate neutropenia, which of the following statements is true?**

- A. Treatment should be continued regardless of whether the patient is part of the general population or has documented BEN
- B. If the patient is part of the general population (i.e., if the patient does not have documented BEN), interrupt therapy and conduct ANC monitoring: daily until  $ANC \geq 1000/\mu L$ ; three times weekly until  $ANC \geq 1500/\mu L$ ; weekly for 4 weeks; then return to the patient's last "Normal Range" ANC monitoring interval
- C. The ANC monitoring schedule is the same regardless of whether the patient is part of the general population or has BEN
- D. None of the above

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**Question 13**

If a patient's ANC indicates severe neutropenia, which of the following statements is true?

- A. Treatment should be interrupted regardless of whether the patient is part of the general population or has BEN and a hematology consultation should be considered; resume treatment only if the prescriber determines that the benefits of clozapine therapy outweigh the risks
- B. If the patient is part of the general population (i.e., if the patient does not have documented BEN), interrupt treatment and conduct ANC monitoring: daily until ANC  $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$ ; three times weekly until ANC  $\geq 1500/\mu\text{L}$
- C. The patient may still be rechallenged with clozapine at the discretion of the prescriber
- D. All of the above

Required	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date:</b>
	<b>X</b>	/ /

## Instructions

Assess the patient by obtaining complete blood counts, including the absolute neutrophil count (ANC), as described in the Prescribing Information. Record the ANC data on this form.

You can complete this form online at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) or fax it to the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 1-800-878-5927.

This form must be completed monthly for each patient continuing treatment with clozapine. Please submit page 1 and any pages that apply to your patient's monitoring frequency.

This form may also be used to:

- Interrupt, Discontinue, or Resume Treatment
- Designate the patient as a Benign Ethnic Neutropenia patient
- Create a Treatment Rationale when the patient's ANC level is < 1000/ $\mu$ L for a general population patient or < 500/ $\mu$ L for a BEN patient
- Designate the patient as a Hospice patient

**This form can be used by both a prescriber and prescriber designee. The following activities require the signature of a certified prescriber:**

- Designating a patient as a Hospice Care patient
- Designating a patient as a Benign Ethnic Neutropenia patient
- Authorizing the continuation of therapy if one or more required labs are missing
- Creating a Treatment Rationale for a patient

**By submitting this form, you are authorizing this patient to continue treatment on clozapine, unless Interrupt Treatment or Discontinue Treatment is selected.**

## Prescriber Information (\* Indicates a Required Field)

First Name*:	Last Name*:	Individual NPI #*:
Phone*:	Email Address*:	Fax:

## Prescriber Designee Information (\* Indicates a Required Field if form is completed by a Prescriber Designee)

First Name*:	Last Name*:
Phone*:	Email Address*:
	Fax*:

## Patient Information (\* Indicates a Required Field)

First Name*:	Last Name*:	REMS Patient ID:
Date of Birth*:	MM / DD / YYYY	Zip Code:
	Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other

## Patient Status (\* Indicates a Required Field)

- Are you monitoring the patient as recommended in the Prescribing Information?\*
  Yes  
 No
- What is the patient's current monitoring frequency?\*
  3 times a week  Every 2 weeks  
 Weekly  Monthly
- Change the patient's monitoring frequency to\*:  
 3 times a week  Every 2 weeks  No Change to the Monitoring Frequency  
 Weekly  Monthly
- Did the patient experience any adverse event(s) due to clozapine-induced neutropenia (e.g. infection)?\*
  No  
 Yes → If yes, please provide a phone number where you may be reached by the Clozapine REMS Contact Center for additional information related to this event: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_.

**Hospice Care patient designation.** This section must be completed by the prescriber. The prescriber must sign below.

*For hospice patients (i.e., terminally ill patients with an estimated life expectancy of six months or less), the prescriber may reduce the frequency of submitting a Patient Status Form to once every 6 months after a discussion with the patient and his/her caregiver. To change the frequency of submitting a Patient Status Form to once every 6 months for a hospice patient, the prescriber must sign below.*

By signing below, I attest that the above is a hospice care patient.

Prescriber Signature:	Date (MM/DD/YYYY):
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**Benign Ethnic Neutropenia (BEN) patient designation.** This section must be completed by the prescriber. The prescriber must sign below.

A BEN patient designation provides a separate ANC monitoring algorithm for the patient. The BEN designation is a permanent status.

By signing below, I attest that the above is a patient with documented benign ethnic neutropenia.

Prescriber Signature:	Date (MM/DD/YYYY):
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Continue to the next pages to provide ANC Lab Data

### Reporting ANC Lab Data

Instructions for entering ANC lab data on the following pages:

1. Locate the section below that aligns with the patient's current monitoring frequency
2. Enter the blood draw date and the ANC range in the appropriate patient population (general or BEN) column or enter the ANC value.
3. If a lab is missing, select the reason for missing the lab. **Note: If one or more labs are missing, the prescriber is required to authorize the continuation of therapy by providing a signature and date.**
4. **Report of an ANC lab value indicating moderate (general population) or severe neutropenia (general or BEN population) requires treatment to be interrupted or discontinued or the creation of a Treatment Rationale by the prescriber unless a more recent ANC lab value is provided that is  $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$  for a general population patient or  $\geq 500/\mu\text{L}$  for a BEN population patient.**

**Weekly Monitoring Frequency** (Enter data for the last four weekly blood draws for this patient)

Blood Draw Date: MM / DD / YYYY	General Patient Population	BEN Patient Population	ANC (per $\mu\text{L}$ ):
<b>Reason for missing lab<sup>1</sup>:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Clinician discretion <input type="checkbox"/> Extrinsic factors (e.g., weather, transportation issues)	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal Range ( $\geq 1500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Mild Neutropenia (1000 to 1499/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Neutropenia (500 to 999/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Neutropenia ( $< 500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal BEN Range ( $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> BEN Neutropenia (500 to 999/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> BEN Severe Neutropenia ( $< 500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	or
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<sup>1</sup> Prescriber signature is required to authorize the continuation of therapy if one or more labs are missing.

<sup>2</sup> Interrupt / Discontinue treatment or create a Treatment Rationale.

Prescriber Signature:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

### Patient Treatment Status

Complete this section to interrupt, discontinue, or resume treatment for this patient. No selection indicates the patient may continue treatment.

Interrupt Treatment    Discontinue Treatment    Resume Treatment

### Treatment Rationale (If Required) (Prescriber Signature required below)

*Complete this section to continue treatment if the patient has moderate neutropenia (ANC 500-999/ $\mu\text{L}$  for the general population) or severe neutropenia (ANC  $< 500/\mu\text{L}$  for general population and patients with benign ethnic neutropenia). check and sign below:*

Benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risk of neutropenia.  
 Until (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 6 months)

Prescriber Signature:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

Continue to the next page for additional monitoring frequencies

**Every 2 Weeks Monitoring Frequency** (Enter data for the last two every two weeks blood draws for this patient)

<b>Blood Draw Date:</b> MM / DD / YYYY <b>Reason for missing lab<sup>1</sup>:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Clinician discretion <input type="checkbox"/> Extrinsic factors (e.g., weather, transportation issues)	<b>General Patient Population</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal Range ( $\geq 1500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Mild Neutropenia (1000 to 1499/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Neutropenia (500 to 999/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Neutropenia ( $< 500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	<b>BEN Patient Population</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal BEN Range ( $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> BEN Neutropenia (500 to 999/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> BEN Severe Neutropenia ( $< 500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	or  or  or	ANC (per $\mu\text{L}$ ):
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**Prescriber Signature:**

**Date (MM/DD/YYYY):**

**Patient Treatment Status**

Complete this section to interrupt, discontinue, or resume treatment for this patient. No selection indicates the patient may continue treatment.

