

RoActemra® (tocilizumab) Dosing for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (sJIA)

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RoActemra is indicated for the treatment of active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA) in patients 2 years of age and older, who have responded inadequately to previous therapy with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and systemic corticosteroids. RoActemra can be given as monotherapy (in case of intolerance to methotrexate [MTX] or where treatment with MTX is inappropriate) or in combination with MTX.

RoActemra is available in 3 different dosing vials.

400 mg (20 ml) vials 200 mg (10 ml) vials 80 mg (4 ml) vials

	Weight (kg)	Weight (lbs)	Dose (mg)	Dose (ml)	Vial combinations
12 mg/kg	10	22.0	120	6.0	+
	12	26.4	144	7.2	+
	14	30.8	168	8.4	
	16	35.2	192	9.6	
	18	39.6	216	10.8	+ +
	20	44.0	240	12.0	+ +
	22	48.4	264	13.2	+
	24	52.8	288	14.4	+ + +
	26	57.2	312	15.6	+ + +
	28	61.6	336	16.8	+ +
8 mg/kg	30	66.0	240	12.0	+ +
	32	70.4	256	12.8	+
	34	74.8	272	13.6	+
	36	79.2	288	14.4	+ + +
	38	83.6	304	15.2	+ + +
	40	88.0	320	16.0	+ + +
	42	92.4	336	16.8	+ +
	44	96.8	352	17.6	+ +
	46	101.2	368	18.4	
	48	105.6	384	19.2	
	50	110.0	400	20.0	
	52	114.4	416	20.8	+ + +
	54	118.8	432	21.6	+ + +
	56	123.2	448	22.4	+
	58	127.6	464	23.2	+
	60	132.0	480	24.0	+
	62	136.4	496	24.8	+ + + +
	64	140.8	512	25.6	+ + + +
	66	145.2	528	26.4	+ +
	68	149.6	544	27.2	+ +
	70	154.0	560	28.0	+ +
	72	158.4	576	28.8	+
	74	162.8	592	29.6	+
	76	167.2	608	30.4	+ + +
	78	171.6	624	31.2	+ + +
	80	176.0	640	32.0	+ + +
	82	180.4	656	32.8	+ +
	84	184.8	672	33.6	+ +
	86	189.2	688	34.4	+ + + +
	88	193.6	704	35.2	+ + + +
	90	198.0	720	36.0	+ + + +
	92	202.4	736	36.8	+ + +
	94	206.8	752	37.6	+ + +
	96	211.2	768	38.4	+
	98	215.6	784	39.2	+
	≥100	≥220.0	800	40.0	+

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1. Calculate the appropriate dose

RoActemra dosing should be calculated based on the patient's body weight at each administration. Verify the patient's weight, then locate it on the chart to find the corresponding dose and recommended vial combination.

Dosing in sJIA patients is based on the following formulae:

For patients weighing <30 kg

Patient's weight (kg) x 12 mg/kg = RoActemra dose




For patients weighing ≥30 kg

Patient's weight (kg) x 8 mg/kg = RoActemra dose

Dosing should take place at 2-week intervals. The dose should be calculated on the patient's body weight at each administration. A change in dose should only be based on a consistent change in the patient's body weight over time.

2. Choose the vial combination of RoActemra that best matches your patient's needs

RoActemra is available in three different dosing vials:

 400 mg (20 ml)  200 mg (10 ml)  80 mg (4 ml)

RoActemra for sJIA is administered as a 60-minute, IV infusion at 2-week intervals.

Infusion reactions

During the infusion, watch the patient closely for any signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity, including anaphylaxis. If an anaphylactic reaction or other serious hypersensitivity reaction occurs, administration of RoActemra should be stopped immediately, appropriate therapy initiated and permanently discontinued.

Full prescribing information can be found in the RoActemra Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) via the electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC) website: www.medicines.org.uk.

If you have any further questions relating to RoActemra please contact Roche Medical Information on +44 (0)800 3281629 or email: medinfo.uk@roche.com.



Suspected adverse reactions associated with the use of RoActemra should be reported to: Medicines Authority Post-licensing Directorate 203, Level 3, Rue D'Argens, Gzira GZR 1368, or at: <http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal>. Suspected adverse events should also be reported to Roche by phone on +44 (0)1707 367554, fax on +44 (0)1707 367582 or e-mail at welwyn.uk_dsc@roche.com.