



For patients with advanced liposarcoma

# YOUR GUIDE TO HALAVEN<sup>®</sup>

## Who is HALAVEN (eribulin mesylate) Injection for?

HALAVEN is a prescription medicine used to treat adults with liposarcoma that cannot be treated with surgery or that has spread to other parts of the body, and who have received treatment with a certain type of anticancer medicine.

## Selected Safety Information

HALAVEN can cause serious side effects, including

➤ **Low white blood cell count (neutropenia).**

This can lead to serious infections that could lead to death. Your health care provider will check your blood cell counts. Call your health care provider right away if you develop fever (temperature above 100.5°F), chills, cough, or burning or pain when you urinate, as any of these can be symptoms of infection

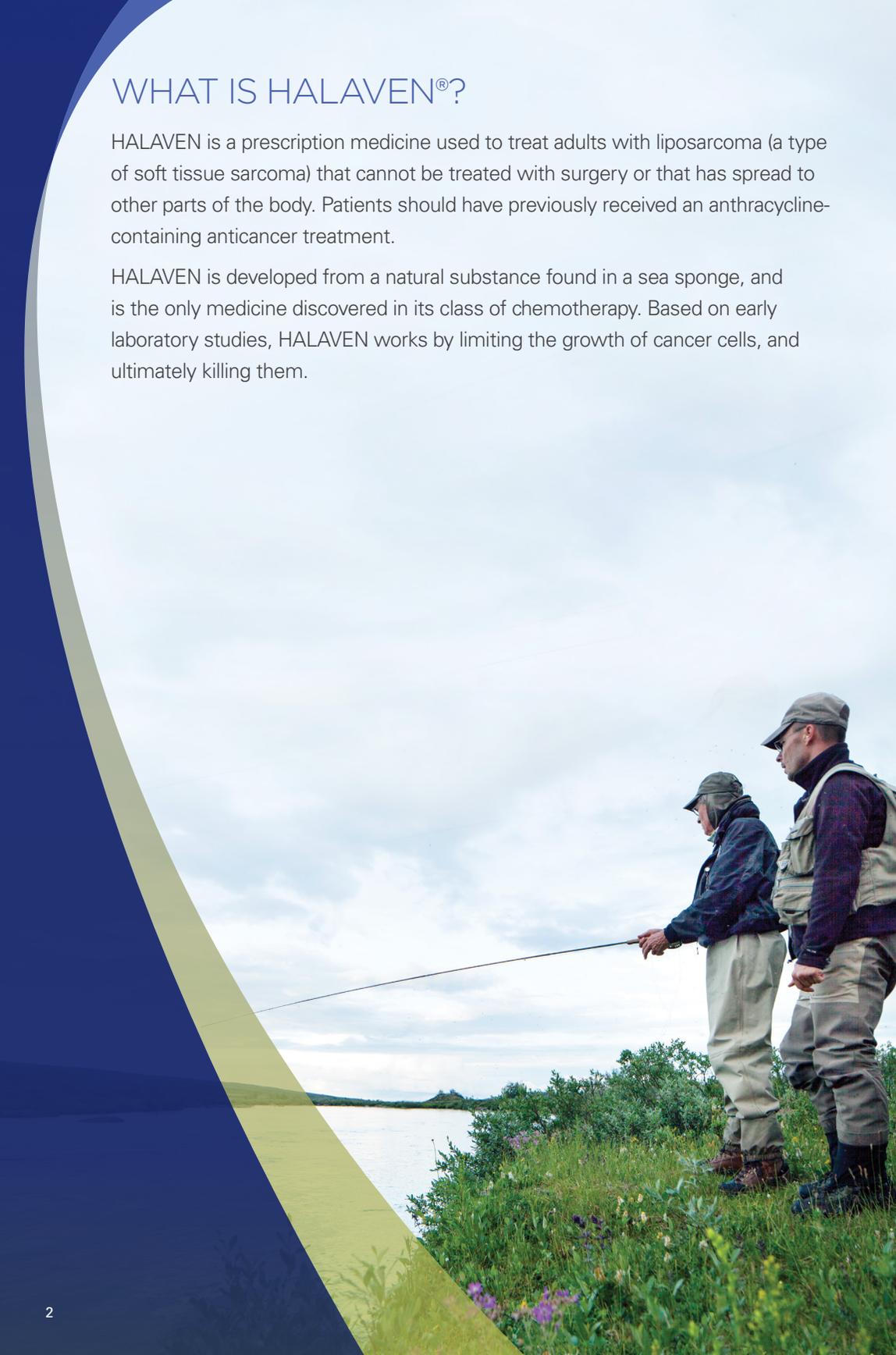
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## WHAT IS HALAVEN®?