Interrupt Treatment    Discontinue Treatment    Resume Treatment

**Treatment Rationale (If Required) (Prescriber Signature required below)**

*Complete this section to continue treatment if the patient has moderate neutropenia (ANC 500-999/ $\mu\text{L}$  for the general population) or severe neutropenia (ANC $<500/\mu\text{L}$  for general population and patients with benign ethnic neutropenia). check and sign below:*

Benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risk of neutropenia.  
 Until (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 6 months)

**Prescriber Signature:**

**Date (MM/DD/YYYY):**

**Monthly Monitoring Frequency** (Enter data for the last monthly blood draw for this patient)

<b>Blood Draw Date:</b> MM / DD / YYYY <b>Reason for missing lab<sup>1</sup>:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Clinician discretion <input type="checkbox"/> Extrinsic factors (e.g., weather, transportation issues)	<b>General Patient Population</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal Range ( $\geq 1500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Mild Neutropenia (1000 to 1499/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Neutropenia (500 to 999/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Neutropenia ( $< 500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	<b>BEN Patient Population</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal BEN Range ( $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> BEN Neutropenia (500 to 999/ $\mu\text{L}$ ) <input type="checkbox"/> BEN Severe Neutropenia ( $< 500/\mu\text{L}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	or  or	ANC (per $\mu\text{L}$ ):
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Benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risk of neutropenia.  
 Until (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 6 months)

**Prescriber Signature:**

**Date (MM/DD/YYYY):**

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3 Times Weekly Monitoring Frequency (Enter all ANC lab data collected in the last four weeks). This section may also be used to record ANCs for patients requiring daily monitoring.				
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<sup>1</sup> Prescriber signature is required to authorize the continuation of therapy if one or more labs are missing.

<sup>2</sup> Interrupt / Discontinue treatment or create a Treatment Rationale.

Prescriber Signature:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

### Patient Treatment Status

Complete this section to interrupt, discontinue, or resume treatment for this patient. No selection indicates the patient may continue treatment.

Interrupt Treatment    Discontinue Treatment    Resume Treatment

### Treatment Rationale (If Required) (Prescriber Signature required below)

Complete this section to continue treatment if the patient has moderate neutropenia (ANC 500-999/ $\mu\text{L}$  for the general population) or severe neutropenia (ANC $<500/\mu\text{L}$  for general population and patients with benign ethnic neutropenia). check and sign below:

Benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risk of neutropenia.

Until (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 6 months)

Prescriber Signature:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

For immediate online reporting of an ANC Lab, please go to [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).

**1. This form may be used by:**

- a. certified prescribers and their designees to submit an ANC Lab outside of the monthly reporting requirement (using the Patient Status Form), and
- b. certified pharmacies to submit an ANC Lab.

**2. A reported ANC Lab that is < 1000/ $\mu$ L for a general population patient or < 500/ $\mu$ L for a BEN patient will cause the patient's treatment to be interrupted until:**

- The patient's prescriber determines that the benefits of continuing clozapine outweigh the risk of neutropenia; or
- A more recent ANC lab value is provided that is  $\geq$  1000/ $\mu$ L for a general population patient or  $\geq$  500/ $\mu$ L for a BEN population patient

**3. Submission of an ANC Lab Reporting Form is not a substitute for the prescriber's requirement to document and submit ANC results, the monitoring frequency, and appropriateness for continuing treatment monthly using the monthly Patient Status Form.**

**Patient Information** (\* Indicates a Required Field)

First Name*:	Last Name*:	Date of Birth*: MM / DD / YYYY
REMS Patient ID:	Zip Code:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other

**Reporter Information** (\* Indicates a Required Field)

First Name*:	Last Name*:	Phone*:
Prescriber's Individual NPI #*:		Pharmacy's Organizational NPI #*:
or		

**ANC Lab** (Lab draw date required, enter either a range or the ANC for General Population or BEN Population)

Blood Draw Date:	General Patient Population	BEN Patient Population	ANC (per $\mu$ L):
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TO:

SUBJECT: FDA Required Changes to the Clozapine REMS; Prescriber Re-certification Required

PREVIEW TEXT: Re-certify and Re-enroll Patients Now



## Re-certify and Re-enroll Patients Now

Dear Healthcare Provider,

The Clozapine REMS requirements are changing due to a recently approved modification. New Clozapine Requirements will be implemented **November 15, 2021**. Prescribers and patients who are not re-certified or re-enrolled after this time will not have access to clozapine.

- **Re-certify in the Clozapine REMS** in order to prescribe clozapine for outpatient use and/or initiate treatment for inpatients.
- **Re-enroll patients** continuing on clozapine treatment to avoid a break in patient treatment.
- **Re-certification of prescribers and their designees, and re-enrollment of patients must be done with the revised materials.** To do this, you may access the new clozapine REMS website **beginning August 16, 2021**:
  - Go to [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).
  - Click on the link in the **Important Program Update**. You will be taken to the modified Clozapine REMS website.
  - Prescribers must create new login credentials.
  - Click on Log-in | Register tab. These credentials will only work on the modified Clozapine REMS.
  - Prescribers must first review the Prescriber Training, complete and submit the Knowledge Assessment and Prescriber Enrollment Form to become re-certified
  - Then re-enroll your patients using the Patient Enrollment Form.
- A **Transition Contact Center** is available at 888-586-0758 to support re-certification, re-enrollment activities and to answer questions.
- After launch of the modified clozapine REMS on November 15, 2021, a **NEW Patient Status Form** must be submitted monthly. The Patient Status Form documents the patient's ANC results, monitoring frequency, and appropriateness to continue treatment.
  - Continue monitoring **existing patients** according to their current monitoring schedule using the ANC Lab Reporting Form prior to November 15, 2021. All existing patients will need to be re-enrolled in the new program by November 15, 2021.

- All **new patients starting clozapine** between now and November 15, 2021 must be enrolled in both the current program and the new program.
- See [Fact Sheet: What's Changed in the Clozapine REMS for Prescribers](#) for more details on these and other changes to the program.

**Re-certify and re-enroll your patients prior to November 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid delays in patient treatment!**

**Questions?** Contact the Clozapine REMS Transition Call Center at **1-888-586-0758**.

TO: [Professional Society]

SUBJECT: Request to share important Clozapine REMS changes with members

PREVIEW TEXT: Changes in Requirements, Re-certification Needed in Clozapine REMS



Dear Professional Society,

A modification to Clozapine REMS has been recently approved and will be launched in November 15, 2021. We are asking for your help in sharing this important information with your members as there are significant changes to the requirements of the program.

- Prescribers must **re-certify** in the new Clozapine REMS in order to prescribe clozapine for outpatient use and/or initiate treatment for inpatients after November 15, 2021.
- **Prescribers and Prescriber Designees can start re-certifying on August 16, 2021.**
- Prescribers and Prescriber Designees must also **re-enroll patients** continuing on clozapine treatment. Patients can be re-enrolled starting **August 16, 2021.**

We have included a [Drop In Summary](#) (attached) of information to help with disseminating the important changes to the clozapine REMS, actions that prescribers must take to continue to provide clozapine treatment, and where to go to find more information.

We have also included a Fact Sheet: [What's Changed in the Clozapine REMS for Prescribers](#) for more details on these and other changes to the program.

**Please encourage your members to re-certify and re-enroll their patients prior to Nov 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid delays in patient treatment!**

We thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Clozapine REMS

## Drop in Summary – Prescriber

### Clozapine REMS Changes are Coming in November

On November 15, 2021, the Clozapine REMS will implement changes to the program requirements.

#### Prescriber Re-Certification and Patient Re-enrollment Required

- Prescribers will need to **re-certify** in the Clozapine REMS and **re-enroll their patients** to continue to prescribe clozapine for outpatient use /or initiate treatment for inpatient settings after November 15, 2021.
- Prescriber signees must also re-enroll. Prescriber signees may re-enroll patients.
- To re-certify, prescribers must read the revised training, successfully complete the knowledge assessment and complete the enrollment form.
  - **Go to the current [www.clozapineREMS.com](http://www.clozapineREMS.com) and look for Important Program Update or pop-up message with information and link to revised Clozapine REMS platform.**
  - Only the revised prescriber patient enrollment forms will be accepted.
  - A Transition Contact Center is available at 888-586-0758 to support re-certification, re-enrollment activities and to answer questions.

