



## Endo Launches First Generic Version of Noxafil® (posaconazole) Injection

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DUBLIN, June 29, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- Endo International plc (OTC: ENDPQ) announced today that its Par Sterile Products business has begun shipping posaconazole injection (18 mg/mL), the first generic version of Merck's Noxafil® in the U.S., following final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of its Abbreviated New Drug Application.



"We're pleased to provide choices to healthcare providers," said Scott Sims, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Injectable Solutions & Generics at Endo. "The first generic version of Noxafil® injection does just that, while also strengthening our product portfolio and underscoring our reputation as a reliable, quality supplier."

Posaconazole injection is indicated for prophylaxis of invasive *Aspergillus* and *Candida* infections in patients who are at high risk of developing these infections due to being severely immunocompromised, such as hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients with graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) or those with hematologic malignancies with prolonged neutropenia (low white blood cell counts) from chemotherapy.

According to IQVIA™, Noxafil® vial sales were approximately \$25 million for the 12 months ended May 31, 2023.

Noxafil® is a registered trademark of Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

##### Hypersensitivity

Posaconazole is contraindicated in persons with known hypersensitivity to posaconazole or other azole antifungal agents.

##### Use with Sirolimus

Posaconazole is contraindicated with sirolimus. Concomitant administration of posaconazole with sirolimus increases the sirolimus blood concentrations by approximately 9-fold and can result in sirolimus toxicity.

##### QT Prolongation with Concomitant Use with CYP3A4 Substrates

Posaconazole is contraindicated with CYP3A4 substrates that prolong the QT interval. Concomitant administration of posaconazole with the CYP3A4 substrates, pimozide and quinidine may result in increased plasma concentrations of these drugs, leading to QTc prolongation and cases of torsades de pointes.

##### HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors Primarily Metabolized Through CYP3A4

Coadministration with the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors that are primarily metabolized through CYP3A4 (e.g., atorvastatin, lovastatin, and simvastatin) is contraindicated since increased plasma concentration of these drugs can lead to rhabdomyolysis.

##### Use with Ergot Alkaloids

Posaconazole may increase the plasma concentrations of ergot alkaloids (ergotamine and dihydroergotamine) which may lead to ergotism.

##### Use with Venetoclax

Coadministration of posaconazole with venetoclax at initiation and during the ramp-up phase is contraindicated in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) due to the potential for increased risk of tumor lysis syndrome.

#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

**Calcineurin-Inhibitor Toxicity:** Concomitant administration of posaconazole with cyclosporine or tacrolimus increases the whole blood trough concentrations of these calcineurin-inhibitors. Frequent monitoring of tacrolimus or cyclosporine whole blood trough concentrations should be performed during and at discontinuation of posaconazole treatment and the tacrolimus or cyclosporine dose adjusted accordingly.

**Arrhythmias and QT Prolongation:** Some azoles, including posaconazole, have been associated with prolongation of the QT interval on the electrocardiogram. In addition, cases of torsades de pointes have been reported in patients taking Posaconazole. Posaconazole should be administered with caution to patients with potentially proarrhythmic conditions. Do not administer with drugs that are known to prolong the QTc interval and are metabolized through CYP3A4.

**Electrolyte Disturbances:** Electrolyte disturbances, especially those involving potassium, magnesium or calcium levels, should be monitored and corrected as necessary before and during posaconazole therapy.

**Hepatic Toxicity:** Hepatic reactions (e.g., mild to moderate elevations in alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alkaline phosphatase, total bilirubin, and/or clinical hepatitis) have been reported in clinical trials. The elevations in liver tests were generally reversible on discontinuation of therapy, and in some instances these tests normalized without drug interruption. Liver tests should be evaluated at the start of and during the course of posaconazole therapy. Patients who develop abnormal liver tests during Posaconazole therapy should be monitored. Discontinuation must be considered if clinical signs and symptoms consistent with liver disease develop that may be attributable to posaconazole.

**Renal Impairment:** Posaconazole injection should be avoided in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment (eGFR <50 mL/min), unless an assessment of the benefit/risk to the patient justifies the use of posaconazole injection. In patients with moderate or severe renal impairment (eGFR <50 mL/min), receiving the Posaconazole injection, accumulation of the intravenous vehicle, SBECD, is expected to occur. Serum creatinine levels should be closely monitored in these patients, and, if increases occur, consideration should be given to changing to oral NOXAFIL therapy.

**Midazolam Toxicity:** Concomitant administration of posaconazole with midazolam increases the midazolam plasma concentrations by approximately 5-fold. Patients must be monitored closely for adverse effects associated with high plasma concentrations of midazolam and benzodiazepine receptor antagonists must be available to reverse these effects.

**Vincristine Toxicity:** Concomitant administration of azole antifungals, including posaconazole injection, with vincristine has been associated with neurotoxicity and other serious adverse reactions, including seizures, peripheral neuropathy, syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion, and paralytic ileus. Reserve azole antifungals, including posaconazole injection, for patients receiving a vinca alkaloid, including vincristine, who have no alternative antifungal treatment options.

**Venetoclax Toxicity:** Concomitant administration of posaconazole, a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor, with venetoclax may increase venetoclax toxicities, including the risk of tumor lysis syndrome (TLS), neutropenia, and serious infections. In patients with CLL/SLL, administration of posaconazole during initiation and the ramp-up phase of venetoclax is contraindicated. Refer to the venetoclax labeling for safety monitoring and dose reduction in the steady daily dosing phase in CLL/SLL patients. For patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), dose reduction and safety monitoring are recommended across all dosing phases when coadministering posaconazole with venetoclax. Refer to the venetoclax prescribing information for dosing instructions.

## ADVERSE REACTIONS

**Adult Patients:** Common adverse reactions in studies with posaconazole in adults are diarrhea, nausea, fever, vomiting, headache, coughing, and hypokalemia.

**Pediatric Patients:** Common adverse reactions (incidence >20% receiving 6 mg/kg posaconazole injection) in a study in pediatric patients are pyrexia, febrile neutropenia, vomiting, mucosal inflammation, pruritus, hypertension, hypokalemia, and stomatitis.

## INDICATIONS

### Treatment of Invasive Aspergillosis

Posaconazole injection is indicated for the treatment of invasive aspergillosis in adults and pediatric patients 13 years of age and older.

### Prophylaxis of Invasive Aspergillus and Candida Infections

Posaconazole is indicated for the prophylaxis of invasive Aspergillus and Candida infections in patients who are at high risk of developing these infections due to being severely immunocompromised, such as hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients with graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) or those with hematologic malignancies with prolonged neutropenia from chemotherapy.

**Posaconazole injection:** adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older

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