

DOXERCALCIFEROL- doxercalciferol injection, solution

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DOXERCALCIFEROL injection, for intravenous use
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Doxercalciferol is a synthetic vitamin D₂ analog:

- Doxercalciferol injection is indicated for the treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in adult patients with CKD on dialysis. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Before initiating treatment, ensure serum calcium is not above the upper limit of normal. (2.1)
- Dosage for doxercalciferol injection in patients with CKD on dialysis: Initiate dosing at 4 mcg by bolus intravenous administration three times weekly at the end of dialysis (no more frequently than every other day). Maximum dose is 18 mcg weekly. (2.4)
- Target the maintenance dose of doxercalciferol injection to intact parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels within the desired therapeutic range and serum calcium within normal limits. (2)
- See Full Prescribing Information for dose titration, laboratory monitoring, and important administration instructions. (2)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: (3)

- 2 mcg/mL single-dose vial
- 4 mcg/2 mL (2 mcg/mL) single-dose vial

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Hypercalcemia (4)
- Vitamin D toxicity (4)
- Know hypersensitivity to doxercalciferol or any of the inactive ingredients of doxercalciferol injection (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Hypercalcemia: Can occur during treatment with doxercalciferol and can lead to cardiac arrhythmias and seizures. Severe hypercalcemia may require emergency attention. Risk may be increased when used concomitantly with high dose calcium preparations, thiazide diuretics, or vitamin D compounds. Monitor serum calcium prior to initiation and during treatment and adjust dose accordingly. (2, 5.1)
- Digitalis Toxicity: Hypercalcemia increases the risk of digitalis toxicity. In patients using digitalis compounds, monitor serum calcium and patients for signs and symptoms of digitalis toxicity. Increase frequency of monitoring when initiating or adjusting the dose of doxercalciferol. (5.2)
- Serious Hypersensitivity Reactions: Anaphylaxis, with symptoms of angioedema, hypotension, unresponsiveness, chest discomfort, shortness of breath, and cardiopulmonary arrest, has been reported in hemodialysis patients after administration of doxercalciferol. Monitor patients upon treatment initiation for hypersensitivity reactions. Should a reaction occur, discontinue and treat. (5.3)
- Adynamic Bone Disease: May develop and increase risk of fractures if intact PTH levels are suppressed to abnormally low levels. Monitor intact PTH levels to avoid oversuppression and adjust dose if needed. (5.4)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions in patients with CKD on dialysis (incidence >5%) were headache, malaise, edema, nausea/vomiting, dyspnea, dizziness, pruritus, and bradycardia. (6.1)

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DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Cytochrome P450 inhibitors: Formation of the active doxercalciferol moiety may be hindered and may necessitate dosage adjustment. Monitor intact PTH and serum calcium concentrations closely. (7)
- Enzyme inducers: Formation of the active doxercalciferol moiety may be affected and may necessitate dosage adjustment. Monitor intact PTH and serum calcium concentrations closely. (7)
- Magnesium-containing products: Combined use may cause hypermagnesemia. Monitor serum magnesium concentrations more frequently and adjust dose as needed. (7)

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

- Doxercalciferol injection is indicated for the treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in adult patients with CKD on dialysis.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Prior to Initiation of Doxercalciferol Injection

- Ensure serum calcium is not above the upper limit of normal before initiating treatment with doxercalciferol injection [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

2.4 Important Administration Instructions for Doxercalciferol Injection

- Administer doxercalciferol injection intravenously as a bolus dose at the end of dialysis.
- Inspect doxercalciferol injection visually prior to administration; the solution should appear clear and colorless. Do not use if the solution is not clear or particles are present.
- After initial vial use:
 - discard unused portion of the single-dose vial [*see How Supplied/Storage and Handling (16)*].

