

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use ZYLOPRIM safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for ZYLOPRIM.

**ZYLOPRIM® (allopurinol) tablets, for oral use**  
Initial U.S. Approval: 1966

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

ZYLOPRIM is a xanthine oxidase inhibitor indicated for the management of:

- Adult patients with signs and symptoms of primary or secondary gout (acute attacks, tophi, joint destruction, uric acid lithiasis, and/or nephropathy) (1)
- Adult and pediatric patients with leukemia, lymphoma and solid tumor malignancies who are receiving cancer therapy which causes elevations of serum and urinary uric acid levels (1)
- Adult patients with recurrent calcium oxalate calculi whose daily uric acid excretion exceeds 800 mg/day in male patients and 750 mg/day in female patients, despite lifestyle changes (1)

### Limitations of Use

ZYLOPRIM is not recommended for the treatment of asymptomatic hyperuricemia. (1)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Gout:** Prior to initiating treatment assess serum uric acid level, complete blood count, chemistry panel, liver and kidney function tests. Prophylactic treatment for gout flares is recommended. (2.1, 2.2)
  - Patients with normal kidney function: Initial dosage is 100 mg orally daily. Increase by 100 mg weekly increments until serum uric acid of 6 mg/dl or less is reached (maximum 800 mg daily). (2.3)
  - Patients with impaired kidney function: The initial dosage is 50 mg orally daily. Follow recommendations for titration in patients with renal impairment until target serum uric acid level is reached. (2.6)
  - See complete information in the Full Prescribing Information (FPI).
- **Hyperuricemia Associated with Cancer Therapy:** The recommended dosage is:
  - Adults: 300 mg to 800 mg orally daily.
  - Pediatric patients: 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally every 8 hours to 12 hours (10 mg/kg/day, maximum 800 mg/day)
  - See complete information in the FPI. (2.4, 2.6)
- **Recurrent Calcium Oxalate Calculi:** The recommended initial dosage in patients with normal kidney function is 200 mg to 300 mg orally daily. (2.5)
- **Dosage in Patients with Renal Impairment:** See FPI for dosage modifications in patients with renal impairment. (2.6)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Tablets: 100 mg, 200 mg, and 300 mg, functionally scored

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## CONTRAINDICATIONS

Known hypersensitivity to allopurinol or to any of the ingredients of ZYLOPRIM.

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- **Skin Rash and Hypersensitivity:** Allopurinol has been associated with serious and sometimes fatal dermatological reactions. Discontinue ZYLOPRIM at the first appearance of skin rash or other signs of hypersensitivity reaction. (5.1)
- **Gout Flares:** May occur during initiation of treatment. Concurrent prophylactic treatment with colchicine or anti-inflammatory agents is recommended. (5.2)
- **Nephrotoxicity:** Allopurinol may affect kidney function. Patients with decreased kidney function require lower doses of ZYLOPRIM. (5.3)
- **Hepatotoxicity:** Cases of reversible hepatotoxicity have occurred. If signs and symptoms of hepatotoxicity develop, evaluate liver function. (5.4)
- **Myelosuppression:** Bone marrow suppression has been reported with allopurinol. (5.5)
- **Potential Effect on Driving and Use of Machinery:** Drowsiness, somnolence and dizziness have been reported in patients taking ZYLOPRIM. (5.6)

## ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (incidence > 1%) are nausea, diarrhea, and increase in liver function tests. (6)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, Casper Pharma LLC at 1-844-5-CASPER (1-844-522-7737) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).**

## DRUG INTERACTIONS

- The following drugs may increase the risk of serious skin reactions: bendamustine, thiazide diuretics, ampicillin and amoxicillin. (7.1)
- Capecitabine: Avoid concomitant use. (7.2)
- Mercaptopurine or Azathioprine: Reduce mercaptopurine or azathioprine dose as recommended in the respective prescribing information. (7.2)
- Pegloticase: Discontinue and refrain from initiating treatment with ZYLOPRIM. (7.2)
- See FPI for complete list of significant drug interactions. (7.2)

## USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- **Pregnancy:** May cause fetal harm. (8.1)
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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

ZYLOPRIM is indicated for:

- The management of adults with signs and symptoms of primary or secondary gout (acute attacks, tophi, joint destruction, uric acid lithiasis, and/or nephropathy)
- The management of adult and pediatric patients with leukemia, lymphoma and solid tumor malignancies who are receiving cancer therapy which causes elevations of serum and urinary uric acid levels
- The management of adult patients with recurrent calcium oxalate calculi whose daily uric acid excretion exceeds 800 mg/day in male patients and 750 mg/day in female patients, despite lifestyle changes (such as reduction of dietary sodium, non-dairy animal protein, oxylate rich foods, refined sugars and increases in oral fluids and fruits and vegetables)

#### Limitations of Use

ZYLOPRIM is not recommended for the treatment of asymptomatic hyperuricemia.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Recommended Testing Prior to Treatment Initiation

Prior to initiating treatment with ZYLOPRIM in patients with gout, assess the following baseline tests: serum uric acid level, complete blood count, chemistry panel, liver function tests (serum alanine aminotransferase [ALT], aspartate aminotransferase [AST], alkaline phosphatase, and total bilirubin), kidney function tests (serum creatinine and eGFR).

