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**A CAREGIVER'S
GUIDE TO
ZOLGENSMA**

**A one-time-only dose
for the treatment of SMA
in children under the age
of 2 years old.**

Ryker, treated with ZOLGENSMA at 5 months old and pictured at 2 years old with his father, Glen, was diagnosed with SMA Type 1. Before receiving treatment with ZOLGENSMA, Ryker received another SMA treatment.

What is ZOLGENSMA?

ZOLGENSMA is a prescription gene therapy used to treat children less than 2 years old with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). ZOLGENSMA is given as a one-time infusion into a vein. ZOLGENSMA was not evaluated in patients with advanced SMA.

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

ZOLGENSMA can increase liver enzyme levels and cause acute serious liver injury or acute liver failure which could result in death. Patients will receive an oral corticosteroid before and after infusion with ZOLGENSMA and will undergo regular blood tests to monitor liver function. Contact the patient's doctor immediately if the patient's skin and/or whites of the eyes appear yellowish, if the patient misses a dose of corticosteroid or vomits it up, or if the patient experiences a decrease in alertness.

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FACTS ABOUT SMA

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Treatment day gave us hope for Brady's future. We celebrate that day because we feel like that's the day Brady got the chance to be a kid again.”

Nicole, Brady's mother

Brady, treated with ZOLGENSMA at 14 months old and pictured at 2 years old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 2.

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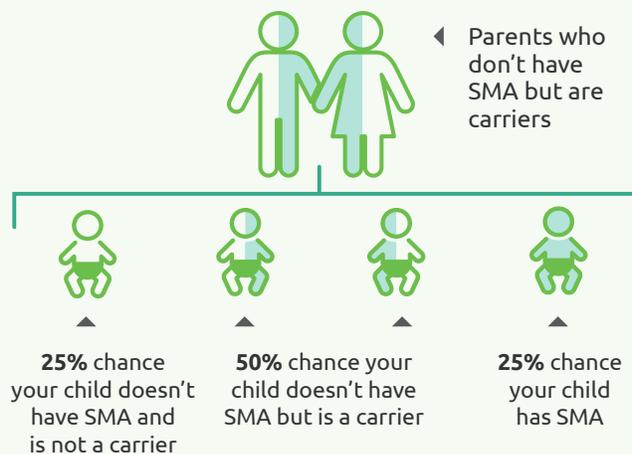
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SMA is a rare genetic disease and, if diagnosed early, can be treated quickly to stop the progression of the disease

How SMA is inherited

Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is an autosomal recessive disorder. This means that in order to have SMA, a person must have 2 copies of a nonworking *survival motor neuron 1 (SMN1)* gene or be missing both copies of the *SMN1* gene.



About 1 in 50

people in the United States (or 6.6 million* Americans) is a genetic carrier of SMA, and most don't know it.

*Calculations are based on an estimated US population of 330 million.



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SMA affects about 1 in every 15,000 babies born in the US.

As more children are diagnosed early through newborn screening, treatment can be started immediately to stop the progression of SMA and improve outcomes.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

There is a theoretical risk of tumor development with gene therapies such as ZOLGENSMA. Contact the patient's doctor and Novartis Gene Therapies, Inc. at 1-833-828-3947 if a tumor develops.

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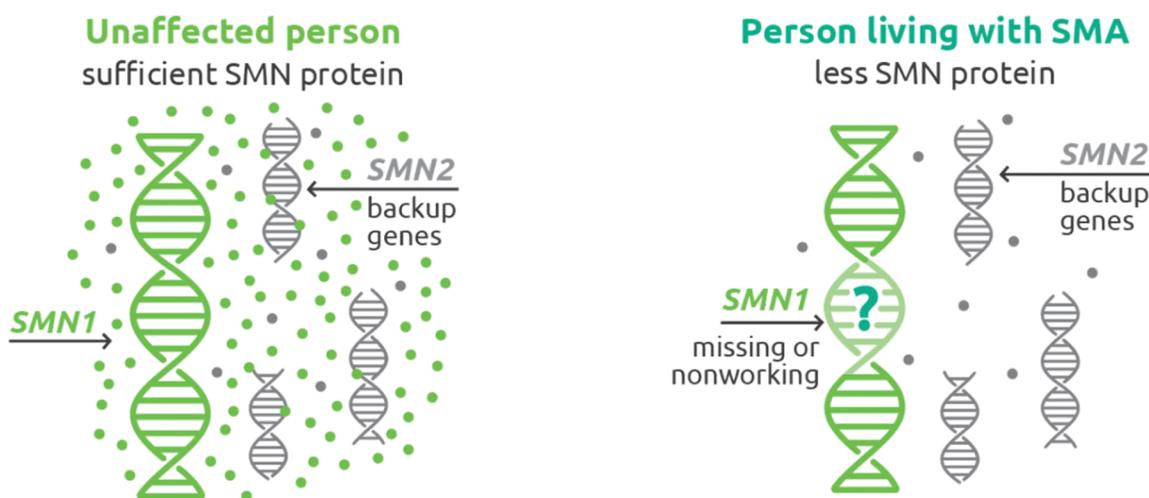
What causes SMA?

