

Please show this card to the healthcare professional treating you

RUCONEST® (conestat alfa)

# PATIENT CARD

## Risk of hypersensitivity to traces of rabbit proteins - precautions for use

This patient has been prescribed RUCONEST® for the treatment of acute attacks of hereditary angioedema. RUCONEST® is a recombinant human C1 esterase inhibitor purified from milk of transgenic rabbits and contains traces of rabbit proteins. Prior to initiating treatment of this patient with RUCONEST® assess the past and current medical history carefully for rabbit allergy. In case of a known or suspected rabbit allergy, other treatment options of non-rabbit origin should be considered.

### Please always adhere to the following practice when treating this patient:

1. Monitor the patient for clinical signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity.
2. Immediately administer emergency medical treatment in situations of anaphylactic reactions or shock.
3. Inform the patient about common signs of a hypersensitivity reaction e.g. hives, generalized urticaria, tightness of the chest, wheezing, hypotension, and anaphylaxis, and that a health care professional should be alerted if any of these symptoms occur. Discuss with the patient the difference from a hereditary angioedema attack.
4. Periodically instruct the patient to immediately report any allergic reaction to rabbits.
5. Ask the patient to always carry this card and show it to any healthcare professional treating him/her for acute attacks of hereditary angioedema.
6. Report all suspected hypersensitivity/immunological adverse reactions.

For further information, please read the educational material(s) and the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) or contact your local representative for RUCONEST® at [medinfo.ie@pharming.com](mailto:medinfo.ie@pharming.com).

## I suffer from hereditary angioedema (HAE)

Patient name .....

Weight .....

## My HAE specialist or center is

Name .....

Phone .....

I am diagnosed with hereditary angioedema (HAE), which manifests with recurrent, edematous attacks due to a deficiency of endogenous C1 esterase inhibitor. If I am not treated correctly, HAE attacks may put my life at risk, particularly if the edematous swelling appears in locations such as e.g. oropharynx and larynx.

## I can only receive RUCONEST® if I have no known or suspected rabbit allergy.

Please visit your doctor if you think you have developed an allergy to rabbits. For additional information, please read the package leaflet.

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the Ruconest package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly to:

### National reporting system:

HPRA Pharmacovigilance

Website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie)

### Pharming:

e-mail: [safety.ie@pharming.com](mailto:safety.ie@pharming.com)