#### 2.2 Recommended Prophylaxis for Gout Flares

Gout flares may occur after initiation of ZYLOPRIM due to changing serum uric acid levels resulting in mobilization of urate from tissue deposits. Flare prophylaxis with colchicine or an anti-inflammatory agent according to practice guidelines is recommended upon initiation of ZYLOPRIM. While adjusting the dosage of ZYLOPRIM in patients who are being treated with colchicine and/or anti-inflammatory agents, continue flare prophylaxis drugs until serum uric acid has been normalized and the patient has been free of gout flares for several months. If a gout flare occurs during ZYLOPRIM treatment, ZYLOPRIM need not be discontinued. Manage the gout flare concurrently, as appropriate for the individual patient [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

#### 2.3 Recommended Dosage for Gout

The initial recommended dosage for the management of gout is 100 mg orally daily, with weekly increments of 100 mg, until a serum uric acid level of 6 mg/dL or less is reached. Initiating treatment with lower dosages of ZYLOPRIM and titrating slowly, decreases the risk of gout flares and drug induced serious adverse reactions.

In patients with renal impairment the initial dosage is 50 mg orally daily with lower dose increases until serum uric acid level of 6 mg/dL or less is reached. For complete dosage recommendations for patients with renal impairment see Table 1 [*see Dosage and Administration (2.6)*].

The minimal effective dosage is 100 mg to 200 mg daily and the maximal recommended dosage is 800 mg daily. The appropriate dosage may be administered in divided doses or as a single

equivalent dose with the 300 mg tablet. Doses in excess of 300 mg should be administered in divided doses. Monitor patients' kidney function during the early stages of administration of ZYLOPRIM and decrease the dosage or withdraw the drug if persistent abnormalities in kidney function occur [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.6), *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3), *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6)].

The dosage of ZYLOPRIM to achieve control of gout varies with the severity of the disease. In general, gout control is achieved with 200 mg to 300 mg daily in patients with mild gout, and with 400 mg to 600 mg daily in patients with moderate to severe tophaceous gout. Gout attacks usually become shorter and less severe after several months of therapy.

If a dose of ZYLOPRIM is missed, there is no need to double the dose at the next scheduled time. ZYLOPRIM is generally better tolerated if taken following meals. A fluid intake sufficient to yield a daily urinary output of at least 2 liters and the maintenance of a neutral or preferably, slightly alkaline urine are desirable.

Inform patients of the possibility of gout flares [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)]. Instruct them to remain on ZYLOPRIM if this occurs and to increase fluid intake during therapy to prevent kidney stones.

#### Concurrent Use of Uricosuric Agents

Some patients, may benefit using uricosuric agents concurrently, to reduce serum uric acid to target levels.

When transferring a patient from a uricosuric agent to ZYLOPRIM, reduce the dose of the uricosuric agent over a period of several weeks and increase the dose of ZYLOPRIM gradually to the required dose needed to maintain target serum uric acid level.

### **2.4 Recommended Dosage for Hyperuricemia Associated with Cancer Therapy**

Initiate therapy with ZYLOPRIM 24 hours to 48 hours before the start of chemotherapy known to cause tumor cell lysis. Administer fluids sufficient to yield a daily urinary output of at least 2 liters in adults (at least 100 mL/m<sup>2</sup>/hour in pediatric patients) with a neutral or, preferably, slightly alkaline urine.

The recommended dosage of ZYLOPRIM is:

- Adult patients – 300 mg to 800 mg orally daily
- Pediatric patients - 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally every 8 hours to 12 hours (10 mg/kg/day, maximum 800 mg/day). In patients with body surface area < 0.5 m<sup>2</sup>, consider using an alternative allopurinol formulation.

The dosage of ZYLOPRIM to maintain normal or near-normal serum uric acid varies with the severity of the disease. Monitor serum uric acid levels at least daily and administer ZYLOPRIM at a dose and frequency to maintain the serum uric acid within the normal range. Discontinue ZYLOPRIM when the risk of tumor lysis has abated (2 days to 3 days from start of chemotherapy). For complete dosage recommendations for patients with renal impairment, see Table 2 [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.6)].

## 2.5 Recommended Dosage for Management of Recurrent Calcium Oxalate Calculi in Hyperuricosuric Patients

The recommended dosage for the management of recurrent calcium oxalate stones in hyperuricosuric patients is 200 mg to 300 mg orally daily in divided doses or as the single equivalent. This dose may be adjusted depending upon the resultant control of the hyperuricosuria based upon subsequent 24-hour urinary urate determinations.

## 2.6 Recommended Dosage in Patients with Renal Impairment

The recommended initial dosages of ZYLOPRIM in adult patients with renal impairment are shown in Tables 1 and 2 [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6)].

### Patients with Gout

The recommended initial dosages in adult patients with gout with impaired kidney function are shown in Table 1 [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6)].

Initiate treatment with a lower dose of ZYLOPRIM and increase the dose gradually in 50 mg/day increments every 2 weeks to 4 weeks in patients with renal impairment to decrease the risk of drug induced serious adverse reactions. Use the lowest dose possible to achieve the desired effect on serum and/or urine uric acid. Monitor kidney function in gout patients with chronic kidney disease closely when initiating treatment with ZYLOPRIM and decrease or withdraw the drug if increased abnormalities in kidney function appear and persist.