The genetic root cause of SMA is the *SMN1* gene that is missing or not working properly. When this main gene is missing or not working properly, the body cannot make enough survival motor neuron (SMN) protein, which is needed for motor neuron cell survival. Everyone is born with a certain amount of motor neuron cells, which are responsible for communicating with the arms, legs, throat, and many other areas in the body to tell them to work properly. Without enough SMN protein, select motor neuron cells throughout the body may lose function and die. As a result, children with SMA experience muscle weakness and may develop difficulty in breathing, swallowing, or speaking.

The role of a backup gene

There is a backup gene for the *SMN1* gene called the *SMN2* gene. People can have 1 or more copies of this backup gene. This gene, like the *SMN1* gene, tells the body to make SMN protein. For people with SMA, the *SMN2* gene is the only source of SMN protein; however, it is unable to produce as much working protein as the *SMN1* gene. **In fact, the *SMN2* gene makes only about 10% of working protein compared to the protein produced by the *SMN1* gene. That is why it is essential to address the genetic root cause of SMA by replacing the function of the missing or nonworking *SMN1* gene.** Even people with several copies of the *SMN2* gene may not produce as much SMN protein as those with the working *SMN1* gene, and their motor neuron cells may not work as they should. Usually, the more copies of the *SMN2* gene a person has, the less severe his or her SMA is.

The *SMN1* and *SMN2* genes



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ABOUT ZOLGENSMA



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She received treatment and that gives me hope for the future. She's only a toddler now, but I want her to feel like she can do anything she wants.”

Aaron, Natalie's father

Natalie, treated with ZOLGENSMA at ~14 months old and pictured at 1½ years old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 2.

Watch family videos and hear caregivers share their experiences.



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Talk with the patient's doctor to decide if adjustments to the vaccination schedule are needed to accommodate treatment with a corticosteroid. Protection against influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is recommended and vaccination status should be up-to-date prior to ZOLGENSMA administration. Please consult the patient's doctor.

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The one-time-only dose for the treatment of SMA

With one dose, ZOLGENSMA can stop the progression of SMA. It is a gene therapy that is designed to replace the function of the missing or nonworking *SMN1* gene that causes SMA. ZOLGENSMA is not a cure and cannot reverse damage already caused by SMA before treatment.

ZOLGENSMA targets the genetic root cause of SMA

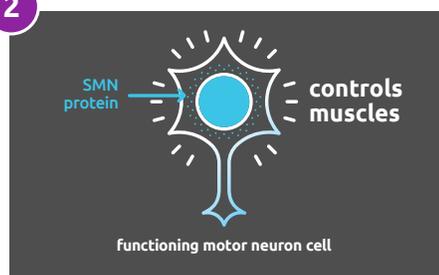
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A targeted approach

ZOLGENSMA targets the genetic root cause of SMA by replacing the function of a missing or nonworking gene called the *SMN1* gene. This gene is critical for making SMN protein.

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The importance of SMN protein

SMN protein is essential to motor neuron cell survival. These cells control muscle function. Without SMN protein, motor neuron cells die, causing muscles to become so weak that breathing, eating, and moving become difficult, and the condition can become life-threatening in its most severe forms.

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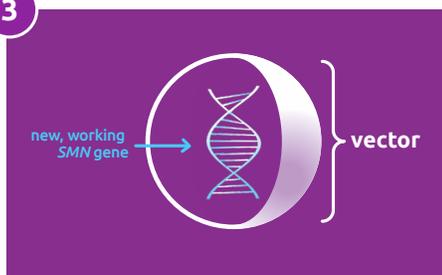
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ZOLGENSMA targets the genetic root cause of SMA (cont)

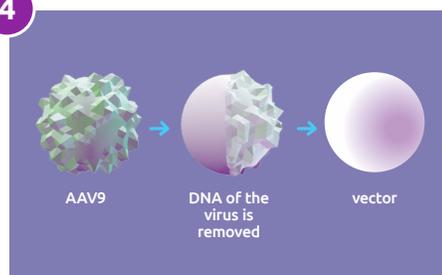
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The role of the vector

ZOLGENSMA is made up of a new, working copy of a human *SMN* gene that is placed inside a vector. A vector's job is to take the new, working *SMN* gene to the motor neuron cells in the body.