HALAVEN is a prescription medicine used to treat adults with liposarcoma (a type of soft tissue sarcoma) that cannot be treated with surgery or that has spread to other parts of the body. Patients should have previously received an anthracycline-containing anticancer treatment.

HALAVEN is developed from a natural substance found in a sea sponge, and is the only medicine discovered in its class of chemotherapy. Based on early laboratory studies, HALAVEN works by limiting the growth of cancer cells, and ultimately killing them.



# HOW EFFECTIVE IS HALAVEN?

When used alone after a certain type of anticancer treatment, HALAVEN is the first and only chemotherapy that is proven to help some patients with advanced liposarcoma live longer.

HALAVEN was compared to dacarbazine, another chemotherapy commonly used to treat advanced liposarcoma. HALAVEN was studied in patients with 3 types of advanced liposarcoma with intermediate to high tumor grade, including patients with dedifferentiated, myxoid/round cell, and pleomorphic liposarcoma. Among the 143 patients with advanced liposarcoma in the trial, some patients lived longer and some did not live as long.

**Patients with advanced liposarcoma who were treated with HALAVEN lived 15.6 months compared with patients treated with the other chemotherapy, who lived 8.4 months**

This means that patients who received HALAVEN lived 86% longer than patients who received the other chemotherapy.

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➤ **Numbness, tingling, or pain in your hands or feet (peripheral neuropathy).**

Peripheral neuropathy is common with HALAVEN and sometimes can be severe. Tell your health care provider if you have new or worsening symptoms of peripheral neuropathy

➤ Your health care provider may delay or decrease your dose or stop treatment with HALAVEN if you have side effects

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# WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE STARTING HALAVEN®?

**Before you receive HALAVEN, tell your health care provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you**

- have liver or kidney problems
- have heart problems, including a problem called congenital long QT syndrome
- have low potassium or low magnesium in your blood
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. HALAVEN can harm your unborn baby. Tell your health care provider right away if you become pregnant or think you are pregnant during treatment with HALAVEN. Females who are able to become pregnant should use an effective form of birth control during treatment with HALAVEN and for at least 2 weeks after the final dose of HALAVEN and males should use an effective form of birth control when having sex with female partners who are able to become pregnant during treatment with HALAVEN and for 3½ months (14 weeks) after the final dose of HALAVEN
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if HALAVEN passes into your breast milk. Do not breastfeed during treatment with HALAVEN and for 2 weeks after the final dose of HALAVEN

**Tell your health care provider about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.



# HOW WILL I RECEIVE HALAVEN?

Before you receive each dose of HALAVEN, your health care provider (HCP) should do blood tests to check your blood cell counts and examine you for numbness, tingling, or burning in your hands and feet.

HALAVEN is given by an injection into your vein (known as an intravenous, or IV, infusion). Each HALAVEN dose is given over a **short period of 2 to 5 minutes**. HALAVEN is given once a week for 2 weeks, followed by 1 week off. This is considered 1 cycle of treatment. Your HCP will decide how many treatment cycles you will have.

It is possible that there may be a reason your HCP may delay or decrease your dose or stop treatment. Talk to your HCP about any changes to your dosing schedule.



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## WHAT IF I HAVE SIDE EFFECTS?

Always let your HCP know about any side effects you have, especially if they continue or become worse. Understanding some common side effects of your HALAVEN® treatment may help you manage them with your HCP.

A decrease in white blood cells, or neutropenia, is a possible side effect of HALAVEN. Your HCP should do a blood test to monitor your blood cells before you receive each dose of HALAVEN.

Hair loss, or alopecia, is a frequent concern during treatment. It is important to know that you do not have to go through this alone. It can be helpful to speak to others who have had a similar experience by reaching out to support groups in the community.

Nerve problems, or peripheral neuropathy, are another possible side effect of HALAVEN. Be sure to tell your HCP if you feel numbness, tingling, or burning in your hands and feet. He or she may delay or decrease your dose or stop treatment.



Be sure that you or a loved one keep track of when and how often side effects occur, as well as their severity, so your HCP can best support you. Your HCP may recommend lowering or delaying your dose of HALAVEN if your side effects persist. In some cases, side effects do not improve after lowering or delaying the dose of HALAVEN, and you may need to stop taking HALAVEN.

## When should I call my HCP?

You should alert your HCP immediately if you notice any changes in your body or experience any of the following symptoms of infection:

- Fever (temperature above 100.5°F)
- Chills
- Cough
- Burning or pain when you urinate

Also alert your HCP if you experience numbness, tingling, or burning in your hands and feet.