#### REMS Requirement Changes

- Beginning November 15, 2021, the new Patient Status Form will now occur to patients monitoring for all outpatient settings. Although patient monitoring must continue per the Prescribing Information, the reporting on the Patient Status Form must be submitted monthly. The Patient Status Form occurs to the patient's ANC results, monitoring frequency, and appropriate assessment to continue treatment.
  - Continue to monitor **existing patients** according to the current REMS requirements prior to the November 15, 2021 launch of the new Clozapine REMS Program. All existing patients will need to be re-enrolled in the new program by November 15, 2021.
  - All **new patients starting clozapine** between and after November 15, 2021, must be enrolled in both the current program and the new program.
- A new Clozapine REMS website platform will be available to monitor track patients with personalized online support. This new website platform also houses all the new materials prescribers will need to re-certify and re-enroll patients is available at the new clozapine REMS website.
- A factsheet titled "What's Change in the Clozapine REMS for Prescribers?" explains the differences from the current modified Clozapine REMS program.

#### Key Dates: !

- **August 2, 2021**- The new contact center will be available to answer questions for stakeholders at 1-888-586-0758.
- **August 16, 2021**- All re-certification and re-enrollment for all stakeholders begins.
- **November 15, 2021**- New clozapine REMS is launched. !

Re-certify and re-enroll our patients prior to **November 15<sup>th</sup>** to avoid suspension of treatment !

**TO:** [for email version only]

**SUBJECT: FDA Required Changes to the Clozapine REMS: Pharmacy Re-certification Required** [for email version only]

**PREVIEW TEXT: "Switch" system removal from Clozapine REMS; Re-certification needed** [for email version only]



## Switch System will be removed November 15, 2021; Re-certification required

Dear Authorized Representative,

The Clozapine REMS requirements are changing due to a recently approved modification. New Clozapine requirements will be implemented on November 15, 2021.

### Starting November 15, 2021

- The current "switch" pharmacy management system is being removed. A REMS dispense authorization will only be provided by accessing either the modified Clozapine REMS website platform or the Clozapine REMS Call Center by phone.
- Only pharmacies with Authorized Representatives re-certified in the Clozapine REMS will be able to dispense clozapine.
- New processes and procedures may need to be put in place for your pharmacy to be able to continue dispensing clozapine.

Authorized Representatives must **re-certify** for your pharmacy to continue to dispense clozapine. You may re-certify beginning August 16, 2021. In order for an individual pharmacist to re-enroll in the Clozapine REMS, the certified Authorized Representative will need to invite the pharmacist to enroll in the program using a valid email address.

- Large chain pharmacies may call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 1-888-586-0758 to arrange for a bulk upload of stores and staff.

### Starting August 16, 2021

- **Re-certification will open August 16<sup>th</sup> at the new Clozapine REMS Website.** To reach this new clozapine REMS website:
  - Go to [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com).
  - Click on the [link](#) in the **Important Program Update**. You will be taken to the new Clozapine REMS website.
  - Authorized Representatives must create new log-in credentials.

- Click on **Log-in | Register** tab. These credentials will only work on the modified Clozapine REMS website.
- Authorized Representatives must first review the Pharmacy Training, complete and submit the Knowledge Assessment and Pharmacy Enrollment Form to become re-certified.
- Additionally, the Clozapine REMS Transition Call Center will be available on August 2, 2021 to help guide you through the re-certification process at 1-888-586-0758.
- Authorized Representatives must also train pharmacy staff using new materials and send staff an invitation to re-enroll after they are trained.
- See [Fact Sheet: What's Changed in the Clozapine REMS for Pharmacies](#) for more details on these and other changes to the program.

**Re-certify prior to November 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid delays in patient treatment!**

## Questions?

The Clozapine REMS Transition Call Center at **1-888-586-0758** can answer any questions you may have beginning August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Signed,

CPMG

**TO:** [Professional Society]

**SUBJECT:** Request to share important Clozapine REMS changes with members

**PREVIEW TEXT:** “Switch” system removal from Clozapine REMS; Re-certification needed [for email version only]



Dear Professional Society,

A modification to the Clozapine REMS has been recently approved and will be launched on November 15, 2021. We are asking for your help in sharing this important information with your members as there are significant changes to the program.

The “switch” system is being removed as a way to verify clozapine dispensing. Pharmacists will now need to go to [www.clozapineREMS.com](http://www.clozapineREMS.com) or call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center to verify information and obtain a REMS dispense authorization to dispense clozapine. New processes and procedures may need to be put in place for pharmacies to be able to continue to dispense clozapine.

Pharmacy Authorized Representatives will also need to re-certify in the Clozapine REMS.

We have included a [Drop In Summary](#) (attached) of information to help with disseminating the important changes to the Clozapine REMS, actions that pharmacies must take to continue to dispense clozapine, and where to go to find more information.

We have also included a Fact Sheet: [What’s Changed in the Clozapine REMS for Pharmacies](#) for more details on these and other changes to the program.

**Please encourage your members to re-certify prior to Nov 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid delays in patient treatment!**

We thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Clozapine REMS

## Drop in System Pharmacy

### Clozapine REMS Changes to Clozapine November

#### Pharmacy System Changes

- On November 15, 2021, a new Clozapine REMS will be launched with changes to the program requirements.
  - Beginning November 15, 2021, the current “switch” system or pharmacy management system that is currently used as an option to verify a dispense authorization will be removed. New processes and procedures may need to be put in place for your pharmacy to be able to continue dispensing clozapine.
  - Pharmacists will need to go to [www.clozapineREMS.com](http://www.clozapineREMS.com) or call the Clozapine Call Center to verify information and obtain a REMS dispense authorization to dispense clozapine.
  - A factsheet titled “What’s Changed in the Clozapine REMS For Pharmacies?” explains the differences from the current and modified Clozapine REMS program and is available at the new clozapine REMS website.

#### Authorized Representative Recertification Required

- Pharmacy Authorized Representatives will need to re-certify in the new Clozapine REMS for the pharmacy to be able to dispense clozapine.
- Authorized Representatives must also train pharmacy staff with the new training materials.
- All pharmacists who will be obtaining a REMS dispense authorization will need to be enrolled or re-enrolled in order to dispense clozapine.
- A new clozapine REMS website platform will be available to track patients with a pharmacy dashboard.
- To re-certify, Authorized Representatives must read the revised training, successfully complete the knowledge assessment and complete a new enrollment form.
  - **Go to current [www.clozapineREMS.com](http://www.clozapineREMS.com) and look for Important Program Update or pop up message with information and link to revised Clozapine REMS platform.**
  - Only the revised pharmacy enrollment forms will be accepted.
  - The Clozapine REMS Training Call Center will be available on August 2, 2021 to help guide you through the re-certification process at 1-888-586-0758.
  - Large chain pharmacies may call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 1-888-586-0758 to arrange for a bulk upload of stores and staff.

#### Key Dates:

- **August 16, 2021** Authorized Representatives can begin to re-certify.
- **November 15, 2021** New clozapine REMS is launched.

Re-certify prior to **November 15<sup>th</sup>** to avoid delays in patient treatment!

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**ACT ON NEEDED: Changes to the Clozapine REMS**

- Subject:** - Current wholesalers/distributors must re-enroll in the Clozapine REMS  
I - Program changes effective (DATE).  
- Request assistance with informing pharmacies of changes

Dear Wholesaler/Distributor:

The Clozapine REMS requirements and REMS Administrator are changing. As a result, you will need to take action and re-enroll in order to continue distributing clozapine.

**Starting November 15, 2021, you may only distribute clozapine when:**

1. You re-enroll in the modified Clozapine REMS as a distributor through the Clozapine REMS,
2. The requesting pharmacy is certified in the modified Clozapine REMS, and
3. You verify the pharmacy's certification through the Clozapine REMS.

**Please complete and return the enclosed Wholesaler-Distributor Registration Form by faxing it to 800-878-5927 by November 15, 2021 to ensure you may continue to distribute in the modified Clozapine REMS.** Once your re-enrollment is complete, you will be contacted to coordinate receiving the new daily pharmacy eligibility file.