**Table 1. Recommended Initial Dosage in Adult Patients with Gout**

eGFR	Initial Dosage
> 60 mL/minute	No dosage modification
> 30 to 60 mL/minute	50 mg daily
> 15 to 30 mL/minute	50 mg every other day
5 to 15 mL/minute	50 mg twice weekly
< 5 mL/minute	50 mg once weekly

The maximum dosage that should be used in patients with various levels of renal impairment is not defined at different eGFR levels.

### Patients with Recurrent Calcium Oxalate Calculi

Data are insufficient to provide dosage recommendations for the treatment of recurrent calcium oxalate calculi in patients with renal impairment. Allopurinol and its metabolites are excreted by the kidney, and accumulation of the drug can occur in renal failure [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3) and *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6)].

### Hyperuricemia Associated with Cancer Therapy

The recommended dosage of ZYLOPRIM for the management of hyperuricemia associated with cancer therapy in adult patients with renal impairment is shown in Table 2 [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6)].

**Table 2. Recommended Dosage of ZYLOPRIM in Adult Patients for Management of Hyperuricemia Associated with Cancer Therapy with Renal Impairment**

eGFR	Recommended Dosage
> 20 mL/min to 60 mL/min	No dosage modification
10 mL/min to 20 mL/min	200 mg/day
< 10 mL/min	100 mg/day
On dialysis	50 mg every 12 hours, or 100 mg every 24 hours

Treatment with ZYLOPRIM has not been studied in pediatric patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR < 20 mL/min) or on dialysis. There is insufficient information to establish dosing for ZYLOPRIM in pediatric patients with renal impairment. In these patients, consider the risks and potential benefits before initiating treatment with ZYLOPRIM [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3) and *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6)].

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

ZYLOPRIM tablets have functional scoring and are available in the following strengths:

- 100 mg: A flat-faced raised hexagon, beveled edge, white to off-white tablet, one side engraved “ZYLOPRIM 100” with a score bar and the other side plain.
- 200 mg: White to off-white, biconvex, round, scored tablets, imprinted “ZYLOPRIM” about the upper periphery, and 200 on the lower half, below the score and plain on the other side.
- 300 mg: A flat-faced raised hexagon, beveled edge, peach tablet, one side engraved “ZYLOPRIM 300” with a score bar and the other side plain.

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

ZYLOPRIM is contraindicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity reaction to allopurinol or to any of the ingredients of ZYLOPRIM.

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### 5.1 Skin Rash and Hypersensitivity

Serious and sometimes fatal dermatologic reactions, including toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), and drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) have been reported in patients taking allopurinol [see *Adverse Reactions* (6)]. These reactions occur in approximately 5 in 10,000 (0.05%) patients taking allopurinol. Other serious hypersensitivity reactions that have been reported include exfoliative, urticarial and purpuric lesions, generalized vasculitis, and irreversible hepatotoxicity. Discontinue ZYLOPRIM permanently at the first appearance of skin rash or other signs which may indicate a hypersensitivity reaction.

The HLA-B\*58:01 allele is a genetic marker for severe skin reactions indicative of hypersensitivity to allopurinol. Patients who carry the HLA-B\*58:01 allele are at a higher risk of allopurinol hypersensitivity syndrome (AHS), but hypersensitivity reactions have been reported in patients

who do not carry this allele. The frequency of this allele is higher in individuals of African, Asian (e.g., Han Chinese, Korean, Thai), and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ancestry [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.5)]. The use of ZYLOPRIM is not recommended in HLA- B\*58:01 positive patients unless the benefits clearly outweigh the risks.

Consider screening for HLA-B\*5801 before starting treatment with ZYLOPRIM in patients from populations in which the prevalence of this HLA-B\*5801 allele is known to be high. Screening is generally not recommended in patients from populations in which the prevalence of HLA-B\*58:01 is low, or in current allopurinol users, as the risk of SJS/TEN/DRESS is largely confined to the first few months of therapy, regardless of HLA- B\*58:01 status.

Hypersensitivity reactions to ZYLOPRIM may be increased in patients with decreased kidney function receiving thiazide diuretics and ZYLOPRIM concurrently. Concomitant use of the following drugs may also increase the risk of skin rash, which may be severe: bendamustine, ampicillin and amoxicillin [see *Drug Interactions* (7.1)].

Discontinue ZYLOPRIM immediately if a skin rash develops. Instruct patients to stop taking ZYLOPRIM immediately and seek medical attention promptly if they develop a rash.

## 5.2 Gout Flares

Gout flares have been reported during initiation of treatment with ZYLOPRIM, even when normal or subnormal serum uric acid levels have been attained due to the mobilization of urates from tissue deposits. Even with adequate therapy with ZYLOPRIM, it may require several months to deplete the uric acid pool sufficiently to achieve control of the flares. The flares typically become shorter and less severe after several months of therapy.

In order to prevent gout flares when treatment with ZYLOPRIM is initiated, concurrent prophylactic treatment with colchicine or an anti-inflammatory agent is recommended [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.2)]. Advise patients to continue ZYLOPRIM and prophylactic treatment even if gout flares occur, as it may take months to achieve control of gout flares.

## 5.3 Nephrotoxicity

Treatment with ZYLOPRIM may result in acute kidney injury due to formation of xanthine calculi or due to precipitation of urates in patients receiving concomitant uricosuric agents. Patients with pre-existing kidney disease, including chronic kidney disease or history of kidney stones, may be at increased risk for worsening of kidney function or acute kidney injury due to xanthine calculi while receiving treatment with ZYLOPRIM.