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Delivery of the *SMN* gene

The vector that delivers the *SMN* gene is made from a virus called adeno-associated virus 9, or AAV9. This type of virus is not known to make people sick. To make the vector, the DNA of the virus is removed so that the new *SMN* gene can be put inside. Vectors are used because they can travel throughout the body and deliver the new, working gene to the cells where it is needed.

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Production of SMN protein

When the new gene reaches its destination, it tells the motor neuron cells to start making SMN protein. This happens throughout the body, delivering a new, working copy of the *SMN* gene to motor neuron cells.

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Motor neuron cells maintained

With the motor neuron cells now able to make sufficient SMN protein, motor neuron cells that have not died may survive, function, and be maintained.

Watch an animated video
of how ZOLGENSMA works.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

The most common side effects that occurred in patients treated with ZOLGENSMA were elevated liver enzymes and vomiting.

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TREATMENT WITH ZOLGENSMA

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It means a lot to us to have a one-time-only treatment. It gives us more time to be a family at home.”

Tina, Malachi's mother

Malachi, treated with ZOLGENSMA at ~4 months old and pictured at 4 years old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 1.

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Pretreatment testing to determine if your child qualifies for ZOLGENSMA

ZOLGENSMA is a prescription gene therapy used to treat children less than 2 years old with SMA. It is given as a one-time infusion into a vein. If you and your child's doctor have chosen ZOLGENSMA, there are a few steps that need to be taken to determine if your child qualifies for ZOLGENSMA.

● Complete important lab tests

● Confirm a diagnosis

While your child may have received their SMA diagnosis from a newborn screening, insurance companies often require an additional SMA genetic test to confirm the diagnosis.

● Perform an AAV9 antibody test

ZOLGENSMA travels throughout the body using a delivery vehicle made from a virus called adeno-associated virus 9, or AAV9. This type of virus is not known to make people sick.

An AAV9 antibody test measures the amount of anti-AAV9 antibodies in your child's blood. If your child's existing level of AAV9 antibodies doesn't fall within a certain range you can ask your doctor to monitor and retest. If antibody levels lower, your child may become eligible for treatment.

● Perform baseline blood tests

Your child's doctor will need to establish a starting point so they can monitor closely after treatment with ZOLGENSMA, keeping an eye on things like liver function,* creatinine levels, and complete blood count (hemoglobin, platelet count, etc.). These tests may happen while waiting for approval or as you get closer to treatment.

*Liver function assessment includes clinical exam, aspartate aminotransferase [AST], alanine aminotransferase [ALT], total bilirubin, albumin, prothrombin time, partial thromboplastin time [PTT], and international normalized ratio [INR].

Download our complete guide to treatment with ZOLGENSMA.