2.5 Dosage Recommendations for Doxercalciferol Injection in Patients with CKD on Dialysis

- Initiate doxercalciferol injection at a dose of 4 mcg given by bolus intravenous administration three times weekly at the end of dialysis (no more frequently than every other day).
- Target the maintenance dose of doxercalciferol injection to intact parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels within the desired therapeutic range and serum calcium within normal limits.
- Monitor serum calcium, phosphorus, and intact PTH levels weekly after initiation of therapy or dose adjustment.
- Titrate the dose of doxercalciferol injection based on intact PTH. The dose may be increased at 8-week intervals by 1 mcg to 2 mcg if intact PTH is not lowered by 50% and fails to reach the target range. The maximum dose is 18 mcg weekly. Prior to raising the dose, ensure serum calcium is within normal limits.
- Suspend or decrease the dose if intact PTH is persistently and abnormally low to reduce the risk of adynamic bone disease [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*] or if serum calcium is consistently above the normal range to reduce the risk of hypercalcemia [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]. If suspended, the drug should be restarted one week later at a dose that is at least 1 mcg lower.

2.6 Drug Interactions that May Require Dosage Adjustments of

Doxercalciferol Injection

- Increased monitoring of serum calcium and dose adjustment of doxercalciferol injection may be necessary when given concomitantly with drugs that may increase the risk of hypercalcemia [see *Drug Interactions (7)*].
- Increased monitoring of both serum calcium and intact PTH as well as dose adjustment of doxercalciferol injection may be necessary when given concomitantly with cytochrome P450 inhibitors or enzyme inducers [see *Drug Interactions (7)*].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: Sterile, clear and colorless aqueous solution available as follows:

- 2 mcg/mL single-dose vial
- 4 mcg/2 mL (2 mcg/mL) single-dose vial

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Doxercalciferol is contraindicated in patients with:

- Hypercalcemia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Vitamin D toxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Known hypersensitivity to doxercalciferol or any of the inactive ingredients of doxercalciferol injection; serious hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis and angioedema have been reported [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*, *Adverse Reactions (6.2)*].

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Hypercalcemia

Hypercalcemia may occur during doxercalciferol treatment. Acute hypercalcemia may increase the risk of cardiac arrhythmias and seizures and may potentiate the effect of digitalis on the heart [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]. Chronic hypercalcemia can lead to generalized vascular calcification and other soft-tissue calcification. Severe hypercalcemia may require emergency attention.

Hypercalcemia may be exacerbated by concomitant administration of high doses of calcium-containing preparations, thiazide diuretics, or other vitamin D compounds [see *Drug Interactions (7)*]. In addition, high intake of calcium and phosphate concomitantly with vitamin D compounds may lead to hypercalciuria and hyperphosphatemia. Patients with a history of hypercalcemia prior to initiating therapy may be at increased risk for development of hypercalcemia with doxercalciferol. In these circumstances, frequent serum calcium monitoring and doxercalciferol dose adjustments may be required.

When initiating doxercalciferol or adjusting doxercalciferol dose, measure serum calcium frequently (weekly in patients with CKD on dialysis). Once a maintenance dose has been established, measure serum calcium monthly for 3 months and then every 3 months. If hypercalcemia occurs, reduce the dose or discontinue doxercalciferol until serum calcium is normal [see *Dosage and Administration (2)*].

Inform patients about the symptoms of elevated calcium (feeling tired, difficulty thinking clearly, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, constipation, increased thirst, increased

urination and weight loss) and instruct them to report new or worsening symptoms when they occur.

5.2 Digitalis Toxicity

Doxercalciferol can cause hypercalcemia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*] which increases the risk of digitalis toxicity. In patients using doxercalciferol concomitantly with digitalis compounds, monitor both serum calcium and patients for signs and symptoms of digitalis toxicity. Increase the frequency of monitoring when initiating or adjusting the dose of doxercalciferol [see *Drug Interactions (7)*].

