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When you're considering a treatment for relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS)...



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# Considering a treatment for relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS)?

When you become a BETASERON® (interferon beta-1b) patient, BETAPLUS® provides you with personalized, one-on-one support throughout your treatment.

Sign up for BETAPLUS at

#### **INDICATIONS:**

Betaseron (interferon beta-1b) is a prescription medicine used to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults.

#### Ask your doctor about treatment options for relapsing forms of MS

<b>How</b> does each medication work?	How do I store the medication? Does it require refrigeration?
How often and for how long do I need to take each treatment?	Is financial assistance available to keep me on therapy even if my insurance changes or I lose coverage?
What has your experience been with each of these medications?	Is copay assistance available?
What side effects may occur with each treatment?	<b>Which</b> injectable treatments offer an electronic autoinjector?
Are there ways to help lessen certain side effects?	Which products provide me with a mobile app?
What other safety information should I know about?	Which products provide me with access to a patient support program?

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#### **BETASERON** can cause serious side effects, including:

**Liver Problems Including Liver Failure.** Symptoms of liver problems may include yellowing of your eyes, itchy skin, feeling very tired, flu-like symptoms, nausea or vomiting, bruising easily or bleeding problems. Your healthcare provider will do blood tests to check for these problems while you take BETASERON.

**Serious Allergic Reactions.** Serious allergic reactions can happen quickly and may happen after your first dose of BETASERON or after you have taken BETASERON many times. Symptoms may include difficulty breathing or swallowing, swelling of the mouth or tongue, rash, itching, or skin bumps.

**Depression or Suicidal Thoughts.** Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms, especially if they are new, worse or worry you: thoughts about suicide or dying, new or worse depression (sinking feeling or sadness), new or worse anxiety (feeling uneasy, nervous or fearful for no reason), trouble sleeping (insomnia), acting aggressive, being angry, or violent, acting on dangerous impulses, hallucinations, other unusual changes in behavior or mood.

#### Other possible serious side effects with BETASERON include:

**Heart Problems.** BETASERON may worsen heart problems including congestive heart failure. Symptoms of heart problems may include swollen ankles, shortness of breath, decreased ability to exercise, fast heartbeat, tightness in chest, increased need to urinate at night, not being able to lay flat in bed.

**Injection Site Problems.** Serious skin reactions can happen in some people including areas of severe damage to skin and the tissue below the skin (necrosis). These reactions can happen anywhere you inject BETASERON. Symptoms of injection site problems may include swelling, redness, or pain at the injection site, fluid drainage from the injection site, and breaks in your skin or blue-black skin discoloration. Call your healthcare provider right away if an injection site becomes swollen and painful or the area looks infected. You may have a skin infection or an area of severe skin damage (necrosis) requiring treatment by a healthcare provider.

**Flu-like Symptoms.** BETASERON can cause flu-like symptoms including fever, chills, tiredness, sweating, muscle aches when you first start to use it. These symptoms may decrease over time. Taking medicines for fever and pain relief on the days you are using BETASERON may help decrease these symptoms.

**Seizures.** Some people have had seizures while taking BETASERON, including people who have never had seizures before. It is not known if the seizures were related to MS, to BETASERON, or to a combination of both. If you have a seizure after taking BETASERON call your healthcare provider right away.

**Blood Problems.** You may have a drop in the levels of infection-fighting white blood cells, red blood cells, or cells that help you form blood clots. If drops in levels are severe, they can lessen your ability to fight infections, make you feel tired or sluggish or cause you to bruise or bleed easily.

#### **Pregnancy:**

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

#### **Most Common Side Effects:**

The most common side effects of BETASERON include low white blood cell count, increases in your liver enzymes, headache, increase in your muscle tension, pain, rash, problems sleeping, stomach pain, weakness. These are not all the possible side effects of BETASERON.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take and your medical conditions.

Please see the full Prescribing Information and Medication Guide for additional information and talk to your healthcare provider.

You are encouraged to report side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit **www.fda.gov/medwatch** or call **1-800-FDA-1088**.