In patients receiving ZYLOPRIM for the management of gout or the management of recurrent calcium oxalate calculi, monitor kidney function frequently during the early stages of allopurinol administration. Maintain fluid intake sufficient to yield a urinary output of at least 2 liters per day of neutral or, preferably, slightly alkaline urine to avoid the possibility of formation of xanthine calculi and help prevent renal precipitation of urates in patients receiving concomitant uricosuric agents.

In patients receiving ZYLOPRIM for the management of tumor lysis syndrome, monitor kidney function at least daily during the early stages of allopurinol administration. Maintain fluid intake sufficient to yield a urinary output of at least 2 liters per day in adults and at least 2 liters/m<sup>2</sup>/day (or at least 100 mL/m<sup>2</sup>/hour) in pediatric patients [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.4)].



## 5.4 Hepatotoxicity

Cases of reversible clinical hepatotoxicity have occurred in patients taking ZYLOPRIM, and in some patients, asymptomatic rises in serum alkaline phosphatase or serum transaminase have been observed. If anorexia, weight loss, or pruritus develop in patients on ZYLOPRIM, evaluate liver enzymes. In patients with pre-existing liver disease, monitor liver enzymes periodically. Discontinue ZYLOPRIM in patients with elevated liver enzymes.

## 5.5 Myelosuppression

Myelosuppression, manifested by anemia, leukopenia or thrombocytopenia, has been reported in patients receiving ZYLOPRIM. The cytopenias have occurred as early as 6 weeks up to 6 years after the initiation of therapy of ZYLOPRIM. Concomitant use of ZYLOPRIM with cytotoxic drugs associated with myelosuppression may increase the risk of myelosuppression. Monitor blood counts more frequently when cytotoxic drugs are used concomitantly [see *Drug Interactions* (7.2)].

Concomitant use with allopurinol increases the exposure of either mercaptopurine or azathioprine which may increase the risk of myelosuppression. Reduce the dosage of mercaptopurine or azathioprine as recommended in their respective prescribing information when used concomitantly with ZYLOPRIM [see *Drug Interactions* (7.2)].

## 5.6 Potential Effect on Driving and Use of Machinery

Drowsiness, somnolence and dizziness have been reported in patients taking ZYLOPRIM [see *Adverse Reactions* (6)]. Inform patients also that the central nervous system depressant effects of ZYLOPRIM may be additive to those of alcohol and other CNS depressants.

Advise patients to avoid operation of automobiles or other dangerous machinery and activities made hazardous by decreased alertness when starting ZYLOPRIM or increasing the dose, until they know how the drug affects them.

# 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following clinically significant adverse reactions are described elsewhere in the labeling:

- Skin Rash and Hypersensitivity [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)]
- Nephrotoxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)]
- Hepatotoxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)]
- Myelosuppression [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)]
- Potential Effect on Driving and Use of Machinery [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6)]

The following adverse reactions associated with the use of ZYLOPRIM were identified in literature, unpublished clinical trials or postmarketing reports. Because some of these reactions were reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure. The most frequent adverse reaction to ZYLOPRIM is skin rash.

### Most Common Adverse Reactions (≥ 1%)

*Gastrointestinal:* Diarrhea, nausea, alkaline phosphatase increase, AST/ALT increase.

*Metabolic and Nutritional:* Acute attacks of gout.

*Skin and Appendages:* Rash, maculopapular rash.

**Less Common Adverse Reactions** (< 1%)

*Body As a Whole:* Ecchymosis, fever, headache, malaise.

*Cardiovascular:* Necrotizing angiitis, vasculitis, pericarditis, peripheral vascular disease, thrombophlebitis, bradycardia, vasodilation.

*Gastrointestinal:* Hepatic necrosis, granulomatous hepatitis, hepatomegaly, hyperbilirubinemia, cholestatic jaundice, vomiting, intermittent abdominal pain, gastritis, dyspepsia, hemorrhagic pancreatitis, gastrointestinal bleeding, stomatitis, salivary gland swelling, hyperlipidemia, tongue edema, anorexia.

*Hemic and Lymphatic:* Thrombocytopenia, eosinophilia, leukocytosis, leukopenia, aplastic anemia, agranulocytosis, eosinophilic fibrohistiocytic lesion of bone marrow, pancytopenia, prothrombin decrease, anemia, hemolytic anemia, reticulocytosis, lymphadenopathy, lymphocytosis.

*Musculoskeletal:* Myopathy, arthralgias, myalgia.

*Nervous:* Peripheral neuropathy, neuritis, paresthesia, somnolence, optic neuritis, confusion, dizziness, vertigo, foot drop, decrease in libido, depression, amnesia, tinnitus, asthenia, insomnia.

*Respiratory:* Epistaxis, bronchospasm, asthma, pharyngitis, rhinitis.

*Skin and Appendages:* Erythema multiforme exudativum (Stevens-Johnson syndrome), toxic epidermal necrolysis (Lyell's syndrome), hypersensitivity vasculitis, purpura, vesicular bullous dermatitis, exfoliative dermatitis, eczematoid dermatitis, pruritus, urticaria, alopecia, onycholysis, lichen planus, furunculosis, facial edema, sweating, skin edema.