5.3 Serious Hypersensitivity Reactions

Serious hypersensitivity reactions, including fatal outcome, have been reported post marketing in patients on hemodialysis following administration of doxercalciferol injection. Hypersensitivity reactions include anaphylaxis with symptoms of angioedema (involving face, lips, tongue and airways), hypotension, unresponsiveness, chest discomfort, shortness of breath, and cardiopulmonary arrest. These reactions may occur separately or together.

Monitor patients receiving doxercalciferol upon initiation of treatment for hypersensitivity reactions. Should a hypersensitivity reaction occur, discontinue doxercalciferol, monitor and treat if indicated [see *Contraindications (4)*].

5.4 Adynamic Bone Disease

Adynamic bone disease with subsequent increased risk of fractures may develop if intact PTH levels are suppressed by doxercalciferol to abnormally low levels. Monitor intact PTH levels to avoid oversuppression and adjust the doxercalciferol dose, if needed [see *Dosage and Administration (2)*].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in another section of the label:

- Hypercalcemia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Serious Hypersensitivity Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Adynamic Bone Disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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

Doxercalciferol Capsules

Adverse reactions in patients with CKD on dialysis

Doxercalciferol capsules have been evaluated in two placebo-controlled, double-blind studies in patients with CKD on hemodialysis. Patients were treated with doxercalciferol capsules (n=61) or placebo (n=61). After randomization to two groups, eligible patients underwent an 8-week washout period during which no vitamin D derivatives were

administered to either group. Subsequently, all patients received doxercalciferol capsules in an open-label fashion for 16 weeks followed by a double-blind period of 8 weeks during which patients received either doxercalciferol capsules or placebo. Adverse reactions occurring in the doxercalciferol capsule groups at a frequency of 2% or greater, and more frequently than in the placebo group are presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Adverse Reactions Occurring in $\geq 2\%$ Doxercalciferol Capsule-Treated Patients with CKD on Dialysis and Greater than Placebo in Two Double-Blind Clinical Studies

Adverse Reaction*	Doxercalciferol (n=61) %	Placebo (n=61) %
Edema	34	21
Malaise	28	20
Headache	28	18
Nausea/Vomiting	21	20
Dizziness	12	10
Dyspnea	12	7
Pruritus	8	7
Bradycardia	7	5
Anorexia	5	3
Dyspepsia	5	2
Arthralgia	5	0
Weight increase	5	0
Abscess	3	0
Sleep disorder	3	0

* A patient who reported the same medical term more than once was counted only once for that medical term.

Doxercalciferol Injection

Adverse reactions in patients with CKD on hemodialysis

Doxercalciferol injection has been studied in 70 patients with CKD on hemodialysis in two 12-week, open-label, single-arm, multicenter studies [see *Clinical Studies (14.3)*]. The incidence of hypercalcemia and hyperphosphatemia increased during therapy with doxercalciferol injection. Patients with higher pretreatment serum levels of calcium (>10.5 mg/dL) or phosphorus (>6.9 mg/dL) were more likely to experience hypercalcemia or hyperphosphatemia.

There was no placebo group included in the studies of doxercalciferol injection. Adverse reactions in patients with CKD on hemodialysis receiving doxercalciferol injection are expected to be similar to those reported in placebo-controlled studies of doxercalciferol capsules presented in Table 2.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during postapproval use of doxercalciferol injection. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to estimate their frequency or to

establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

Hypersensitivity reactions, including fatal outcome, have been reported in patients on hemodialysis following administration of doxercalciferol injection. Hypersensitivity reactions include anaphylaxis with symptoms of angioedema (involving face, lips, tongue and airways), hypotension, unresponsiveness, chest discomfort, shortness of breath, cardiopulmonary arrest, pruritus, and skin burning sensation.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Tables 3 include clinically significant drug interactions with doxercalciferol injection.