In addition, the Clozapine REMS Sponsors request your assistance in preparing pharmacies for the modified Clozapine REMS. Between the dates of August 15, 2021 and December 31, 2021, please provide copies of the enclosed Pharmacy Letter and Fact Sheet: What's Changed with the Clozapine REMS Program for Pharmacies to any pharmacy that orders clozapine.

For additional information related to the Clozapine REMS and recent program modifications, please call **1-888-586-0758**.

Sincerely,

Clozapine REMS I

Starting November 15, 2021, requirements to the Clozapine REMS will change.

What are the important changes for prescribers and their designees?	
During Treatment	
Previous Requirement	New Requirement
<p>Using the <i>ANC Lab Reporting Form</i>, submit ANC according to the patient's monitoring frequency on file with the Clozapine REMS as described in the Monitoring Schedule of the Prescribing Information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For weekly monitoring frequency, ANC must be submitted to the Clozapine REMS Program within 7 days of the lab draw* date.</li> <li>For every two weeks monitoring frequency, ANC must be submitted to the Clozapine REMS Program within 15 days of the lab draw* date.</li> <li>For monthly monitoring frequency, ANC must be submitted to the Clozapine REMS Program within 31 days of the lab draw* date.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monthly</b>, using the <i>new Patient Status Form</i>, document the patient's ANC results, the monitoring frequency, and appropriateness for continuing treatment and submit to the Clozapine REMS. The prescriber must authorize the continuation of therapy if one or more ANC is missing for the month.</p> <p>Individual ANCs may still be submitted when obtained by completing and submitting an <i>ANC Lab Reporting Form</i>.</p>
After Treatment Discontinuation	
Previous Requirement	New Requirement
	<p>Assess the patient's ANC according to the monitoring frequency in the Prescribing Information. Document and submit the ANC results to the Clozapine REMS using the <i>Patient Status Form</i>.</p>

### More Information about the New Patient Status Form

This form must be completed monthly for each patient continuing treatment with clozapine.

This form may also be used to:

- Interrupt, Discontinue, or Resume Treatment
- Designate the patient as a Benign Ethnic Neutropenia patient
- Create a Treatment Rationale when the patient's ANC level is  $< 1000/\mu\text{L}$  for a general population patient or  $< 500/\mu\text{L}$  for a BEN patient
- Designate the patient as a Hospice patient

The *Patient Status Form* may be completed by a certified prescriber or their designee. However, the following actions require the signature of a certified prescriber on the *Patient Status Form*:

- Designating a patient as a Hospice Care patient
- Designating a patient as a Benign Ethnic Neutropenia patient
- Authorizing the continuation of therapy if one or more required labs are missing
- Creating a Treatment Rationale for a patient

A *Patient Status Form* must be received within 37 calendar days after the date of the *Patient Enrollment Form* or the last *Patient Status Form*.

If the *Patient Status Form* is not received within 37 calendar days, the patient is not authorized to receive clozapine until a completed form is received. If the *Patient Status Form* is missing, the pharmacist, if in possession of a current ANC within the acceptable range, may use a Dispense Rationale to dispense clozapine to the patient. A Dispense Rationale may be used up to three times per patient per year for outpatient dispensing.

The following questions are required to be answered on the *Patient Status Form*:

Are you monitoring the patient as recommended in the Prescribing Information?  
Yes/No

What is the patient's current monitoring frequency? 3 times weekly, Weekly, Every 2 weeks, Monthly

Did the patient experience any adverse event(s) due to clozapine-induced neutropenia (e.g., infection)? Yes/No

The *Patient Status Form* may be submitted online or via a fax.

- To submit online, log into your account at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) and select the Manage Patient button. Select the Create or Add buttons for the appropriate patient.
- To submit via fax, complete the form and fax to 800-878-5927.

### How to Submit ANCs using the ANC Lab Reporting Form

ANCs may still be submitted via the *ANC Lab Reporting Form* online or via fax.

- To submit online, log into your account at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) and select the Manage Patient button. Select the Create or Add buttons in the Patient Status Form (PSF) column for the appropriate patient.
- To submit via fax, complete the ANC Lab Reporting Form and fax to 800-878-5927.

The Patient Status Form must still be submitted monthly.

Starting November 15, 2021, requirements to the Clozapine REMS will change.

What are the important changes for pharmacies?	
Obtaining Authorization to Dispense for Outpatient Pharmacies	
Previous Requirement	New Requirement
Obtain a <b>Predispense Authorization (PDA)</b> each time from the Clozapine REMS by accessing the Clozapine REMS website, Clozapine REMS Contact Center, or enabling the SWITCH (pharmacy management system) to support communication with the Clozapine REMS.	Obtain a <b>REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)</b> to dispense each prescription <b>ONLY</b> by accessing the <b>Clozapine REMS website or the Clozapine REMS Contact Center</b> to verify that the patient is enrolled and authorized to receive the drug.  <b>RDAs may no longer be obtained via the SWITCH (the pharmacy management system).</b>
<b>A REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA) Verifies...</b>	
<p>The patient is enrolled by a <u>certified prescriber or prescriber designee</u>.</p> <p>A Patient Status Form has been completed by a certified <u>prescriber or prescriber designee</u> in the last 37 days.</p> <p>For the first dispensing after patient enrollment, the RDA will verify that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the patient is enrolled</li> <li>the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued</li> </ul> <p>For a subsequent dispensing, the RDA will verify that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the patient is enrolled</li> <li>a Patient Status Form has been completed in the last 37 days</li> <li>the prescriber has authorized the continuation of treatment if one or more labs are missing</li> <li>the prescriber has provided a Treatment Rationale if the most current ANC lab value is below the acceptable range</li> <li>the patient's treatment is not interrupted or discontinued</li> </ul> <p>If a Patient Status Form is not received, the pharmacist may use a Dispense Rationale to dispense (see Dispense Rationale below).</p>	

Dispense Rationale	
Previous Requirement	New Requirement
<p>To avoid disruption in patient care, and to allow certified outpatient pharmacies an opportunity to apply clinical judgment to continue to dispense clozapine to enrolled patients, certified outpatient pharmacies will be allowed to provide a “Dispense Rationale” when a patient’s <b>prescriber is not certified</b> in the Clozapine REMS.</p>	<p>To avoid disruption in patient care, and to allow certified outpatient and inpatient pharmacies an opportunity to apply clinical judgment to continue to dispense clozapine to enrolled patients, certified pharmacies will be allowed to provide a “Dispense Rationale” when a <b>Patient Status Form is not received</b> from the patient’s prescriber within 37 days of the patient’s enrollment or previous <i>Patient Status Form</i>.</p> <p>The Dispense Rationale will be automatically presented to the pharmacist when the RDA is rejected for this reason.</p> <p>To provide a Dispense Rationale, the pharmacist must be in possession of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A current ANC (within 30 days of the attempted fill) within an acceptable range for the patient</li> <li>- The prescriber’s NPI number</li> </ul> <p><b>Three Dispense Rationales may be used per patient per year by outpatient pharmacies.</b></p> <p>There is no limit to the number of Dispense Rationales used by inpatient pharmacies.</p>

**Information about the New Patient Status Form**

This form must be completed monthly by a certified prescriber or their designee for each patient continuing treatment with clozapine.

This form may also be used to:

- Interrupt, Discontinue, or Resume Treatment
- Designate the patient as a Benign Ethnic Neutropenia patient
- Create a Treatment Rationale when the patient’s ANC level is < 1000/ $\mu$ L for a general population patient or < 500/ $\mu$ L for a BEN patient
- Designate the patient as a Hospice patient

A *Patient Status Form* must be received within 37 calendar days after the date of the *Patient Enrollment Form* or the last *Patient Status Form*.

The certified prescriber or their designee must provide the ANCs according to the patient’s current monitoring frequency. If an ANC is missing, the prescriber is required to provide authorization to continue therapy.

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### Information about the New Patient Status Form (continued)

The *Patient Status Form* may also be used to create a Treatment Rationale to indicate that the benefits of continuing clozapine treatment outweigh the risk of neutropenia when the patient has moderate neutropenia (ANC 500-999/ $\mu$ L for the general population) or severe neutropenia (ANC<500/ $\mu$ L for general population and patients with benign ethnic neutropenia).