*Special Senses:* Taste loss/perversion, cataracts, macular retinitis, iritis, conjunctivitis, amblyopia.

*Urogenital:* Renal failure, uremia, nephritis, impotence, primary hematuria, albuminuria.

*Endocrine:* Infertility (male), hypercalcemia, gynecomastia (male).

## **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

### **7.1 Drugs Known to Affect the Occurrence of Skin Rash and Hypersensitivity**

Concomitant use of the following drugs may increase the risk of skin rash, which may be severe: bendamustine, thiazide diuretics, ampicillin and amoxicillin. Renal impairment may further increase risk with concomitant use of thiazide diuretics [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1, 5.2) and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.2)].

Monitor kidney function and reduce the dose of ZYLOPRIM in patients with concomitant thiazide diuretic use and impaired renal function [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.6), *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].

Discontinue ZYLOPRIM at the first appearance of skin rash or other signs which may indicate a hypersensitivity reaction when use concomitantly with these drugs [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].



## 7.2 Drugs Known to Have Clinically Important Drug Interactions with ZYLOPRIM

**Table 3: Interventions for Clinically Important Drug Interactions with ZYLOPRIM**

<b>Capecitabine</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Concomitant use with allopurinol may decrease concentration of capecitabine's active metabolites, which may decrease capecitabine efficacy.
<i>Intervention</i>	Avoid the use of ZYLOPRIM during treatment with capecitabine
<b>Chlorpropamide</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	ZYLOPRIM prolongs the half-life of chlorpropamide as both compete for renal tubular excretion. In patients with renal insufficiency, the risk of hypoglycemia may be increased due to this mechanism.
<i>Intervention</i>	Monitor patients with renal insufficiency for hypoglycemia when administering chlorpropamide and ZYLOPRIM concomitantly.
<b>Cyclosporine</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Concomitant use of allopurinol increases cyclosporine concentrations, which may increase the risk of adverse reactions.
<i>Intervention</i>	Increase frequency of monitoring cyclosporine concentrations as reflected in its prescribing information and modify the dosage of cyclosporine as appropriate when used concomitantly with ZYLOPRIM.
<b>Cyclophosphamide and Other Cytotoxic Agents</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Concomitant use of allopurinol with cyclophosphamide and other cytotoxic agents (doxorubicin, bleomycin, procarbazine, mechloroethamine) increases bone marrow suppression among patients with neoplastic disease, except leukemia.
<i>Intervention</i>	Blood count monitoring and regular physician follow-up are recommended.
<b>Dicumarol</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	ZYLOPRIM prolongs the half-life of the anticoagulant, dicumarol. The mechanism of this drug interaction has not been established but should be noted when ZYLOPRIM is given to patients already on dicumarol therapy.
<i>Intervention</i>	Monitor prothrombin time. Adjust the dosage of dicumarol accordingly when ZYLOPRIM is added to anticoagulant therapy.
<b>Fluorouracil</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Based on non-clinical data, allopurinol may decrease anti-tumor activity due to suppression of phosphorylation of 5-fluorouracil.
<i>Intervention</i>	Concomitant administration with fluorouracil should be avoided.
<b>Mercaptopurine or Azathioprine</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Allopurinol inhibits xanthine oxidase mediated metabolism of mercaptopurine and azathioprine. Concomitant use of allopurinol increases the exposure of either mercaptopurine or azathioprine which may increase the risk of their adverse reactions, including myelosuppression [see <i>Warnings and Precautions</i> 5.5].
<i>Intervention</i>	In patients receiving mercaptopurine or azathioprine, the concomitant administration of 300 mg to 600 mg of ZYLOPRIM per day will require a reduction in dose to approximately one third to one fourth of the usual dose of mercaptopurine or azathioprine. Subsequent adjustment of doses of

	mercaptopurine or azathioprine should be made on the basis of therapeutic response and the appearance of toxic effects.
<b>Pegloticase</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Concomitant use of ZYLOPRIM and pegloticase may potentially blunt the rise of serum uric acid levels and increase the risk of pegloticase related anaphylaxis in patients whose uric acid level increase to above 6 mg/dL.
<i>Intervention</i>	Discontinue and do not institute ZYLOPRIM therapy during treatment with pegloticase.
<b>Theophylline</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Concomitant use of allopurinol doses greater than or equal to 600 mg/day may decrease the clearance of theophylline
<i>Intervention</i>	Monitor and adjust theophylline doses as reflected in the prescribing information.
<b>Uricosuric Drugs</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Uricosuric agents increase the excretion of the active allopurinol metabolite oxypurinol. Concomitant use with uricosuric agents decreases oxypurinol exposure which may reduce the inhibition of xanthine oxidase by oxypurinol and increases the urinary excretion of uric acid.  The net effect of such combined therapy may be useful in some patients in achieving minimum serum uric acid levels provided the total urinary uric acid load does not exceed the competence of the patient's kidney function.
<i>Intervention</i>	Monitor uric acid levels due to the increased chance of hypouricemic effects.
<b>Warfarin</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact</i>	Allopurinol may inhibit the metabolism of warfarin, possibly enhancing its anticoagulant effect.
<i>Intervention</i>	Monitor patients on concomitant therapy for excessive anticoagulation. Assess INR frequently and adjust warfarin dosage accordingly when allopurinol is added to warfarin therapy.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

Based on findings in animals, ZYLOPRIM may cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Adverse developmental outcomes have been described in exposed animals (*see Data*). Allopurinol and its metabolite oxypurinol have been shown to cross the placenta following administration of maternal allopurinol.