Table 3: Clinically Significant Drug Interactions with Doxercalciferol Injection

Drugs that May Increase the Risk of Hypercalcemia	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Concomitant administration of high doses of calcium-containing preparations or other vitamin D compounds may increase the risk of hypercalcemia. Thiazide diuretics are known to induce hypercalcemia by reducing excretion of calcium in the urine.
<i>Examples</i>	Calcium-containing products, other vitamin D compounds or thiazide diuretics
<i>Intervention</i>	Monitor serum calcium concentrations more frequently and adjust doxercalciferol dose as needed [see <i>Warnings and Precautions (5.1)</i>].
Digitalis Compounds	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Doxercalciferol can cause hypercalcemia which can potentiate the risk of digitalis toxicity.
<i>Intervention</i>	Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of digitalis toxicity and increase frequency of serum calcium monitoring when initiating or adjusting the dose of doxercalciferol in patients receiving digitalis compounds [see <i>Warnings and Precautions (5.2)</i>].
Cytochrome P450 Inhibitors	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Doxercalciferol is activated by CYP 27 in the liver. Cytochrome P450 inhibitors may inhibit the 25-hydroxylation of doxercalciferol and thus reduce the formation of active doxercalciferol moiety [see <i>Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)</i>].
<i>Examples</i>	Ketoconazole and erythromycin
<i>Intervention</i>	If a patient initiates or discontinues therapy with a cytochrome P450 inhibitor, dose adjustment of doxercalciferol may be necessary. Monitor intact PTH and serum calcium concentrations closely.
Enzyme Inducers	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Doxercalciferol is activated by CYP 27 in the liver. Enzyme inducers may affect the 25-hydroxylation of doxercalciferol [see <i>Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)</i>].
<i>Examples</i>	Glutethimide and phenobarbital
<i>Intervention</i>	If a patient initiates or discontinues therapy with an enzyme inducer, dose adjustment of doxercalciferol may be necessary. Monitor intact PTH and serum calcium concentrations closely.

Magnesium-containing Products	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Concomitant administration of doxercalciferol and high doses of magnesium-containing products may increase the risk of hypermagnesemia.
<i>Examples</i>	Magnesium-containing products such as antacids
<i>Intervention</i>	Avoid use of magnesium-containing products and doxercalciferol in patients on chronic renal dialysis.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

The limited available data with doxercalciferol in pregnant women are insufficient to identify a drug-associated risk for major birth defects, miscarriage or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. There are risks to the mother and fetus associated with chronic kidney disease in pregnancy [see *Clinical Considerations*]. In reproduction studies in rats and rabbits administered doxercalciferol during organogenesis at up to 20 mcg/kg/day and 0.1 mcg/kg/day, respectively (approximately 25 times (rats) and less than (rabbits) the maximum recommended human oral dose of 60 mcg/week based on mcg/m² body surface area), no adverse developmental effects were observed [see *Data*].

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

Clinical Considerations

Disease-associated maternal and/or embryo/fetal risk

Chronic kidney disease in pregnancy increases the risk for maternal hypertension and preeclampsia, miscarriage, preterm delivery polyhydramnios, stillbirth, and low-birth-weight infants.

Data

Animal data

There were no adverse effects on fetal development when doxercalciferol was administered at doses up to 20 mcg/kg/day in pregnant rats or doses up to 0.1 mcg/kg/day in pregnant rabbits during the period of organogenesis.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There is no information available on the presence of doxercalciferol in human milk, the effects of the drug on the breastfed infant, or the effects of the drug on milk production. Infants exposed to doxercalciferol through breast milk should be monitored for signs and symptoms of hypercalcemia [see *Clinical Considerations*].

The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with

the mother's clinical need for doxercalciferol and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from doxercalciferol or from the underlying maternal condition.