### How to Submit ANCs using the ANC Lab Reporting Form

ANCs may still be submitted via the *ANC Lab Reporting Form* online or via fax.

- To submit online, log into your account at [www.clozapinerems.com](http://www.clozapinerems.com) and select the Submit ANC Lab button. Enter information to find the patient and then select the Continue button. Enter the ANC Lab information and select the Save button.
- To submit via fax, complete the ANC Lab Reporting Form and fax to 800-878-5927.

The Patient Status Form must still be submitted monthly.

### Certification Requirements

Previous Requirement	New Requirement
	A pharmacy may now designate up to <b>two authorized representatives</b> .
Pharmacies must recertify every two years.	Pharmacies are no longer required to renew certification every two years. Now, <b>every two years the pharmacy must confirm that the designated authorized representative is the same</b> . If different, the pharmacy must re-certify with the new authorized representative.

### Staff Training

Previous Requirement	New Requirement
Pharmacy staff must complete the <b>Knowledge Assessment</b> .	Pharmacy <u>staff</u> are no longer required to complete the <b>Knowledge Assessment</b> . However, the <u>authorized representative</u> must still complete the <b>Knowledge Assessment</b> .

## New Clozapine RE-Certification v 15th

- ALL Prescribers and Pharmacies **must re-certify** to continue to prescribe or dispense clozapine.
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- ***Start recertification and re-enrollment on August 16, 2021 to avoid interruption in patient treatment.***

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**Important information** – current website

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# What is the Clozapine RE

The Clozapine REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy) is a safe neutropenia associated with clozapine treatment.

Severe neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 500/uL



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## Contact the Clozapine REMS Contact

Phone

 1-888-586-0758

Fax

 1-800-878-5927

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**Find Retail Pharmacies**

Locate a retail pharmacy certified to dispense Clozapine



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Philadelphia, PA 19002



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22 Rittenhouse Square





# Find Specialty Pharmacies

Specialty pharmacies certified to dispense clozapine.



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## Prescriber

Prescribers must be certified in the Clozapine REMS to

### To certify as a prescriber

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#### Review the Prescribing Information

Review each drug's Prescribing Information

- Clozaril®
- Versacloz®
- Clozapine Tablets, USP (Accord Healthcare)
- Clozapine Tablets, USP (Aurobindo Pharma USA)
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## Pharmacy

Pharmacies must be certified in the Clozapine REMS to

### To certify your pharmacy

1

#### Designate an Authorized Representative

Designate an authorized representative to carry out the implementation and compliance with the Clozapine REMS.

2

#### Review the Pharmacy Information

Have the authorized representative review the [Clozapine REMS Guide for Pharmacists](#).

3

#### Complete the Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacy

Have the authorized representative successfully complete the Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacy and submit it to the Clozapine REMS.

 Online

or

4

#### Establish Processes and Procedures



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## Patient

To receive treatment, a patient must be

## Patient



**Talk With Your Clozapine Doctor**  
Review [A Guide for Patients and Caregivers](#)  
[Neutropenia](#) with your doctor.



**Ask Questions!**



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**Talk With Your Clinician**  
Review [A Guide for Patients on Clozapine-Induced Neutropenia](#) with your



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## Patient

To receive treatment, a patient must:

### How do patients get their blood tested?

1

**Talk With Your doctor**  
Review [A Guide for Patients on Neutropenia with Clozapine](#) with your doctor.

2

**Ask Questions!**  
Make sure you understand the risks and benefits of clozapine.

3

**Get Your Blood Tested**  
Get your blood tested at a certified pharmacy. You can receive clozapine if your blood counts are within the safe range.

4

**Pick Up Your clozapine**  
Pick up your clozapine at a certified pharmacy. Your doctor will help you find a certified pharmacy near you.

[Find a certified pharmacy](#)

### What are the benefits of clozapine?

**Get your Blood Tested**

- You can receive clozapine if your blood counts are within the safe range.
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**Results**

- If your blood counts are within the safe range, you can receive clozapine.

**Stay on clozapine**

- To stay on clozapine, you must have your blood tested every 4 weeks.



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### Prescriber Certification

You are currently certified in the Clozapine REMS.



### Edit Personnel

Edit, Add, or Remove Designees from the Clozapine REMS.



### Enroll Patients in the Clozapine REMS

You must enroll your patients in the Clozapine REMS.



### Manage Patients

Manage your Clozapine REMS patients.

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## Prescriber Certification

You must certify in the Clozapine REMS to prescribe clozapine. To certify please complete the following:

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**2** Review the Guide for Healthcare Providers

Review the [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Prescribers](#).

**3** Complete the Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers

Successfully complete the Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers and submit it to the Clozapine REMS.

[Online](#) or [Print](#)

**4** Complete the Prescriber Enrollment Form

Enroll in the Clozapine REMS by completing the Prescriber Enrollment Form and submitting it to the Clozapine REMS.

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## Prescriber Office Personnel Management

Edit, Add, Remove Designees from the Clozapine REMS

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## Prescriber - Knowledge Assessment

### Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers

You may leave and return to the Knowledge Assessment at any time, your progress will be saved.

0 of 12 questions in progress

1. All clozapine products are only available under the single shared Clozapine REMS.

- True
- False

2. Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infections.

- True
- False

3. Severe neutropenia is defined as:

- A. A white blood cell count (WBC) less than 2000/ $\mu$ L
- B. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 1000/ $\mu$ L



## Prescriber - Knowledge Assessment

### Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers

You may leave and return to the Knowledge Assessment at any time, your progress will be saved.

**Knowledge Assessment Incomplete**: All questions must be answered correctly to pass the Knowledge Assessment. You may retry the Knowledge Assessment.

3 correct answers out of 13 (Failed)

1. All clozapine products are only available under the single shared Clozapine REMS. ✘

- True  
 False

2. Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infection and death. ✘

- True  
 False

3. Severe neutropenia is defined as: ✘

- A. A white blood cell count (WBC) less than 2000/ $\mu$ L  
 B. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 1000/ $\mu$ L  
 C. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 500/ $\mu$ L  
 D. None of the above

4. Before initiating treatment with clozapine: ✘

- A. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be at least 1000/ $\mu$ L for a patient with documented benign ethnic neutropenia (BEN)  
 B. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be at least 1500/ $\mu$ L for a patient who is part of the general population (i.e., patient does not have documented BEN)  
 C. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) is not necessary  
 D. Both A and B



## Prescriber - Knowledge Assessment

### Knowledge Assessment for Prescribers

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### Knowledge Assessment Complete

12 correct answers out of 12

1. All clozapine products are only available under the single shared Clozapine REMS.

- True
- False

2. Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infections.

- True
- False



# Manage Patients



## Manage Patients

Manage your Clozapine REMS patients.

Show  entries

Edit	Name	Date of Birth	REMS Patient ID	Population	
	PatientPat Smithe	06/27/1954	CPDemoPatDiscont	General	N
	PatientPat Smith	06/27/1954	CMDemo3xLate	General	3
	PatientPat Smith	06/27/1954	CMDemoWeekly	General	V
	PatientPat Smith	06/27/1954	CMDemoInt01	General	3
	PatientTerry Smitt	09/22/1989	CMDemoEvy2Wk	General	E
	PatientPat Smithe	06/27/1954	CMDemoMonthly	General	M
	PatientPat Smith	07/15/1965	CPPatEg30CI37	General	V

 **ANC Lab Reporting Form****Patient ANC Monitoring**

This form may be used by certified prescribers and their designees to submit lab results to meet the reporting requirement (using the Patient Status Form).

**Note: Report of an ANC lab value indicating moderate (general population) or severe neutropenia (general or BEN population) requires treatment to be interrupted or discontinued or the creation of a Treatment Rationale by the prescriber unless a more recent ANC lab value is provided that is  $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$  for a general population patient or  $\geq 500/\mu\text{L}$  for a BEN population patient.**

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 **Patient (Population: General)**

Name: PatientPat Smith  
Date of Birth: 6/27/1954  
REMS Patient ID: CMDemo3xLate

 **Monitoring History**Show  entries**Date**  **Monitoring Activity**02/26/2021  Monitoring Frequency - 3 times a week

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries



# ANC Lab Reporting Form



## Patient ANC Monitoring

This form may be used by certified prescribers and their designees to submit lab results to meet the monitoring requirement (using the Patient Status Form).






