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# Xeomin

**Generic name:** [incobotulinumtoxinA](#) [ *IN-koe-BOT-ue-LYE-num-TOX-in-A* ]**Drug class:** [Skeletal muscle relaxants](#)Medically reviewed by [Philip Thornton, DipPharm](#). Last updated on Jul 26, 2024.[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [What to avoid](#) [Interactions](#) [FAQ](#)

## What is Xeomin?

Xeomin, also called botulinum toxin type A, is made from the bacteria that causes [botulism](#). Botulinum toxin blocks nerve activity in the muscles, causing a temporary reduction in muscle activity.

Xeomin injection is used **in adults** to treat:

- muscle spasms and stiffness of the arms (upper limb spasticity);
- [cervical dystonia](#) (severe spasms in the neck muscles), or muscle stiffness in the elbows, wrists, fingers, ankles, or toes;
- certain eye muscle conditions caused by nerve disorders (including uncontrolled blinking or spasm of the eyelids, and a condition in which the eyes do not point in the same direction); or
- to temporarily lessen the appearance of upper facial lines, such as forehead lines, frown lines, and crow's feet (adults over 18 years old).

Xeomin is also used **in children at least 2 years old** to treat;

- upper limb spasticity that is not caused by cerebral palsy; or
- chronic drooling (sialorrhea).

## Xeomin side effects

**Common Xeomin side effects** may include:

- pain where the medicine was injected;
- dry mouth, tooth problems;
- muscle weakness;
- vision problems;
- trouble swallowing;

- dry eyes, drooping eyelids;
- headache, neck pain, body aches;
- a seizure;
- increased blood pressure;
- [diarrhea](#); or
- [cold symptoms](#) such as stuffy nose, sneezing, [sore throat](#), cough, and chest congestion.

## Serious side effects and warnings

Xeomin carries a **Boxed Warning** for the possible distant spread of incobotulinumtoxinA from the site of the injection.

The botulinum toxin contained in Xeomin can **spread to other body areas** beyond where it was injected. This can cause serious life-threatening side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have a hoarse voice, drooping eyelids, vision problems, severe muscle weakness, loss of bladder control, or trouble breathing, talking, or swallowing. Some of these effects can occur several weeks after a Xeomin injection. Do not seek botulinum toxin injections from more than one medical professional at a time. If you switch healthcare providers, be sure to tell your new provider how long it has been since your last botulinum toxin injection.

You should not receive Xeomin injection if you are allergic to botulinum toxin. Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction to Xeomin**: [hives](#); wheezing, difficulty breathing; feeling like you might pass out; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Do not receive Xeomin injection if you have an **infection, swelling, or muscle weakness** in the area where the medicine will be injected.

Using Xeomin more often than prescribed will not make it more effective and may result in serious side effects.

The effects of a Xeomin injection are temporary. Your symptoms may return completely within 3 months after an injection. After repeat injections, it may take less and less time before your symptoms return, especially if your body develops antibodies to the botulinum toxin.

Xeomin should be used with caution in patients with marked facial asymmetry, who have undergone surgical facial procedures, with pre-existing eyelid or eyebrow drooping, and some other facial conditions. Talk to your healthcare provider.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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## Before using this medicine

To make sure Xeomin is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- other botulinum toxin injections such as [Botox](#), [Dysport](#), or [Myobloc](#) (especially in the last 4 months)
- [amyotrophic lateral sclerosis](#) (ALS, or "Lou Gehrig's disease")
- [myasthenia gravis](#)
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- problems with swallowing, or accidentally inhaling food or drink into your lungs
- facial muscle weakness (droopy eyelids, weak forehead, trouble raising your eyebrows)
- a change in the normal appearance of your face
- a seizure disorder
- bleeding problems
- heart disease
- surgery (especially on your face or eyes)
- are pregnant or intending to become pregnant
- are breastfeeding.

Tell your doctor if you have ever had a side effect after receiving a botulinum toxin in the past.

IncobotulinumtoxinA is made from donated human plasma and may contain viruses or other infectious agents. Donated plasma is tested and treated to reduce the risk of contamination, but there is still a small possibility it could transmit disease. Ask your doctor about any possible risks.

## Pregnancy

It is not known whether Xeomin will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

## Breastfeeding

It may not be safe to breastfeed while using this Xeomin. Ask your doctor about any risks.

 [Xeomin pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (more detail)

## How is Xeomin given?

Xeomin is injected into a muscle or into a gland. A healthcare provider will give you this injection once every 12 to 16 weeks. **Xeomin injections should be spaced at least 12 weeks apart.**

Botulinum toxin injections **should be given only by a trained medical professional**, even when used for cosmetic purposes.

Your Xeomin injection may be given into more than one area at a time, depending on the condition being treated.

While receiving injections for eye muscle conditions, you may need to use eye drops, ointment, a special contact lens or other device to protect the surface of your eye. Follow your doctor's instructions.

It may take up to 7 days after injection before neck muscle spasm symptoms begin to improve.

The effects of a Xeomin injection are temporary. Your symptoms may return completely within 3 months. After repeat injections, it may take less and less time before your symptoms return, especially if your body develops antibodies to the botulinum toxin.

Do not seek botulinum toxin injections from more than one medical professional at a time. If you switch healthcare providers, be sure to tell your new provider how long it has been since your last botulinum toxin injection.

Using this medicine more often than prescribed will not make it more effective and may result in serious side effects.

 [Detailed Xeomin dosage information](#)

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Since botulinum toxin has a temporary effect and is given at widely spaced intervals, missing a dose is not likely to be harmful.

## What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

Overdose symptoms may not appear right away, but can include severe muscle weakness, trouble swallowing, weak or shallow breathing, or loss of movement in any part of your body.

## What should I avoid while using Xeomin?

Avoid going back to your normal physical activities too quickly after receiving an injection.

This medicine may impair your vision or depth perception. Avoid driving or hazardous activity until you know how this medicine will affect you.

## What other drugs will affect Xeomin?

Other medicines can increase some of the side effects of Xeomin. Tell your doctor about all your other medicines, especially:

- an antibiotic such as amikacin, gentamicin, kanamycin, neomycin, paromomycin, streptomycin, tobramycin;
- muscle relaxers;
- medicine to treat depression, anxiety, mood disorders, or mental illness;
- cold or allergy medicine (Benadryl and others);
- medicine to treat Parkinson's disease;
- medicine to treat stomach problems, motion sickness, or irritable bowel syndrome;

- medicine to treat an overactive bladder; or
- bronchodilator asthma medication.

This list is not complete. Other drugs may interact with incobotulinumtoxinA, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Not all possible drug interactions are listed here.

 [Xeomin drug interactions](#) (more detail)

## Does Xeomin interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our [Drug Interaction Checker](#).

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## Xeomin ingredients

Active ingredient: botulinum toxin type A.

Inactive ingredients: human albumin and sucrose.

## Who makes Xeomin?

Merz Pharmaceuticals, LLC makes Xeomin.

## Xeomin Biosimilars

Biosimilar and interchangeable products are biological products that are highly similar to and have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product.

## Reference products

These are biological products that have already been approved by the FDA, against which biosimilar products are compared. There is 1 for Xeomin.

### Xeomin (incobotulinumtoxinA) - Merz Pharmaceuticals GmbH c/o Merz Pharmaceuticals LLC



Formulation type	Strength
Single-Dose Vial	100 units
Single-Dose Vial	200 units
Single-Dose Vial	50 units

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### Availability

**Rx** Prescription only

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 Risk data available

### CSA Schedule\*

**N/A** Not a controlled drug



### Approval History

**10+ years** FDA approved 2010



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