Clinical Considerations

Infants exposed to doxercalciferol injection through breast milk should be monitored for signs and symptoms of hypercalcemia, including seizures, vomiting, constipation and weight loss. Monitoring of serum calcium in the infant should be considered.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and efficacy of doxercalciferol in pediatric patients have not been established.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of doxercalciferol did not include sufficient numbers of patients 65 years or over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

8.6 Hepatic Impairment

Patients with hepatic impairment may not metabolize doxercalciferol appropriately. More frequent monitoring of intact PTH, calcium, and phosphorus levels should be done in patients with hepatic impairment.

10 OVERDOSAGE

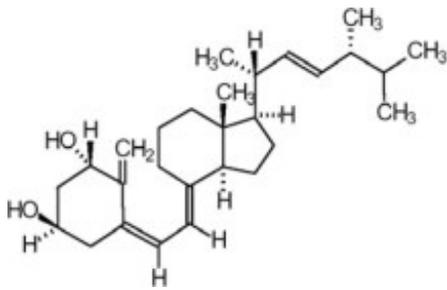
Overdosage of doxercalciferol may lead to hypercalcemia, hypercalciuria, and hyperphosphatemia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]. The treatment of acute overdosage should consist of supportive measures and discontinuation of doxercalciferol administration. Serum calcium levels should be measured until normal.

Based on similarities between doxercalciferol and its active metabolite, $1\alpha,25\text{-(OH)}_2\text{D}_2$, it is expected that doxercalciferol is not removed from the blood by dialysis.

11 DESCRIPTION

Doxercalciferol Injection contains doxercalciferol, which is a synthetic vitamin D₂ analog. Doxercalciferol undergoes metabolic activation *in vivo* to form $1\alpha,25\text{-dihydroxyvitamin D}_2$ ($1\alpha,25\text{-(OH)}_2\text{D}_2$), a naturally occurring, biologically active form of vitamin D₂.

Doxercalciferol is a colorless crystalline compound with a calculated molecular weight of 412.66 and a molecular formula of C₂₈H₄₄O₂. It is soluble in oils and organic solvents, but is relatively insoluble in water. Chemically, doxercalciferol is (1 α ,3 β ,5Z,7E,22E)-9,10-secoergosta-5,7,10(19),22-tetraene-1,3-diol. The structural formula is:



Doxercalciferol injection 1 mL single-dose vials contain 2 mcg/mL of doxercalciferol. Doxercalciferol injection 2 mL single-dose vials contain 4 mcg/2 mL (2 mcg/mL) of doxercalciferol. Each milliliter (mL) of solution contains 2 mcg doxercalciferol and the following inactive ingredients: butylated hydroxytoluene (0.02 mg); disodium edetate (1.1 mg); alcohol 5% (v/v); polysorbate 20 (10 mg); sodium chloride (1.5 mg); sodium phosphate dibasic, heptahydrate (14.4 mg); and sodium phosphate monobasic, monohydrate (1.8 mg).

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Doxercalciferol is a synthetic vitamin D₂ analog that requires metabolic activation to form the active 1 α ,25-(OH)₂D₂ metabolite, which binds to the vitamin D receptor (VDR) to result in the selective activation of vitamin D responsive pathways. Vitamin D and doxercalciferol have been shown to reduce PTH levels by inhibiting PTH synthesis and secretion.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Absorption

In healthy volunteers, peak blood levels of 1 α ,25-(OH)₂D₂, the major metabolite of doxercalciferol, are attained at 8 hours after a single intravenous dose of doxercalciferol.

Elimination

The mean elimination half-life of 1 α ,25-(OH)₂D₂ after an oral dose is approximately 32 to 37 hours with a range of up to 96 hours.

Metabolism

Doxercalciferol is activated by CYP 27 in the liver to form 1 α ,25-(OH)₂D₂ (major metabolite) and 1 α ,24-dihydroxyvitamin D₂ (minor metabolite). Activation of doxercalciferol does not require the involvement of the kidneys.