### Patient (Population: General)

Name: PatientPat Smith  
Date of Birth: 6/27/1954  
REMS Patient ID: CMDemoWeekly



### Monitoring History

Show  entries

Date	Monitoring Activity
03/28/2021	 Monitoring Frequency - Weekly
03/29/2021	 ANC Lab Value - Normal Range ( $\geq 1500/\mu\text{L}$ )
04/05/2021	 ANC Lab Value - Normal Range ( $\geq 1500/\mu\text{L}$ )

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 entries



### ANC Entry

Current Patient Monitoring Frequency: Weekly

 **Patient Enrollment**

Note: Only a certified prescriber may enroll a Benign Ethnic Neutropenia (BEN) patient or a hospice patient.

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**Patient Enrollment****First Name**

First Name

**Last Name**

Last Name

**Gender** Male  Female  Other**Date of Birth**

mm/dd/yyyy

**Race** American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American  Other**Ethnicity** Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino**Phone**

Phone

**Email**

Email

 Does the patient have a permanent address?**Zip Code**



## Patient Enrollment

### Patient Enrollment

First Name

Last Name

Gender

Male  Female  Other

Date of Birth

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American  Other

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

Phone

Email

Does the patient have a permanent address?

Zip Code

### Patient Information

Is this patient actively on clozapine therapy?

 **Patient Status Form (PSF)****Patient Status Form (PSF)**

Assess the patient by obtaining complete blood counts, including the absolute neutrophil count (ANC). This form must be completed monthly for each patient continuing treatment with clozapine.

**Note: Report of an ANC lab value indicating moderate (general population) or severe neutropenia (general or BEN population) requires treatment to be interrupted or discontinued or the creation of a Treatment Rationale by the prescriber unless a more recent ANC lab value is provided that is  $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$  for a general population patient and  $\geq 500/\mu\text{L}$  for a BEN population patient.**

 **Patient (Population: General)**

Name: PatientTerry Smitt  
Date of Birth: 9/22/1989  
REMS Patient ID: CMDemoEvy2Wk

 **Patient Status**

Are you monitoring the patient as recommended in the Prescribing Information?

Yes  No

 **Monitoring**

Current Patient Monitoring Frequency: Every 2 weeks

 **Hospital**

For hospital...

## Patient Status Form (PSF)



### Patient Status Form (PSF)

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#### Patient (Population: General)

Name: Patient Terry Smitt  
Date of Birth: 9/22/1989  
REMS Patient ID: CMDemoEvy2Wk

#### Patient Status

Are you monitoring the patient as recommended in the Prescribing Information?

Yes  No

#### Monitoring

Current Patient Monitoring Frequency: Every 2 weeks

Change the patient's monitoring frequency to:

Frequency

Daily  Weekly  Monthly



Or

#### Hospital

For hospital inpatient patients, I want to monitor the patient's ANC every 6 weeks.

I want to monitor the patient's ANC every 6 weeks.

This



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## Patient ()

Name:

Date of Birth:

REMS Patient ID:

## Patient Status

Are you monitoring the patient as recommended in the Prescribing Information?

Yes  No

## Monitoring

Current Patient Monitoring Frequency: 0

Change the patient's monitoring frequency to:

Frequency

Daily

**Weekly**

Monthly



Or

## Hospital

For hospital

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Did the patient experience any adverse event(s) due to clozapine-induced neutropenia?



# CLOZAPINE REMS



## ANC Lab Rep



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### Patient

Name: PatientP  
Date of Birth: 6/27/19  
REMS Patient ID: CM3579

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## Prescriber

PRJane PRDoe

### Prescriber

Individual NPI Number

1310000000

Individual

DEA Number

First Name

PRJane

Middle Initial

Middle Initial

Clinic/Practice Name

Test Prescriber Practice

Credentials

MD  NP  PA  DO  Other

Address Line 1

12 Parker Avenue

Address Li

Address Li

City

Chambersburg

Number

420-689-9443

Extension

nnn...

Fax

209-772-0961

In general, what is the best time to contact you?

Preferred



# Prescriber Office Personnel Management

PRJane PRDoe



**PRJane PRDoe**

Prescriber

 Enrolled: 15th July, 2014



**Prescriber Office Personnel Management**

Edit, Add, Remove Designees from the Clozapine REMS

Show  entries

Action	Role	Name	Email
 		PRJohn DesigneeSmith	PRDesignee@Exam...
 Delete	 Edit	 Designee	

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries



## Prescriber Office Personnel Management

### Additional Designees

How will this designee interact with the Clozapine REMS?

- Allow this designee to be authorized to perform functions on my behalf via the Clozapine REMS not be able to perform functions on my behalf via the Clozapine REMS website.
- Allow this designee to create login credentials for the Clozapine REMS website. The designee functions on my behalf via the Clozapine REMS Contact Center.





## Prescriber Office Personnel Management

### Additional Designees

How will this designee interact with the Clozapine REMS?

- Allow this designee to be authorized to perform functions on my behalf via the Clozapine REMS website. The designee will not be able to perform functions on my behalf via the Clozapine REMS website.
- Allow this designee to create login credentials for the Clozapine REMS website. The designee will perform functions on my behalf via the Clozapine REMS Contact Center.

For a designee who will only interact via the Clozapine REMS Contact Center, please download and complete the designee form and submit it to the Clozapine REMS either via upload or fax to 1-800-878-5927



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First Name

Last Name

Title

Phone

Ext.

Fax

Email



## Pharmacy

Outpatient Pharmacy Group



### To certify your pharmacy:

Your pharmacy is currently certified.



### Obtain a Patient's REMS Dispense Authorization

An RDA is a receipt from the Clozapine REMS signifying that the requirements for dispensing Clozapine for this patient are currently met.




### Submit a Patient's ANC Lab Value

Pharmacists in possession of a patient's ANC lab value must submit the value to the Clozapine REMS. A submitted ANC lab will be visible to pharmacy personnel attempting to obtain an RDA.



### Pharmacy Personnel


**Pharmacy**

## Outpatient Pharmacy

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Your pharmacy must certify in the Clozapine REMS to dispense clozapine. To certify please complete the following:

- 1 Review the Pharmacy Information

Have the authorized representative review the [Clozapine and the Risk of Neutropenia: A Guide for Pharmacists](#).

- 2 Complete the Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies

Have the authorized representative successfully complete the Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacy and submit it to the Clozapine REMS.

[Online](#) or [Print](#)

- 3 Enroll Pharmacy

[→ Sign and Submit](#)

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[→ Submit ANC Lab](#)

**Pharmacy Personnel**

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[→ Manage Personnel](#)

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[→ Manage Pharmacies](#)

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[Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies](#)

[Inpatient Pharmacy Enrollment Form](#)

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[ANC Lab Reporting Form](#)

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# Rx Pharmacy

## Outpatient Pharmacy



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**3** Enroll Pharmacy

Have the authorized representative enroll in the Clozapine REMS by completing the Pharmacy Enrollment Form and submitting it to the Clozapine REMS.



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## Pharmacy Enrollment

The authorized representative for the pharmacy must:

1. Review the REMS materials
2. Successfully complete the *Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies*
3. Complete and submit this Pharmacy Enrollment, along with the completed *Know*
4. Implement the necessary staff training and processes to comply with the REMS

### Pharmacy Information

Organizational NPI Number

Use organizational NPI to populate form:

Organizational NPI Number

Pharmacy Name

Pharmacy Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 1

City

City

Number

nnn-nnn-nnnn

Extension

nnn...

Fax

Fax

The name, location, and phone number of your pharmacy will be publicly available on the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 1-888-586-0758



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## Pharmacy - Knowledge Assessment

### Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies

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0 of 13 questions in progress

1. All clozapine products are only available under the single shared Clozapine REMS.

- True
- False

2. Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infections.