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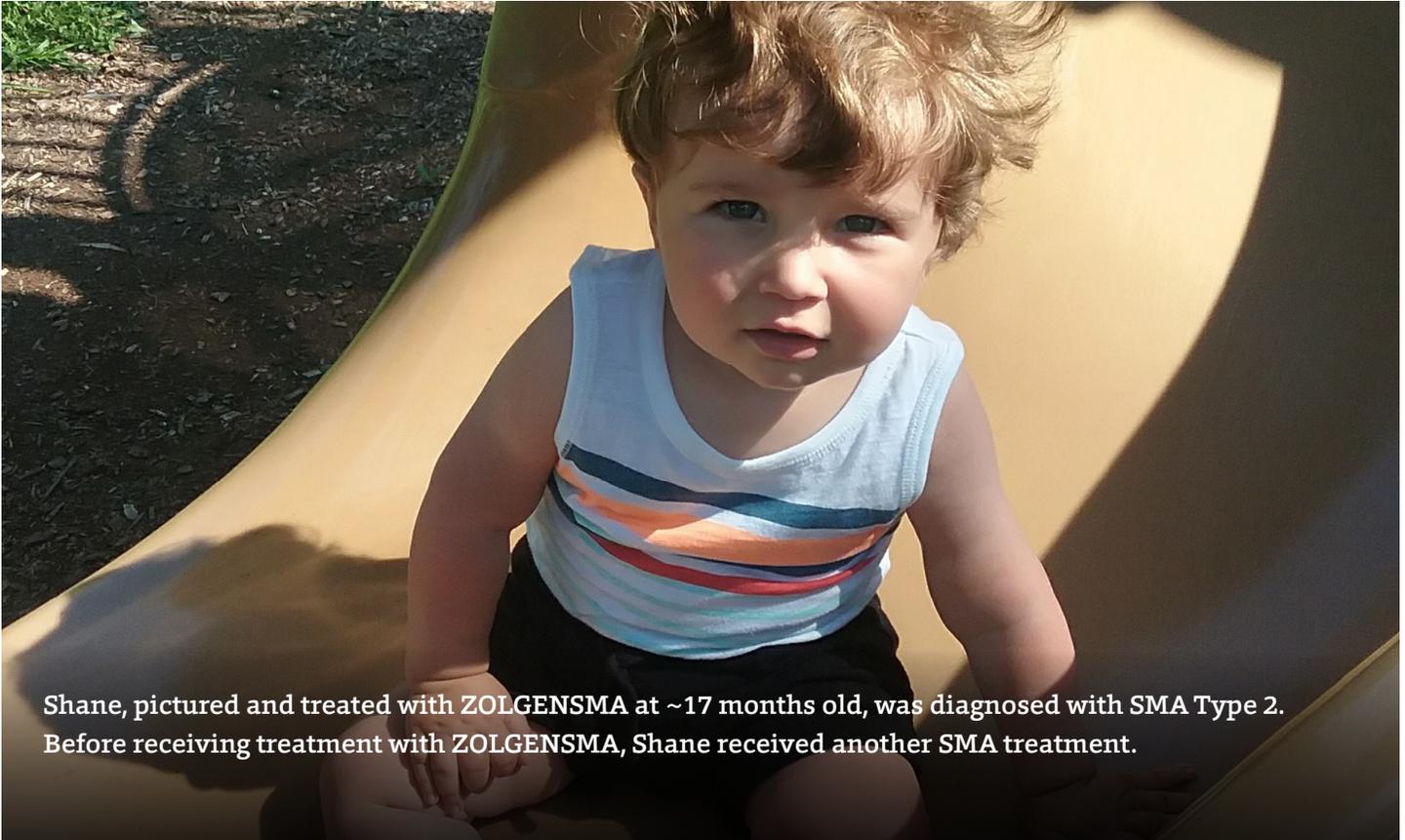
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Shane, pictured and treated with ZOLGENSMA at ~17 months old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 2. Before receiving treatment with ZOLGENSMA, Shane received another SMA treatment.

● Have your child's doctor submit a ZOLGENSMA Prescription Form and a Start Form

While waiting for test results, ask your child's doctor to submit a ZOLGENSMA Prescription Form and a Start Form. When you sign the Start Form, you'll be enrolled in **Novartis Patient Support™** and you will meet your Case Coordinator who will be your main, dedicated point of contact. Case Coordinators can provide insurance support, financial support, and ongoing support for eligible patients prescribed ZOLGENSMA.

Once the Prescription Form and Start Form are received, a representative from Novartis Patient Support will call you to discuss the patient support available to you.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

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Connect with Novartis Patient Support

Novartis Patient Support, a team of highly trained and dedicated people, is a one-on-one support offering for you and your child who has been prescribed the one-time ZOLGENSMA treatment.

Novartis is there for your family, providing additional assistance throughout the treatment journey.



Case Coordinator

Case Coordinators can provide insurance support, financial support, and ongoing support for eligible patients prescribed ZOLGENSMA, including

- Answering questions related to SMA and ZOLGENSMA
- Explaining the steps before and after treatment with ZOLGENSMA
- Helping navigate the insurance and reimbursement process, including benefits verification and prior authorization and appeals support
- Identifying financial support options and eligibility
- Tracking the ZOLGENSMA treatment from prescription to delivery to the site of administration

Dedicated assistance from Novartis Patient Support and educational resources help patients get started on treatment and support them along the way. Novartis Patient Support is not a clinical service and does not replace guidance from healthcare providers. Our goal is to help patients feel informed about their treatment from day one.

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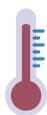
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Prepare for treatment day

If your child is approved for treatment with ZOLGENSMA, your child's doctor and care team will help ensure you know exactly what to expect on the day of treatment and how to prepare. Additionally, your Case Coordinator will work with you to understand how he or she can best support your family on treatment day.



If not completed already, your child's doctor should perform blood tests to check their liver function and to establish baseline levels for creatinine and complete blood count (including hemoglobin and platelet count). And, ask your child's doctor if any additional tests are needed before treatment day. These tests will help your child's doctor and care team monitor your child after dosing. It's best to have the blood tests done as soon as you can so that your child can get treated promptly.



Infections before or after ZOLGENSMA infusion can lead to more serious complications. To reduce the risk of illness, limit contact with others. Practice good hygiene like coughing or sneezing into a tissue, and washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If symptoms of infection appear before infusion, you may be asked to postpone treatment until the infection has resolved. Watch for signs of infection and contact your child's doctor immediately if you see any signs of a possible infection such as coughing, wheezing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, or fever.