Specific Populations

Patients with renal impairment

The mean elimination half-life of 1 α ,25-(OH)₂D₂ in patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and in healthy volunteers appears to be similar following an oral dose. Hemodialysis causes a temporary increase in 1 α ,25-(OH)₂D₂ mean concentrations, presumably due to volume contraction. 1 α ,25-(OH)₂D₂ is not removed from blood

during hemodialysis.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

In a 104-week carcinogenicity study in rats, there was an increased incidence of benign and malignant adrenal pheochromocytomas in both males and females at oral doses of 0.04, 0.13, and 0.39 mcg/kg/day (less than the maximum recommended human oral dose of 60 mcg/week based on mcg/m² body surface area). This increased incidence of pheochromocytomas in rats may be due to altered calcium homeostasis by doxercalciferol. No evidence of genetic toxicity was observed in an *in vitro* bacterial mutagenicity assay (Ames test) or a mouse lymphoma gene mutation assay. Doxercalciferol caused structural chromatid and chromosome aberrations in an *in vitro* human lymphocyte clastogenicity assay with metabolic activation. However, doxercalciferol was negative in an *in vivo* mouse micronucleus clastogenicity assay.

Doxercalciferol had no effect on male or female fertility in rats at oral doses up to 2.5 mcg/kg/day (approximately 3 times the maximum recommended human oral dose of 60 mcg/week based on mcg/m² body surface area).

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.3 Clinical Studies of Doxercalciferol Injection in Patients with CKD on Dialysis

The safety and effectiveness of doxercalciferol injection were evaluated in two open-label, single-arm, multicenter clinical studies (Study C and Study D) in a total of 70 patients with CKD on hemodialysis. Patients in Study C were an average age of 54 years (range: 23 to 73), were 50% male, and were 61% African-American, 25% Caucasian, and 14% Hispanic, and had been on hemodialysis for an average of 65 months.

Patients in Study D were an average age of 51 years (range: 28 to 76), were 48% male, and 100% African-American and had been on hemodialysis for an average of 61 months. This group of 70 of the 138 patients who had been treated with doxercalciferol capsules in prior clinical studies (Study A and Study B) received doxercalciferol Injection in an open-label fashion for 12 weeks following an 8-week washout (control) period.

Dosing of doxercalciferol injection was initiated at the rate of 4 mcg administered at the end of each dialysis session (3 times weekly) for a total of 12 mcg per week. The dosage of doxercalciferol was adjusted to achieve intact PTH levels (measured weekly) within a targeted range of 150 pg/mL to 300 pg/mL. The dosage was increased by 2 mcg per dialysis session after 8 weeks of treatment if the intact PTH levels remained above 300 pg/mL and were greater than 50% of baseline levels. The maximum dosage was limited to 18 mcg per week. If at any time during the study intact PTH fell below 150 pg/mL, doxercalciferol injection was immediately suspended and restarted at a lower dosage the following week. Mean weekly doses ranged from 9 mcg to 13 mcg in Study C and ranged from 9 mcg to 12 mcg in Study D.

Fifty-two (74%) of the 70 patients who were treated with doxercalciferol injection achieved intact PTH levels \leq 300 pg/mL. Forty-one (59%) of these patients exhibited

plasma intact PTH levels ≤ 300 pg/mL on at least 3 occasions. Thirty-six (51%) patients had plasma intact PTH levels < 150 pg/mL on at least one occasion during study participation. Decreases in plasma intact PTH from baseline values were calculated using as baseline the average of the last 3 values obtained during the 8-week washout period and are displayed in Table 6.