- True
- False

3. Severe neutropenia is defined as:

- A. A white blood cell count (WBC) less than 2000/ $\mu$ L
- B. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 1000/ $\mu$ L

## Pharmacy - Knowledge Assessment

### Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies

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**Knowledge Assessment Incomplete:** All questions must be answered correctly to pass the Knowledge Assessment. You may retry the Knowledge Assessment.

1 correct answers out of 13 (Failed)

1. All clozapine products are only available under the single shared Clozapine REMS. ✗

- True  
 False

2. Clozapine is associated with severe neutropenia, which can lead to serious infection and death. ✗

- True  
 False

3. Severe neutropenia is defined as: ✗

- A. A white blood cell count (WBC) less than 2000/ $\mu$ L  
 B. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 1000/ $\mu$ L  
 C. An absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 500/ $\mu$ L  
 D. None of the above

4. Before initiating treatment with clozapine: ✗

- A. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be at least 1000/ $\mu$ L for a patient with documented benign ethnic neutropenia (BEN)  
 B. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be at least 1500/ $\mu$ L for a patient who is part of the general population (i.e., the patient does not have documented BEN)  
 C. A baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) is not necessary  
 D. Both A and B

5. Before clozapine treatment initiation, a certified prescriber must: ✗

- A. Determine if the patient has documented BEN  
 B. Enroll the patient in the Clozapine REMS  
 C. Counsel the patient/caregiver about the risk of severe neutropenia  
 D. Order blood work to obtain an ANC  
 E. Review the ANC and submit it to the Clozapine REMS  
 F. All of the above



## Pharmacy - Knowledge Assessment

### Knowledge Assessment for Pharmacies

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### Knowledge Assessment Complete

13 correct answers out of 13

1. All clozapine products are only available under the single shared Clozapine REMS.

- True
- False

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- True
- False



## Pharmacy

Inpatient Pharmacy Group

**RxInPatJane AuthRepDoe**  
Authorized Representative  
Certified as of 6/23/2021

Edit

View Enrollment PDF

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**Pharmacy Personnel**

A pharmacy can have multiple personnel with online accounts. You may invite personnel or remove them. You may add an authorized representative or staff to your pharmacy.

Large chain pharmacies may call the Clozapine REMS Contact Center at 1-888-586-0758 to arrange for a bulk upload of staff.

Add Authorized Representative or Staff

Show  entries Search:

Action	Role	Name	Email Address	Status	Added	Days Inactive
		RxInPatJane AuthRepDoe	RxAuthRepInPat@examoto.net	Certified as of 6/23/2021	6/23/2021	0
		RxInPatSally StaffJones	RxStaffInPat01@examoto.net	Authorized	6/23/2021	1
		RxInPatJohn StaffSmith	RxStaffInPat@examoto.net	Authorized	6/23/2021	1

Delete
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 Authorized Representative
 Staff

Showing 1 to 3 of 3 entries Previous **1** Next

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# Pharmacy

Outpatient Pharmacy

## Additional Staff

Personnel Type:

- Authorized Representative
- Pharmacy Staff

## Pharmacy Staff Information

Email

First Name

Last Name

Title

Phone

Ext.

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## Pharmacy

Inpatient Pharmacy Group

**Pharmacies**

A pharmacy can have multiple pharmacies grouped together under the responsibility of a Pharmacy Authorized Representative. You may add, remove, or edit the pharmacies in this pharmacy group.

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+ Add Pharmacy

Show 10 entries Search:

Action	NPI	Name	Pharmacy Type	Consumer Type	Status
	2120000003	Pharmacy Corkery-Torphy	Inpatient Pharmacy	Inpatient	Certified as of 6/23/2021
	2120000001	Pharmacy D'Amore, Hermann and Dach	Inpatient Pharmacy	Inpatient	Certified as of 6/23/2021
	2120000000	Pharmacy Hermiston-Treutel	Inpatient Pharmacy	Inpatient	Certified as of 6/23/2021
	2120000002	Pharmacy Bogisich Group	Inpatient Pharmacy	Inpatient	Certified as of 6/23/2021

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# Pharmacy

Outpatient Pharmacy

## Additional Pharmacy

Organizational NPI Number

Use organizational NPI to populate form:

(Select address type to populate form)

Office Address  Mailing Address

Pharmacy Name

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DEA

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Number

Extension

Fax

# Pharmacy

Outpatient Pharmacy



## Submit a Patient's ANC Lab Value

Pharmacists in possession of a patient's ANC lab value are encouraged to enter it into the Clozapine REMS. A submitted patient's prescriber and pharmacy personnel attempting to obtain an RDA.

Find an enrolled patient:

1 Find a patient by entering the patient's information below:

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

First Name

Last Name

mm/dd/yyyy

REMS Patient ID

Phone Or Email

REMS Patient ID

Phone Or Email

Cancel


**Pharmacy**

Outpatient Pharmacy

**Submit a Patient's ANC Lab Value**

Pharmacists in possession of a patient's ANC lab value are encouraged to enter it into the Clozapine REMS. A submitted ANC lab value will be shared with the patient's prescriber and pharmacy personnel attempting to obtain an RDA.


**Patient (Population: General)**

Name:	PatientHospPat Smith	Zip Code:	52722
Date of Birth:	6/27/1954	Phone:	920-723-63
REMS Patient ID:	CPPatEg30Cg180	Email:	CPHspPatEg


**Monitoring History**

Date	Monitoring Activity
03/28/2021	 Monitoring Frequency - Monthly
09/04/2020	 ANC Lab Value - Mild Neutropenia (1000 to 1499/ $\mu$ L)


**ANC Entry**

Current Patient Monitoring Frequency: Monthly

**Blood Draw Date**

MM/DD/YYYY

**General Patient Population**

- Normal Range ( $\geq 1500/\mu$ L)
- Mild Neutropenia (1000 to 1499/ $\mu$ L)
- Moderate Neutropenia (500 to 999/ $\mu$ L)
- Severe Neutropenia ( $< 500/\mu$ L)

 **Pharmacy**

Outpatient Pharmacy

**Obtain a Patient's REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)**

An RDA is a receipt from the Clozapine REMS signifying that the REMS requirements to dispense for this patient are current.  
Find an enrolled patient:

1

**Find a patient by entering the patient's information below:**

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

First Name

Last Name

mm/dd/yyyy

REMS Patient ID

Phone Or Email

REMS Patient ID

Phone Or Email

Cancel



## Pharmacy

Outpatient Pharmacy



### Obtain a Patient's REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)

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Outpatient Pharmacy



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## Pharmacy

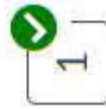
Outpatient Pharmacy



### Obtain a Patient's REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)

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Find an enrolled patient:



Find a patient by entering the patient's information below:

First Name

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Phone Or Email



## Pharmacy

Outpatient Pharmacy



### Obtain a Patient's REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)

An RDA is a receipt from the Clozapine REMS signifying that the REMS requirement

#### Patient

Name: PatientTerry Smitt

Date of Birth: 9/22/1989

REMS Patient ID: CP1378924


**Pharmacy**

Outpatient Pharmacy

**Obtain a Patient's REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)**

An RDA is a receipt from the Clozapine REMS signifying that the REMS requirements to dispense for this patient are current.


**Patient** (Population: General)

Name:	PatientTerry Smitt	Zip Code:	28601
Date of Birth:	9/22/1989	Phone:	920-723-0
REMS Patient ID:	CPPatEI30NoC	Email:	CPPatEI30


**REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)**

A REMS Dispense Authorization is a receipt from the Clozapine REMS indicating that the safe use conditions managed by the REMS are current. Upon obtaining an RDA, retain it as your receipt.

**RDA:**   

Obtained by RxOutPatJane AuthRepDoe on 04/13/2021 at 11:57 AM Coordinated Universal Time


**Detail**
**Dispensing Information**

Outpatients should be dispensed a days' supply in accordance with their monitoring frequency.

Date	Manufacturer	NDC Code	Days' Supply	Quantity
<input type="text" value="mm/dd/yyyy"/>	<input type="text" value="Manufacturers"/> ▾	<input type="text" value="NDC Codes"/> ▾	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>


**Pharmacy**

Outpatient Pharmacy

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**Patient** (Population: General)

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Date of Birth:	9/22/1989	Phone:	920-723-63
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**Detail**

**Safe Use Conditions:**

-  Patient is Enrolled: PatientTerry Smitt
-  Pharmacy is Certified

**Dispensing Information**

Outpatients should be dispensed a days' supply in accordance with their monitoring frequency.