A course of an oral corticosteroid should be started the day before infusion with ZOLGENSMA. This helps manage elevated liver enzyme reactions to ZOLGENSMA by the body's immune system. Fill the prescription for the oral corticosteroid as soon as you get it. (Your pharmacy may have to order it). And talk to your doctor about what protocol to follow, and what to do if your child refuses the dose or vomits it up.



Confirm your child's infusion date, time, and location with your child's doctor. Determine your family's transportation plan and get directions to the treatment center, including the address and available parking areas if you're driving. Ask the treatment center about their policy regarding what you can bring and how many family members can be with you and your child on the day of infusion.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

Talk with the patient's doctor to decide if adjustments to the vaccination schedule are needed to accommodate treatment with a corticosteroid. Protection against influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is recommended and vaccination status should be up-to-date prior to ZOLGENSMA administration. Please consult the patient's doctor.

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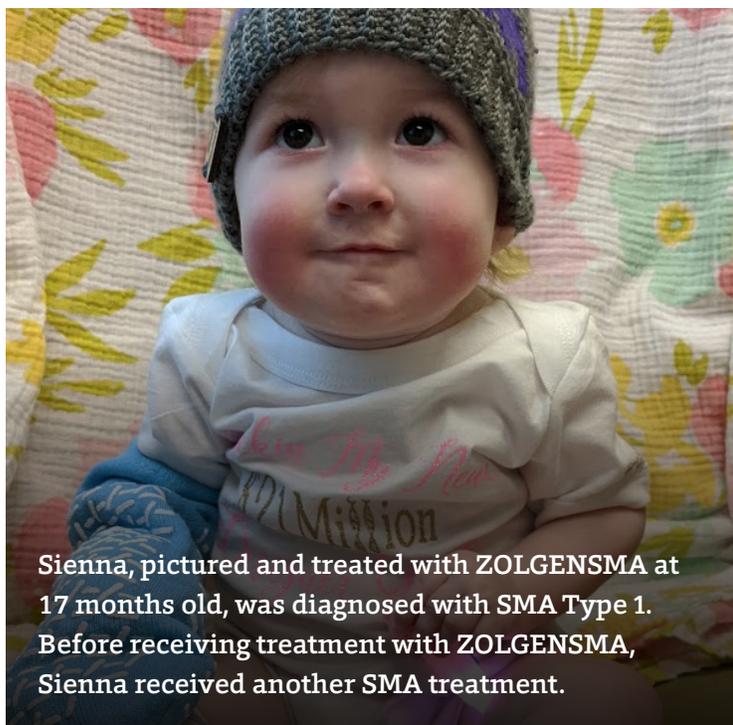
Treatment day

On the day of treatment, your child will be infused with ZOLGENSMA

You should give your child the second dose of the oral corticosteroid on the day of infusion as prescribed by your child's doctor to help manage reactions to ZOLGENSMA by the body's immune system. Confirm with your doctor whether you should administer this dose before arriving at the hospital. The actual infusion will take 60 minutes. Ask your child's doctor or care team in advance about how long you'll be required to stay at the treatment center after your child's infusion.

Remember to talk to your child's doctor and care team about any family members you would like to have with you on treatment day. If possible, you may have the option of having your Case Coordinator present on the day of treatment to support your family.

You will be given a Post-Treatment Kit on treatment day that details additional medical monitoring and types of specialists that may be part of your child's health care team. Ensure you receive the kit from your child's doctor or ask your Case Coordinator for one.



Sienna, pictured and treated with ZOLGENSMA at 17 months old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 1. Before receiving treatment with ZOLGENSMA, Sienna received another SMA treatment.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

Temporarily, small amounts of ZOLGENSMA may be found in the patient's stool. Use good hand hygiene when coming into direct contact with patient body waste for one month after infusion with ZOLGENSMA. Disposable diapers should be sealed in disposable trash bags and thrown out with regular trash. The most common side effects that occurred in patients treated with ZOLGENSMA were elevated liver enzymes and vomiting.

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What to do and know before you leave the hospital

Talk with your child's doctor about post-treatment follow-up and additional monitoring. You will continue to give your child the corticosteroid as prescribed by the doctor. The specific corticosteroid treatment course for each child will be based on several clinical factors and will be determined by your child's doctor.

The doctor will monitor your child's liver function after ZOLGENSMA treatment through blood tests and clinical exams and determine when to begin gradually lowering the corticosteroid dose and eventually stop the corticosteroid. The suggested period of lowering the dose (taper period) is no less than 28 days. Your child's doctor will monitor their liver function weekly during the corticosteroid course and taper period (at least 2 months), and then every other week for at least 1 month after your child stops the corticosteroid.

