

 Evkeeza[®]
evinacumab for injection**NOVA SCOTIA**

PrEVKEEZA[®] (evinacumab for injection) is eligible for public reimbursement in Nova Scotia for patients with HoFH based on the reimbursement criteria detailed below under the [Nova Scotia Pharmacare Program](#).

What Is EVKEEZA and How Does It Work?

EVKEEZA is the first and only ANGPTL3 inhibitor indicated as an adjunct to diet and other LDL-C lowering therapies for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients aged 6 months and older with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH).

The effects of EVKEEZA on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality have not been determined.

Please consult the Product Monograph at <https://www.ultragenyx.ca/evkeezaproductmonograph> for important information relating to warnings and precautions, adverse reactions, breastfeeding, drug interactions, and dosing information.

The Product Monograph is also available by calling us at 1-833-388-5872.

The [EVKEEZA Reimbursement Criteria](#) for the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs Are as Follows:

Conditions for Reimbursement**Initiation Criteria:**

For the treatment of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) in adult and pediatric patients 5 years of age and older with a clinically or genetically confirmed diagnosis if the following criteria are met:

- Clinical criteria:
 - Untreated TC >12.93 mmol/L and TGs <3.39 mmol/L, AND
 - Both parents with documented TC >6.47 mmol/L, indicative of HeFH, or patient with cutaneous or tendinous xanthoma before the age of 10 years
- Genetic criteria:
 - Documented functional mutation or mutations in both LDLR alleles, OR
 - Documented homozygous or compound heterozygous mutations in Apo B or PCSK9, or LDLRAP1, or at least 2 such variants at different loci
- Elevated LDL-C despite an adequate trial of other accessible lipid-lowering therapies; “elevated LDL-C” is defined as LDL-C greater than 1.8 mmol/L at baseline for adult patients and greater than 3.4 mmol/L for children.

Initial and Subsequent Renewals:

The prescriber must provide proof of beneficial clinical effect when requesting continuation of reimbursement, defined as reduction in LDL-C from baseline that is considered clinically beneficial by the treating prescriber.

Claim Notes:

- Initial approval: 24 weeks
- Renewal approval: 1 year
- Approvals will be for a maximum of 15 mg/kg every 4 weeks.
- The prescriber must provide the baseline LDL-C when the initial request for reimbursement occurs after all other treatment options of lipid-lowering therapies have been exhausted.
- Evinacumab must be prescribed by specialists with qualifications and experience in the diagnosis and management of HoFH (e.g., [pediatric] endocrinologists, cardiologists, lipidologists).

For more information on applying for EVKEEZA® coverage, we can arrange an appointment at your convenience, or you can go to the [UltraCare website](#). You can also find the [UltraCare Enrolment Form](#) on the UltraCare website.