Available limited published data on allopurinol use in pregnant women do not demonstrate a clear pattern or increase in frequency of adverse developmental outcomes. Among approximately 50 pregnancies described in published literature, 2 infants with major congenital malformations have been reported with following maternal allopurinol exposure. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus.

All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown.

In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively.

## Data

### *Human Data*

Experience with ZYLOPRIM during human pregnancy has been limited partly because women of reproductive age rarely require treatment with ZYLOPRIM. A case report published in 2011 described the outcome of a full-term pregnancy in a 35-year-old woman who had recurrent kidney stones since age 18 who took allopurinol throughout the pregnancy. The child had multiple complex birth defects and died at 8 days of life. A second report in 2013 provided data on 31 prospectively ascertained pregnancies involving mothers exposed to allopurinol for varying durations during the first trimester. The overall rate of major fetal malformations and spontaneous abortions was reported to be within the normal expected range; however, one child had severe malformations similar to those described in the cited earlier case report.

### *Animal Data*

There was no evidence of fetotoxicity or teratogenicity in rats or rabbits treated during the period of organogenesis with oral allopurinol at doses up to 200 mg/kg/day and up to 100 mg/kg/day, respectively (about 2.4 times the human dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis). However, there is a published report in pregnant mice that single intraperitoneal doses of 50 mg/kg or 100 mg/kg (about 0.3 or 0.6 times the human dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis) of allopurinol on gestation days 10 or 13 produced significant increases in fetal deaths and teratogenic effects (cleft palate, harelip, and digital defects). It is uncertain whether these findings represented a fetal effect or an effect secondary to maternal toxicity.

## **8.2 Lactation**

### Risk Summary

Allopurinol and oxypurinol are present in human milk. Based on information from a single case report, allopurinol and its active metabolite, oxypurinol, were detected in the milk of a mother receiving 300 mg of allopurinol daily at 5 weeks postpartum. The estimated relative infant dose were 0.14 mg/kg and 0.2 mg/kg of allopurinol and between 7.2 mg/kg to 8 mg/kg of oxypurinol daily. There was no report of effects of allopurinol on the breastfed infant or on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed child, advise women not to breastfeed during treatments with ZYLOPRIM and for one week after the last dose.

## **8.4 Pediatric Use**

### Hyperuricemia Associated with Cancer Therapy

The safety and effectiveness of allopurinol for the management of pediatric patients with leukemia, lymphoma and solid tumor malignancies who are receiving cancer therapy which causes elevations of serum and urinary uric acid levels have been established in approximately 200 pediatric patients. The efficacy and safety profile observed in this patient population were similar to that observed in adults.

### Primary or Secondary Gout

The safety and effectiveness of ZYLOPRIM have not been established for the treatment of signs and symptoms of primary or secondary gout in pediatric patients.

### Recurrent Calcium Oxalate Calculi

The safety and effectiveness of ZYLOPRIM have not been established for the management of pediatric patients with recurrent calcium oxalate calculi.

### Inborn Errors of Metabolism

The safety and effectiveness of ZYLOPRIM have not been established in pediatric patients with rare inborn errors of purine metabolism.

## **8.6 Renal Impairment**

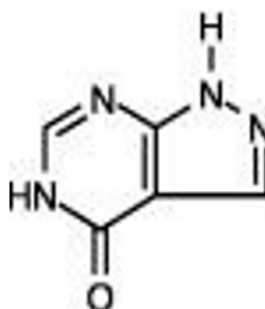
ZYLOPRIM and its primary active metabolite, oxipurinol, are eliminated by the kidneys; therefore, changes in renal function have a profound effect on exposure. In patients with decreased renal function or who have concurrent illnesses which can affect renal function, perform periodic laboratory parameters of renal function and reassess the patient's dosage of ZYLOPRIM [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.6), *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)].

## **10 OVERDOSAGE**

In the management of overdosage there is no specific antidote for ZYLOPRIM. Both ZYLOPRIM and oxipurinol are dialyzable; however, the usefulness of hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis in the management of an overdose of ZYLOPRIM is unknown.

## **11 DESCRIPTION**

ZYLOPRIM (allopurinol) is a xanthine oxidase inhibitor. It has the following structural formula:



ZYLOPRIM is known chemically as 1, 5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrazolo [3, 4-*d*]pyrimidin-4-one and it has a molecular weight of 136.11 g/mol. Its solubility in water at 37°C is 80.0 mg/dL and is greater in an alkaline solution. It is a xanthine oxidase inhibitor which is administered orally.

Each scored white hexagon-shaped tablet contains 100 mg allopurinol and the inactive ingredients lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, potato starch, and povidone.

Each scored white round tablet contains 200 mg allopurinol and the inactive ingredients lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, corn starch, and povidone.

Each scored peach tablet contains 300 mg allopurinol and the inactive ingredients corn starch, FD&C Yellow No. 6 Lake, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, and povidone.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

ZYLOPRIM (allopurinol) is a structural analogue of the natural purine base, hypoxanthine.