- Contact your child's doctor immediately if your child's skin and/or whites of the eyes appear yellowish, if your child misses a dose of corticosteroid or vomits it up, or if your child experiences a decrease in alertness.
- Talk to your child's doctor about potential side effects that may occur after treatment, especially what to do if vomiting or fever occur.

In addition to liver function,* your child's doctor will perform blood tests to measure platelet counts. The doctor might also consider a cardiac evaluation and suggest consulting a cardiologist as needed. Use the space below to help you keep track of appointments.

	Date	Time	Location
Week 1			
Week 2			
Week 3			
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Week 6			
Week 7			
Week 8			
Week 9			
Week 10			
Week 11			
Week 12 [†]			

*Your child's liver function will be monitored weekly for **two months or longer**, during the corticosteroid treatment and as the dose is reduced. Your child's liver function will continue to be monitored every other week for **another month** after stopping the corticosteroid.

[†]Monitoring beyond 12 weeks may be required.

Your child should be assessed immediately and closely monitored if their liver function tests worsen or if you or the doctor notice signs or symptoms of acute illness, such as vomiting or worsening health.

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After treatment with ZOLGENSMA

Once your child has been treated with ZOLGENSMA, it is important to learn how to continue managing your child's SMA. This includes speaking with a neuromuscular specialist and creating an extended health care team.

Continuing your child's SMA care

While ZOLGENSMA stops the progression of SMA by replacing the function of your child's missing or nonworking *SMN1* gene, ZOLGENSMA is not a cure and cannot reverse damage already caused by SMA before treatment. That's why it is important to speak with your child's neuromuscular specialist and healthcare team to review supportive care (like physical and occupational therapy, working with a nutritionist, and meeting with a pulmonologist) to determine what kind of care may be best for your child following treatment. Additional therapies, accommodations, and support may be needed to guide your child's ongoing development. Work with your child's health care team to evaluate their progress after treatment.

Your child may continue to show signs of SMA. These may include difficulty swallowing or breathing or muscle weakness. Discuss any signs or symptoms with your child's doctor and health care team.

The SMA community is here for you



To connect with other caregivers and discover valuable resources, check out [CureSMA.org](https://www.curesma.org).

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Pictured left to right: Matthew, Ellie, Montgomery, and Emily. Ellie, treated with ZOLGENSMA at 15 days old and pictured at 9 months old, was diagnosed with SMA *in utero*.

Connect with families to discover more

See what children treated with ZOLGENSMA are up to, hear from SMA caregivers, and learn more about treatment.



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CLINICAL STUDIES RESULTS

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Tenley has gained strength after treatment. She is able to maneuver a wheelchair by herself and get around and feel more like a kid. So that's really important for us.”

Lacretia, Tenley's mother

Tenley, treated with ZOLGENSMA at ~5½ months old and pictured at 4½ years old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 1.

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ZOLGENSMA increased achievements for symptomatic children across all measures studied

The purpose of the STR1VE study was to review the efficacy and safety of ZOLGENSMA. The STR1VE study enrolled 22 symptomatic children,* which means they displayed symptoms of SMA before receiving treatment. All children were diagnosed with SMA Type 1, had 2 copies of the *SMN2* backup gene, and were 6 months of age or younger at the time of intravenous (IV) infusion.

- The average age at dosing was 3.7 months (range 0.5-5.9 months)
- All children received the therapeutic dose of ZOLGENSMA (dose approved by the FDA)
- Children were followed through their 18 months of age study visit

*One child was initially classified as presymptomatic but was later confirmed to be symptomatic and was included in the final clinical study findings.

The STR1VE study looked at 5 key measurements



See full results from the STR1VE clinical study.

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Children survived without breathing support

At the 14 months of age study visit,



(20/22)* of **children were alive and did not need permanent breathing support**

Typically, about 25% of children with SMA Type 1 who have not received treatment are alive without permanent breathing support at 14 months of age.

- 1 child passed away at 78 months of age from causes deemed unrelated to treatment
- 1 child withdrew from the study at 11.9 months of age and required permanent ventilation at 11 months of age prior to leaving the study

*One child was initially not part of the data set but is included in the final data analysis.

Children could sit without help



(13/22) of **children could sit without support for at least 30 seconds at the 18 months of age study visit**

Children with SMA Type 1 who do not receive treatment are never able to sit independently.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

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Children maintained milestones for over 5 years after treatment with ZOLGENSMA

The START clinical study was the first study of ZOLGENSMA and is completed. This study enrolled 15 symptomatic children diagnosed with SMA Type 1 who were 8 months of age or younger at the time of infusion. Children were split into 2 groups. Three children in group 1 received a low dose and 12 children in group 2 received a high dose (~therapeutic dose).

