

Discussing **TECENTRIQ**[®] (atezolizumab) with your healthcare team



What is **TECENTRIQ**[®]?

TECENTRIQ[®] is a prescription medicine used to treat:

- a type of lung cancer called non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

TECENTRIQ[®] may be used when your lung cancer:

- has spread or grown, and
- you have tried chemotherapy and it did not work or is no longer working.

It is not known if **TECENTRIQ**[®] is safe and effective in children.

Questions to ask your healthcare professional:

Questions about your diagnosis

1. What kind of cancer do I have?

2. What stage is my cancer?

3. What is the time frame for me to make decisions regarding treatment?

4. If I decide to have treatment, when can I start?

What are my treatment options?

1. What are the usual treatment options for someone with my type of cancer?

2. Are there any newer treatments that are not funded that may benefit me?

3. How long will I need to stay on these treatments?

4. How will I know my treatment is working?

5. What are the chances my cancer will come back after treatment?



Questions to ask your healthcare professional:

Is TECENTRIQ® right for me?

1. What is immunotherapy?

2. Is immunotherapy a suitable treatment option for my cancer?

3. How does TECENTRIQ® work?

4. How do I get TECENTRIQ® if it is not available in a public hospital?

5. Who can I talk to regarding funding/health insurance to help me pay for TECENTRIQ®?

6. How long will I need to be on TECENTRIQ®?

7. How will I know if TECENTRIQ® is working?

8. What are the side effects of TECENTRIQ®?



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TECENTRIQ® (atezolizumab), 1200mg/20mL, is a **Prescription Medicine** used for advanced or metastatic (spreading) non-small cell lung cancer, and advanced or spreading urothelial cancer (a type of cancer that affects the bladder and urinary system).

Do not use TECENTRIQ® if: you have had an allergic reaction to **TECENTRIQ®** or any of the ingredients in the vial.

Tell your healthcare professional if: you have immune system problems such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, or lupus; you have inflammation of the lungs (called 'pneumonitis'); you have liver problems, such as hepatitis; you have thyroid problems; you are taking other medicines; you are pregnant or breast-feeding, or plan to become pregnant or breast-feed. Tell your healthcare professional right away if you become pregnant during treatment with **TECENTRIQ®**.

Tell your healthcare professional immediately or go to your nearest Accident and Emergency Centre if you notice any of the following: inflammation of the lung (pneumonitis): symptoms may include new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, and chest pain; inflammation of the liver (hepatitis): symptoms may include yellowing of skin or eyes, nausea, vomiting, bleeding or bruising, dark urine, and stomach pain; inflammation of the intestines (colitis): symptoms may include diarrhoea (watery, loose or soft stools), blood in stools, and stomach pain; inflammation of the thyroid and adrenal glands (hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, or adrenal insufficiency): symptoms may include tiredness, weight loss, weight gain, changes in mood or behaviour, hair loss, constipation, headache, and dizziness; type 1 diabetes mellitus, including acid in the blood produced from diabetes (diabetic ketoacidosis): symptoms may include feeling more hungry or thirsty than usual, need to urinate more often, weight loss, and feeling tired; inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) or inflammation of the membrane around the spinal cord and brain (meningitis): symptoms may include neck stiffness, headache, fever, chills, vomiting, eye sensitivity to light, confusion and sleepiness; inflammation or problems of the nerves (neuropathy): symptoms may include muscle weakness, numbness or tingling in hands and feet; inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis): symptoms may include abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting; severe reactions associated with infusion (events occurring during or within one day of having the infusion) may include fever, chills, shortness of breath and flushing.

Possible common side effects may also include: joint pain; loss of appetite; diarrhoea; shortness of breath; feeling tired with no energy (fatigue); itching of the skin; nausea; fever; rash; vomiting; difficulty swallowing; flu-like symptoms; nasal congestion; stomach pain; pain in the muscles and bones.

TECENTRIQ® has risks and benefits. Ask your healthcare professional if **TECENTRIQ®** is right for you. Use strictly as directed. If symptoms continue or you have side effects, see your healthcare professional. For further information on **TECENTRIQ®**, please talk to your health professional or visit www.medsafe.govt.nz for **TECENTRIQ®** Consumer Medicine Information.

TECENTRIQ® is not funded by PHARMAC. You will need to pay the full cost of this medicine. A prescription charge and normal oncologist fees may apply.

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