Allopurinol acts on purine catabolism, without disrupting the biosynthesis of purines. It reduces the production of uric acid by inhibiting the biochemical reactions immediately preceding its formation. It is an inhibitor of xanthine oxidase, the enzyme responsible for the conversion of hypoxanthine to xanthine and of xanthine to uric acid, the end product of purine metabolism in humans. Allopurinol is metabolized to the corresponding xanthine analogue, oxypurinol (alloxanthine), which also is an inhibitor of xanthine oxidase.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

ZYLOPRIM reduces the production of uric acid by inhibiting the biochemical reactions immediately preceding its formation in a dose dependent manner. The pharmacological action of allopurinol is generally believed to be mediated by its oxypurinol metabolite.

#### Effect on Hypoxanthine and Xanthine

Reutilization of both hypoxanthine and xanthine for nucleotide and nucleic acid synthesis is markedly enhanced when their oxidations are inhibited by ZYLOPRIM and oxipurinol. This reutilization does not disrupt normal nucleic acid anabolism, however, because feedback inhibition is an integral part of purine biosynthesis. As a result of xanthine oxidase inhibition, the serum concentration of hypoxanthine plus xanthine in patients receiving ZYLOPRIM for treatment of hyperuricemia is usually in the range of 0.3 mg/dL to 0.4 mg/dL compared to a normal level of approximately 0.15 mg/dL. A maximum of 0.9 mg/dL of these oxypurines has been reported when the serum urate was lowered to less than 2 mg/dL by high doses of ZYLOPRIM. These values are far below the saturation levels at which point their precipitation would be expected to occur (above 7 mg/dL). The increased xanthine and hypoxanthine in the urine in patients who were treated with oral allopurinol have not been accompanied by problems of nephrolithiasis; however, there are isolated case reports of xanthine crystalluria.

#### Drug Interaction Studies

*Fluorouracil:* Based on non-clinical data, allopurinol may decrease anti-tumor activity due to suppression of phosphorylation of 5-fluorouracil.

*Pegloticase:* Concomitant use of ZYLOPRIM and pegloticase may potentially blunt the rise of serum uric acid levels required for monitoring the safe use of pegloticase.

*Cytotoxic Agents:* Enhanced bone marrow suppression by cyclophosphamide and other cytotoxic agents has been reported among patients with neoplastic disease, except leukemia, in the presence of ZYLOPRIM.

*Thiazide Diuretics:* Reports that the concomitant administration of allopurinol and thiazide diuretics contributed to increased allopurinol toxicity were reviewed; however, a causal mechanism or cause-and-effect relationship was not found.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

#### Absorption

ZYLOPRIM is approximately 90% absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract. Peak plasma levels

generally occur at 1.5 hours and 4.5 hours for ZYLOPRIM and oxipurinol respectively. After a single oral dose of 300 mg ZYLOPRIM, maximum plasma levels of about 3 mcg/mL of ZYLOPRIM and 6.5 mcg/mL of oxipurinol are produced.

### Elimination

The half-life of allopurinol and oxipurinol are approximately 1 hour to 2 hours and 15 hours following oral dose of ZYLOPRIM, respectively.

### *Metabolism*

Allopurinol is metabolized to the corresponding xanthine analogue, oxypurinol (alloxanthine), which also is an inhibitor of xanthine oxidase.

### *Excretion*

ZYLOPRIM and its primary active metabolite, oxipurinol, are eliminated by the kidneys. Approximately 20% of the ingested ZYLOPRIM is excreted in the feces. Oxipurinol is primarily eliminated unchanged in urine by glomerular filtration and tubular reabsorption.

### Drug Interaction Studies

*Capecitabine:* Concomitant use with allopurinol may decrease concentration of capecitabine's active metabolites, which may decrease capecitabine efficacy.

*Cyclosporine:* Concomitant use of allopurinol increases cyclosporine concentrations which may increase the risk of adverse reactions.

*Mercaptopurine or Azathioprine:* Allopurinol inhibits xanthine oxidase mediated metabolism of mercaptopurine and azathioprine. Concomitant use of allopurinol increases the exposure of either mercaptopurine or azathioprine which may increase the risk of their adverse reactions including myelosuppression.

*Theophylline:* Concomitant use of allopurinol doses greater than or equal to 600 mg/day may decrease the clearance of theophylline.

*Uricosuric Agents:* Uricosuric agents increase the excretion of the active allopurinol metabolite oxypurinol. Concomitant use with uricosuric agents decreases oxypurinol exposure which may reduce the inhibition of xanthine oxidase by oxypurinol and increases the urinary excretion of uric acid.

*Warfarin:* Allopurinol may inhibit the metabolism of warfarin, possibly enhancing its anticoagulant effect.

## **12.5 Pharmacogenomics**

### HLA-B\*5801 allele

The HLA-B\*5801 allele is a genetic marker that has shown to be associated with risk of developing ZYLOPRIM related hypersensitivity syndrome (DRESS) and SJS/TEN. The frequency of the HLA-B\*58:01 allele ranges from 8 to 10% in Han Chinese populations, about 8% in Thai populations, and about 6% in Korean populations based upon published literature and available databases. The frequency of the HLA-B\*58:01 allele is about 4% in Blacks, about 1 % to 2 % in indigenous peoples of the Americas and Hispanic populations, and < 1% in people from European descent and Japanese.



Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS)/Toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) can still occur in patients who are found to be negative for HLA-B\*5801 irrespective of ethnic origin.