Table 6: Intact PTH Summary Data for Patients with CKD on Dialysis Receiving Doxercalcidrol Injection in Studies C and D

Intact PTH Level	Study C (n=28)	Study D (n=42)	Combined Protocols (n=70)
Baseline (Mean of Weeks -2, -1, and 0)			
Mean (SE)	698 (60)	762 (65)	736 (46)
Median	562	648	634
On-treatment (Week 12*)			
Mean (SE)	406 (63)	426 (60)	418 (43)
Median	311	292	292
Change from Baseline [†]			
Mean (SE)	-292 (55)	-336 (41)	-318 (33)
Median	-274	-315	-304
P-value [‡]	0.004	0.001	< 0.001

* Values were carried forward for the two patients on study for 10 weeks

[†] Treatment intact PTH minus baseline intact PTH

[‡] Wilcoxon one-sample test

Doxercalciferol treatment resulted in at least 30% reduction from baseline in mean intact PTH levels during the 12-week open-label treatment period in more than 92% of the 70 treated patients.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Doxercalciferol Injection is supplied in single-dose amber glass vials containing 4 mcg doxercalciferol in 2 mL of solution or 2 mcg in 1 mL of solution. The closure consists of a fluorocarbon-coated chlorobutyl stopper, with an aluminum seal and either a gray (4 mcg/2 mL) or aqua (2 mcg/mL) plastic flip-off cap.

NDC 17478-987-01	1 mL (2 mcg/mL) single-dose vial
NDC 17478-987-11	1 mL (2 mcg/mL) vials in package of 10
NDC 17478-987-21	1 mL (2 mcg/mL) vials in package of 25
NDC 17478-988-02	2 mL (4 mcg/2 mL) single-dose vial
NDC 17478-988-12	2 mL (4 mcg/2 mL) vials in package of 10
NDC 17478-988-22	2 mL (4 mcg/2 mL) vials in package of 25

Storage: Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Protect from light. Store unopened vial in original carton.

Discard unused portion.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Hypercalcemia

Advise patients to contact a health care provider if they develop symptoms of elevated calcium (e.g. feeling tired, difficulty thinking clearly, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, constipation, increased thirst, increased urination and weight loss) [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

Hypersensitivity

Inform patients that hypersensitivity reactions can occur with doxercalciferol [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

Monitoring

Inform patients that they will need routine monitoring of laboratory parameters such as calcium and intact PTH while receiving doxercalciferol. Inform patients that more frequent monitoring is necessary during the initiation of therapy, following dose changes or when potentially interacting medications are started or discontinued [*see Dosage and Administration (2), Drug Interactions (7)*].

Drug Interactions

Advise patients to inform their physician of all medications, including prescription and nonprescription drugs, and supplements they are taking. Advise patients to also inform their physician that they are receiving doxercalciferol if a new medication is prescribed [*see Drug Interactions (7)*].

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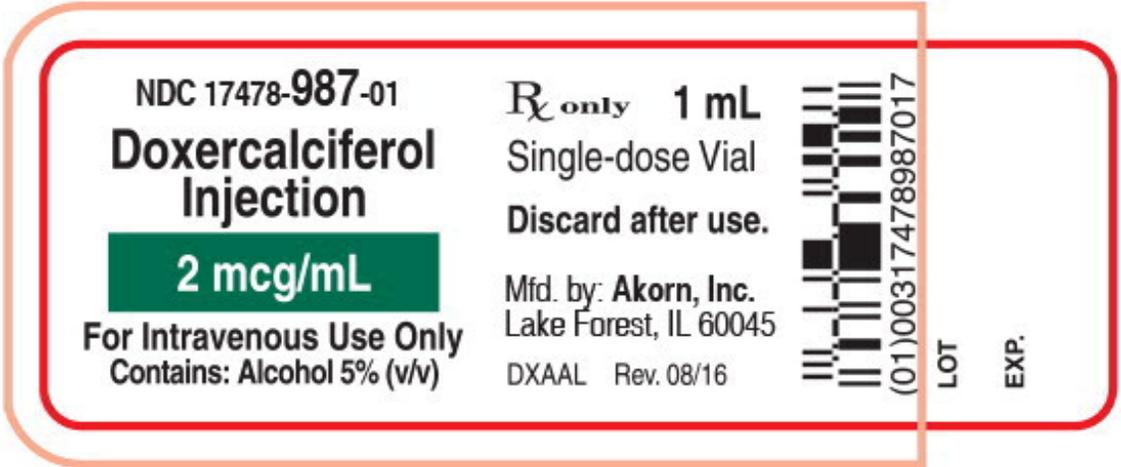
Doxercalciferol