The primary purpose of the study was to evaluate the safety of ZOLGENSMA. Other endpoints measured were event-free survival (defined as being alive without the need for permanent ventilatory support, such as tracheostomy, or the need for respiratory assistance*) and the change from baseline in CHOP INTEND (or the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Infant Test of Neuromuscular Disorders). CHOP INTEND measures the motor development of children with SMA Type 1. At the end of the START clinical study, all 12 children in the high-dose group were alive and free of permanent breathing support 24 months after treatment.

92% (11/12) of children could sit without support for at least 5 seconds

75% (9/12) of children could sit without support for at least 30 seconds

92% (11/12) of children achieved or maintained CHOP INTEND scores higher than 40 points

The START long-term follow-up (LTFU) study is designed to monitor the safety of ZOLGENSMA over 15 years. Ongoing study results show the safety and efficacy of ZOLGENSMA up to 5 years after treatment and 5 years of age or older. The study enrolled 13 children from the START study—3 children from group 1 (low dose) and 10 children from group 2 (high dose).

Study results for START LTFU group 2



(10/10) of children were alive and did not need permanent breathing support (as of May 2022)

(10/10) have maintained motor milestones achieved at the end of the START study

*≥16 hours of respiratory assistance each day continuously for ≥14 days.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

Talk with the patient's doctor to decide if adjustments to the vaccination schedule are needed to accommodate treatment with a corticosteroid. Protection against influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is recommended and vaccination status should be up-to-date prior to ZOLGENSMA administration. Please consult the patient's doctor.

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When I grow up, I want to be a cowgirl. I want to wear my boots and my hat and own a ranch.”

Evelyn

Evelyn, treated with ZOLGENSMA at ~2 months old and pictured at 4½ years old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 1 and participates in the START LTFU study.

Learn more about milestones achieved in the START clinical study.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

Temporarily, small amounts of ZOLGENSMA may be found in the patient's stool. Use good hand hygiene when coming into direct contact with patient body waste for one month after infusion with ZOLGENSMA. Disposable diapers should be sealed in disposable trash bags and thrown out with regular trash.

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ZOLGENSMA helped presymptomatic children reach age-appropriate milestones and survive without permanent breathing support

The purpose of the SPR1NT study was to evaluate the efficacy and safety of ZOLGENSMA in children younger than 6 weeks of age and showing no symptoms (presymptomatic) of SMA. The study enrolled 29 presymptomatic children diagnosed with SMA who had 2 or 3 copies of the *SMN2* backup gene.

The average age at treatment:

- 2 copies of *SMN2* (14 children): 20.6 days
- 3 copies of *SMN2* (15 children): 28.7 days
- Children received the therapeutic dose of ZOLGENSMA (dose approved by the FDA)

Alive and free of permanent ventilation



(29/29) of children were alive and free of permanent breathing support

See full results from the SPR1NT clinical study.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

The most common side effects that occurred in patients treated with ZOLGENSMA were elevated liver enzymes and vomiting.

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Children could sit without help

Children reached age-appropriate milestones

In the SPR1NT study, the Bayley-III was used to determine children's motor skills compared to what is expected for unaffected developing children. The WHO-MGRS (World Health Organization Multicentre Growth Reference Study) was used to provide a timeline for motor milestone development in unaffected children.



(14/14) of **children with 2 copies of *SMN2* backup gene could sit without assistance** (30 seconds or more) as measured by Bayley-III at any visit up to 18 months of age

In the natural history (untreated) of SMA Type 1, children are not able to sit.

79% (11/14) of children achieved sitting without support within an age-appropriate time period.

Children could stand by themselves



(15/15) of **children with 3 copies of *SMN2* backup gene could stand without assistance** (3 seconds or more) as measured by Bayley-III at any visit up to 24 months of age

93% (14/15) of children achieved this milestone within an age-appropriate time period.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

ZOLGENSMA can increase liver enzyme levels and cause acute serious liver injury or acute liver failure which could result in death. Patients will receive an oral corticosteroid before and after infusion with ZOLGENSMA and will undergo regular blood tests to monitor liver function.

Contact the patient's doctor immediately if the patient's skin and/or whites of the eyes appear yellowish, if the patient misses a dose of corticosteroid or vomits it up, or if the patient experiences a decrease in alertness.

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SAFETY PROFILE OF ZOLGENSMA

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I expected ZOLGENSMA to stop the progression of the disease. Just halt it. And now she's hitting milestones that were once a dream. I think my little girl's going to do things that I never even pictured.”

Ciji, Maisie's mother

Maisie, treated with ZOLGENSMA at ~20 months old and pictured at 2 years old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 1. Before receiving treatment with ZOLGENSMA, Maisie received another SMA treatment.