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No evidence of tumorigenicity was observed in male or female mice or rats that received oral allopurinol for the majority of their life spans (greater than 88 weeks) at doses up to 20 mg/kg/day (0.1 and 0.2 times the MRHD on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis in mice and rats, respectively).

Allopurinol tested negative in the following genotoxicity assays: the in vitro Ames assay, in vitro mouse lymphoma assay, and in vivo rat bone marrow micronucleus assay. Allopurinol administered intravenously to rats (50 mg/kg) was not incorporated into rapidly replicating intestinal DNA. No evidence of clastogenicity was observed in lymphocytes taken from patients treated with allopurinol (mean duration of treatment 40 months), or in an in vitro assay with human lymphocytes.

Allopurinol oral doses of 20 mg/kg/day had no effect on male or female fertility in rats or rabbits (approximately 0.2 or 0.5 times the MRHD on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis, respectively).

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### How Supplied

ZYLOPRIM (allopurinol) is available in multiple tablet strengths with functional scoring and package sizes (bottles with child-resistant caps) as listed in Table 4.

**TABLE 4: ZYLOPRIM Presentations**

Tablet Strength	Tablet Description	Package Sizes (NDC)
100 mg	Flat-faced raised hexagon, beveled edge, white tablet, one side engraved “ZYLOPRIM 100” with a score bar, and plain on the other side	Bottles of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 90 tablets (NDC 70199-031-90)</li><li>• 100 tablets (NDC 70199-031-01)</li><li>• 500 tablets (NDC 70199-031-05)</li><li>• 1,000 tablets (NDC 70199-031-99)</li></ul>
200 mg	Biconvex, round, white scored tablets, imprinted ZYLOPRIM about the upper periphery, and 200 on the lower half, below the score, and plain on the other side	Bottles of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 90 tablets (NDC 70199-032-90)</li><li>• 100 tablets (NDC 70199-032-01)</li><li>• 500 tablets (NDC 70199-032-05)</li><li>• 1,000 tablets (NDC 70199-032-99)</li></ul>
300 mg	Flat-faced raised hexagon, beveled edge, peach tablet, one side engraved “ZYLOPRIM 300” with a score bar, and plain on the other side	Bottles of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 90 tablets (NDC 70199-033-90)</li><li>• 100 tablets (NDC 70199-033-01)</li><li>• 500 tablets (NDC 70199-033-05)</li><li>• 1,000 tablets (NDC 70199-033-99)</li></ul>

### Storage and Handling

Store at 20°C to 25°C (USP Controlled Room Temperature) (68°F to 77°F) in a dry place. Dispense in a tight container as defined in the USP.

## **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

### Administration

Advise patients to take ZYLOPRIM after meals to minimize gastric irritation. If a single dose of ZYLOPRIM is occasionally forgotten, there is no need to double the dose at the next scheduled time.

### Skin Rash and Hypersensitivity

Inform patients that ZYLOPRIM may increase the risk of serious and sometimes fatal dermatologic reactions. Instruct patients to discontinue ZYLOPRIM and to seek medical attention immediately, at the first sign of a skin rash, blisters, fever, painful urination, blood in the urine, irritation of the eyes, swelling of the lips or mouth, or other signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].

### Gout Flares During Treatment With ZYLOPRIM

Inform patients that gout flares may occur during initiation of treatment with ZYLOPRIM, even when their serum uric acid is normal. Concurrent use of additional medications such as colchicine or other anti-inflammatory agents can prevent gout flares. Advise patients to continue treatment with both, ZYLOPRIM and the prophylactic therapy as prescribed, even if gout flares occur. Reassure them that it may take months to achieve control of the flares but the flares typically become shorter and less severe after several months of therapy [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)].

### Nephrotoxicity

Inform patients that ZYLOPRIM may affect kidney function. Advise them to increase fluid intake during therapy (i.e., for adults, at least 2 liters of liquids per day) and to stay well hydrated to prevent kidney stones [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)].

### Hepatotoxicity

Inform patients of the risk of hepatotoxicity and to report to their healthcare provider any signs and symptoms of liver failure, including jaundice, pruritus, bleeding, bruising, or anorexia [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].

### Myelosuppression

Advise patients of the risk of myelosuppression and to report any signs and symptoms of infection, fever, bleeding, shortness of breath, or significant fatigue to their healthcare provider [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].

### Potential Effect on Driving and Use of Machinery

Inform patients that drowsiness, somnolence and dizziness have been reported in patients taking ZYLOPRIM. Inform also that the central nervous system depressant effects of ZYLOPRIM may be additive to those of alcohol and other CNS depressants. Advise patients to avoid operation of automobiles or other dangerous machinery and activities made hazardous by decreased alertness

when starting ZYLOPRIM or increasing the dose, until they know how the drug affects them [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6)].

#### Risks Associated with Use of Concomitant Medications

Inform patients that there are risks of adverse effects when ZYLOPRIM is used with the following drugs: dicumarol, warfarin, sulfinpyrazone, mercaptopurine, azathioprine, ampicillin, amoxicillin, pegloticase, theophylline, and thiazide diuretics. Advise patients to disclose all medications in use and they should follow the instructions of their physician [see *Drug Interactions* (7.2)].

#### Pregnancy

Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise women to notify their healthcare provider if they become pregnant or intend to become pregnant during treatment with ZYLOPRIM [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.1)].

#### Lactation

Advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with ZYLOPRIM and for one week after the last dose [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.2)].

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