Injection

2 mcg/mL

For Intravenous Use Only

Contains: Alcohol 5% (v/v)



Principal Display Panel Text for Carton Label:

- NDC 17478-987-11
- Doxercalciferol Injection
- 2 mcg/mL
- For Intravenous Use Only
- Contains Alcohol 5% (v/v)
- 10 x 1 mL Single-dose Vials
- Rx only Akorn Logo



DOXERCALCIFEROL

doxercalciferol injection, solution

Product Information

Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:17478-988
Route of Administration	INTRAVENOUS		

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
Doxercalciferol (UNII: 3DIZ9LF5Y9) (Doxercalciferol - UNII:3DIZ9LF5Y9)	Doxercalciferol	4 ug in 2 mL

Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength
Alcohol (UNII: 3K9958V90M)	
Sodium Phosphate, Dibasic, Heptahydrate (UNII: 70WT22SF4B)	
Polysorbate 20 (UNII: 7T1F30V5YH)	
Sodium Phosphate, Monobasic, Monohydrate (UNII: 593YOG76RN)	
Sodium Chloride (UNII: 451W47IQ8X)	
Edetate Disodium (UNII: 7FLD91C86K)	
Butylated Hydroxytoluene (UNII: 1P9D0Z171K)	

Packaging				
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:17478-988-12	10 in 1 CARTON	05/08/2015	
1	NDC:17478-988-02	2 mL in 1 VIAL, SINGLE-DOSE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
2	NDC:17478-988-22	25 in 1 CARTON	05/08/2015	
2	NDC:17478-988-02	2 mL in 1 VIAL, SINGLE-DOSE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

Marketing Information			
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
ANDA	ANDA203929	05/08/2015	

DOXERCALCIFEROL				
doxercalciferol injection, solution				
Product Information				
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:17478-987	
Route of Administration	INTRAVENOUS			
Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
	Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength	
	Doxercalciferol (UNII: 3DIZ9LF5Y9) (Doxercalciferol - UNII:3DIZ9LF5Y9)	Doxercalciferol	2 ug in 1 mL	
Inactive Ingredients				
	Ingredient Name	Strength		
	Alcohol (UNII: 3K9958V90M)			
	Sodium Phosphate, Dibasic, Heptahydrate (UNII: 70WT22SF4B)			
	Polysorbate 20 (UNII: 7T1F30V5YH)			
	Sodium Phosphate, Monobasic, Monohydrate (UNII: 593YOG76RN)			
	Sodium Chloride (UNII: 451W47IQ8X)			
	Edetate Disodium (UNII: 7FLD91C86K)			
	Butylated Hydroxytoluene (UNII: 1P9D0Z171K)			
Packaging				
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date

1	NDC:17478-987-11	10 in 1 CARTON	05/08/2015	
1	NDC:17478-987-01	1 mL in 1 VIAL, SINGLE-DOSE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
2	NDC:17478-987-21	25 in 1 CARTON	05/08/2015	
2	NDC:17478-987-01	1 mL in 1 VIAL, SINGLE-DOSE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

Marketing Information

Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
ANDA	ANDA203929	05/08/2015	

Labeler - Akorn (117696770)

Registrant - Akorn Operating Company LLC (117693100)

Establishment

Name	Address	ID/FEI	Business Operations
Akorn		117696790	PACK(17478-988, 17478-987) , LABEL(17478-988, 17478-987)

Establishment

Name	Address	ID/FEI	Business Operations
Akorn		117696832	MANUFACTURE(17478-988, 17478-987) , ANALYSIS(17478-988, 17478-987) , STERILIZE(17478-988, 17478-987)

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