Watch family videos and hear caregivers share their experiences.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

Infections before or after ZOLGENSMA infusion can lead to more serious complications. Caregivers and close contacts with the patient should follow infection prevention procedures. Contact the patient's doctor immediately if the patient experiences any signs of a possible infection such as coughing, wheezing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, or fever.

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Safety profile

ZOLGENSMA has an established safety profile demonstrated in 3 clinical studies and 1 observational long-term follow-up study.

- **44 children were treated with ZOLGENSMA and ranged in age from 0.3 to 7.9 months at the time of infusion**
- **The most common side effects (5% or more) that occurred in children treated with ZOLGENSMA were elevated liver enzymes and vomiting**
- **Reports of pyrexia (or fever), infusion-related reactions, thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA), thrombocytopenia, acute liver failure (fatal and non-fatal), acute liver injury, and increased troponin were identified during postmarketing experience**

Safety data update

As of June 2020, 102 children have been treated with ZOLGENSMA intravenously (IV) in clinical studies.*

- The most common side effects (5% or more) that occurred in children treated with ZOLGENSMA were elevated liver enzymes and vomiting
- Safety data continue to be collected

*Children from 5 open-label studies, including 2 finished and 3 ongoing studies at the time of the analysis: START (completed, N = 15), STR1VE (completed, N = 22), STR1VE-EU (ongoing, N = 33), STR1VE-AP (ongoing, N = 2), SPR1NT (ongoing, N = 30). Three children in the START study received a lower dose.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont)

Decreased platelet counts could occur following infusion with ZOLGENSMA. Seek immediate medical attention if the patient experiences unexpected bleeding or bruising. Thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA) has been reported to generally occur within the first two weeks after ZOLGENSMA infusion. Seek immediate medical attention if the patient experiences any signs or symptoms of TMA, such as unexpected bruising or bleeding, seizures, or decreased urine output. There is a theoretical risk of tumor development with gene therapies such as ZOLGENSMA. Contact the patient's doctor and Novartis Gene Therapies, Inc. at 1-833-828-3947 if a tumor develops. Infusion-related reactions may occur during and after ZOLGENSMA infusion. Seek immediate medical evaluation if signs and symptoms of infusion-related reaction occur which may include rash, hives, vomiting, shortness of breath, respiratory symptoms, and/or changes in heart rate and blood pressure.

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Indication and Important Safety Information

What is ZOLGENSMA?

ZOLGENSMA is a prescription gene therapy used to treat children less than 2 years old with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). ZOLGENSMA is given as a one-time infusion into a vein. ZOLGENSMA was not evaluated in patients with advanced SMA.

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

- ZOLGENSMA can increase liver enzyme levels and cause acute serious liver injury or acute liver failure which could result in death.
- Patients will receive an oral corticosteroid before and after infusion with ZOLGENSMA and will undergo regular blood tests to monitor liver function.
- Contact the patient's doctor immediately if the patient's skin and/or whites of the eyes appear yellowish, if the patient misses a dose of corticosteroid or vomits it up, or if the patient experiences a decrease in alertness.

What should I watch for before, during, and after infusion with ZOLGENSMA?

- Infections before or after ZOLGENSMA infusion can lead to more serious complications. Caregivers and close contacts with the patient should follow infection prevention procedures. Contact the patient's doctor immediately if the patient experiences any signs of a possible infection such as coughing, wheezing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, or fever.
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What do I need to know about vaccinations and ZOLGENSMA?

- Talk with the patient's doctor to decide if adjustments to the vaccination schedule are needed to accommodate treatment with a corticosteroid.
- Protection against influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is recommended and vaccination status should be up-to-date prior to ZOLGENSMA administration. Please consult the patient's doctor.

Do I need to take precautions with the patient's bodily waste?

Temporarily, small amounts of ZOLGENSMA may be found in the patient's stool. Use good hand hygiene when coming into direct contact with patient body waste for one month after infusion with ZOLGENSMA. Disposable diapers should be sealed in disposable trash bags and thrown out with regular trash.

What are the possible or likely side effects of ZOLGENSMA?

The most common side effects that occurred in patients treated with ZOLGENSMA were elevated liver enzymes and vomiting.

The safety information provided here is not comprehensive.

Talk to the patient's doctor about any side effects that bother the patient or that don't go away.

You are encouraged to report suspected side effects by contacting the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch, or Novartis Gene Therapies, Inc. at 1-833-828-3947.

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Our Case Coordinator was really vital in helping us address questions we had before, during, and after treatment. It was comforting to be able to speak to someone throughout the process.”

Annie, Quinn's mother

Quinn, treated with ZOLGENSMA at ~15 months old and pictured at 2½ years old, was diagnosed with SMA Type 2.