Date	Manufacturer	NDC Code	Days' Supply	Quantity
<input type="text" value="mm/dd/yyyy"/>	<input type="text" value="Manufacturers"/> ▾	<input type="text" value="NDC Codes"/> ▾	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>


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Outpatient Pharmacy

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**Patient** (Population: General)


Name:	PatientPat Smith	Zip Code:	52722
Date of Birth:	7/15/1965	Phone:	920-722-9000
REMS Patient ID:	CPPatEg30CI37	Email:	CPPatEg30@clozapine.com


**REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)**

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**RDA:**   

Obtained by RxOutPatJane AuthRepDoe on 04/13/2021 at 12:30 PM Coordinated Universal Time


**Detail**

**Safe Use Conditions:**

-  Patient is Enrolled: PatientPat Smith
-  Patient, PatientPat Smith, has a current Patient Status Form (PSF) on file indicating the patient is continuing treatment.
-  Pharmacy is Certified

**Dispensing Information**

Outpatients should be dispensed a days' supply in accordance with their monitoring frequency.

Date	Manufacturer	NDC Code	Days' Supply	Quantity
<input type="text" value="mm/dd/yyyy"/>	<input type="text" value="Manufacturers"/> ▾	<input type="text" value="NDC Codes"/> ▾	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>


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**Patient (Population: General)**

Name:	PatientPat Smithe	Zip Code:	44145
Date of Birth:	6/27/1954	Phone:	204-896-7
REMS Patient ID:	CPDemoPatDiscont	Email:	CPPatDis


**REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)**

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**DO NOT DISPENSE**

 Detail


**Safe Use Conditions:**

- ✓ Patient is Enrolled: PatientPat Smithe
- ✗ Patient, PatientPat Smithe, most recent Patient Status Form (PSF) on file indicates the patient has discontinued treatment. their prescriber has not authorized a refill and to contact their prescriber if necessary.
- ✓ Pharmacy is Certified


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**Patient (Population: General)**

Name:	PatientAli Smithson	Zip Code:	35405
Date of Birth:	4/4/1962	Phone:	920-727-0
REMS Patient ID:	CPPatInterrupt	Email:	CPPatInte


**REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)**

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**DO NOT DISPENSE**

 Detail


**Safe Use Conditions:**

- ✓ Patient is Enrolled: PatientAli Smithson
- ✗ Patient, PatientAli Smithson, most recent Patient Status Form (PSF) on file indicates the patient has interrupted treatment. their prescriber has not authorized a refill and to contact their prescriber if necessary.
- ✓ Pharmacy is Certified



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**Patient** (Population: General)

Name:	PatientPat Smith	Zip Code:	52722
Date of Birth:	6/27/1954	Phone:	920-723-6300
REMS Patient ID:	CPPatEg30Cg37	Email:	CPPatEg30Cg37@clozapine.com

**REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)**

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**DO NOT DISPENSE**

## Detail

**Safe Use Conditions:**

- Patient is Enrolled: PatientPat Smith
- Patient, PatientPat Smith, does NOT have a current Patient Status Form (PSF) on file. If you have a current ANC Lab value, you must enter the value and the date of the blood draw in the Pharmacy Dispense Rationale section below.
- Pharmacy is Certified

**Recent Monitoring History**

Date	Monitoring Activity
03/28/2021	Monitoring Frequency - Monthly
03/25/2021	ANC Lab Value - Mild Neutropenia (1000 to 1499/ $\mu$ L)
03/10/2021	ANC Lab Value - Not Reported(Clinician Discretion)
02/24/2021	ANC Lab Value - Normal Range ( $\geq$ 1500/ $\mu$ L)
02/17/2021	ANC Lab Value - Not Reported(Clinician Discretion)

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**Pharmacy Dispense Rationale**

Prescriber NPI on patient's script

Blood Draw Date

ANC (per  $\mu$ L)


Request Dispense


**Pharmacy**


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**Patient (Population: General)**

Name:	PatientHospPat Smith	Zip Code:	52722
Date of Birth:	6/27/1954	Phone:	920-723-0
REMS Patient ID:	CPPatEg30Cg180	Email:	CPHspPat


**REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)**

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**DO NOT DISPENSE**

**Detail**

**Safe Use Conditions:**

- ✓ Patient is Enrolled: PatientHospPat Smith
- ✓ General population Patient, PatientHospPat Smith, has a Dispense Rationale with an ANC greater than 999 per  $\mu\text{l}$ .
- ✓ Pharmacy is Certified
- ✗ Patient, PatientHospPat Smith, has reached the Dispense Rationale limit. Please contact the patient's prescriber, the prescriber's pharmacist, or the patient's pharmacist to complete the Patient Status Form (PSF) for this patient to receive drug.
- ✓ Prescriber is Certified: PRJane PRDoe

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### Patient (Population: General)

Name:	PatientTerry Smitt	Zip Code:	28601
Date of Birth:	9/22/1989	Phone:	920-723-0
REMS Patient ID:	CPPatEI30NoC	Email:	CPPatEI30

### REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)

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RDA: **ee9ad14d** [Copy](#) [Print](#)

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[Detail](#)

Prescription dispense recorded for this RDA.



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#### Patient (Population: General)

Name:	PatientTerry Smitt	Zip Code:	28601
Date of Birth:	9/22/1989	Phone:	920-723-0
REMS Patient ID:	CPPatEI30NoC	Email:	CPPatEI30

#### REMS Dispense Authorization (RDA)

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✖ RDA Reversed.

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**This is a r r s a i f a M l c r i c r c r d h a w a s s i g d  
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**SUMMARY REVIEW**



**Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Memorandum**

**U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH  
Office of Drug Evaluation I  
DIVISION OF PSYCHIATRY PRODUCTS**

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**NDA/BLA #s:** NDA 19758  
**Products:** Clozaril (clozapine HCl) 25 mg and 100 mg Tablets.  
**APPLICANT:** HERITAGE LIFE SCIENCES  
**FROM:** Marc Stone, M.D. Deputy Director for Safety  
**DATE:** July 28, 2021

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The REMS for clozapine products, of which Clozaril is a member, was originally approved on September 15, 2015, and the most recent REMS modification was approved on February 18, 2021. The REMS consists of elements to assure safe use an implementation system, and a timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS.

On July 16, 2020, the applicant submitted proposed modifications to the REMS which include changes to the frequency of the submission of patient monitoring via a new Patient Status Form (PSF) and changes to the pharmacy operations to verify safe use conditions for a REMS dispense authorization and changes to the goal of the REMS. You also proposed additional minor changes to the operation of the REMS program, including certain changes to the audit frequency and information dissemination requirements. When this modification is approved, the prescriber or prescriber designee will no longer need to submit ANC results every 7, 15, or 31 days depending on the patient's monitoring frequency. Instead, they will be required to fill out a monthly PSF to report ANC results. On this form, prescribers will be able to authorize continuation of the drug if the patient has an ANC that falls below the acceptable range as described in the Prescribing Information. The PSF will also be used to report adverse events due to clozapine-induced neutropenia which would assist our goal of mitigating the risk of severe neutropenia.

After consultations between the Office of New Drugs (OND) and the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE), we have determined that the sponsor submitted an adequate rationale to support the proposed modifications described above.

We have determined that the third part of the goal of the REMS must be modified from "ensuring compliance with the monitoring schedule for absolute neutrophil count (ANC) prior to dispensing clozapine" to "ensuring prescribers submit documentation that periodic monitoring of patients is performed to identify severe neutropenia." This goal was revised to minimize treatment interruptions.

The modified REMS now consists of: elements to assure safe use, including healthcare providers are specially certified, pharmacies that dispense the drug are specially certified, the drug is dispensed to patients with evidence or other documentation of safe-use conditions, each patient using the drug is subject to certain monitoring, and each patient using the drug is enrolled in a registry, an implementation system, and a timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS.

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