Tell your HCP about any side effect that bothers you or does not go away. The information in this brochure doesn't include all of the possible side effects of HALAVEN and doesn't take the place of talking with an HCP about your medical condition or treatment.

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### What are the possible side effects of HALAVEN?

#### **HALAVEN can cause changes in your heartbeat (called QT prolongation).**

This can cause irregular heartbeats. Your health care provider may do heart monitoring (electrocardiogram or ECG) or blood tests during your treatment with HALAVEN to check for heart problems.

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# TIPS FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING CHEMOTHERAPY

## Diet and nutrition

Eating well will help you get the right nutrients to stay strong throughout your treatment. A healthy diet can also help you maintain your energy levels and may help control other health problems.

Eating a variety of foods will provide your body with the nutrients it needs. During treatment for cancer, your dietary needs may change. Talk to your HCP about making the right choices to get the nutrition you need. Don't forget to drink plenty of water and fluids to avoid dehydration.

Nausea and vomiting are 2 other side effects that you may experience. You can take steps to help reduce these symptoms on your own. Eating smaller meals, eating more slowly, and drinking small sips of water can be helpful. There are also medicines that can help manage these symptoms. Ask your HCP if these medicines may be right for you.

Tell your HCP if you have any of these side effects so you can find ways to help manage them.

**There are many benefits to exercise and physical activity. Please consult with your doctor for more information.**



## Controlling cancer-related pain

Pain is a common problem for people with advanced cancer. Please speak with your HCP about any pain you experience. It may be a result of your cancer, or it may be related to your treatment. Although people often experience pain, it is not something you should ignore. Be sure to report any pain you feel to your HCP, because steps can be taken to help manage it.

One way to help keep track of your pain during treatment is to keep a journal. You or a loved one can write down information in a journal about your pain to discuss with your HCP. Be sure to keep track of the following:

- Where the pain is happening
- When and how often you feel pain
- The severity and type of pain
- How the pain is affecting your life

Take this journal with you to your appointment, and ask your HCP about pain medicines and complementary therapies that may help with these symptoms.

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### What are the possible side effects of HALAVEN?

The most common side effects of HALAVEN in adults with liposarcoma include tiredness, nausea, hair loss (alopecia), constipation, stomach pain, and fever.

Your health care provider will do blood tests before and during treatment while you are taking HALAVEN. The most common changes to blood tests in adults with liposarcoma include low white blood cell count (neutropenia) and decreased blood levels of potassium or calcium.

**You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch) or call 1-800-FDA-1088.**

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# HOW CAN I RECEIVE HELP PAYING FOR HALAVEN®?

## HALAVEN® \$0 Co-Pay Program\*

Learn if you are eligible for the HALAVEN \$0 Co-Pay Program, which may be able to help you with the out-of-pocket costs of HALAVEN.



## The Patient Assistance Program

Eisai, the maker of HALAVEN, believes that cost should not be a barrier to receiving treatment. That's why we're committed to helping you identify what financial support may be available to you. We offer the Patient Assistance Program (PAP). This program offers insurance information and financial support to eligible patients and caregivers for Eisai products and medicines, although Eisai cannot guarantee coverage.

\*The HALAVEN \$0 Co-Pay Program assists eligible patients with out-of-pocket costs of HALAVEN (up to \$18,000 per year). Restrictions apply. Visit [www.eisaireimbursement.com/patient/halaven](http://www.eisaireimbursement.com/patient/halaven) to see the full terms and conditions and eligibility requirements, to learn more about the program, and to download an enrollment form.

## The PAP can help you†

- Understand how your therapy may be covered by your insurance
- Understand your out-of-pocket cost, which is the part you pay for and can include co-pays, co-insurance, or deductibles
- Identify sources of potential coverage if you do not have insurance, including eligibility for PAP

†Eisai cannot guarantee payment of any claim. Coding, coverage, and reimbursement may vary significantly by payer, plan, patient, and setting of care. Actual coverage and reimbursement decisions are made by individual payers following the receipt of claims. For additional information, customers should consult with their payers for all relevant coding, reimbursement, and coverage requirements. It is the sole responsibility of the provider to select the proper code and ensure the accuracy of all claims used in seeking reimbursement. All services must be medically appropriate and properly supported in the patient medical record.

### To learn more about the HALAVEN \$0 Co-Pay Program and the PAP for HALAVEN

- Call **1.866.61.EISAI** (1.866.613.4724)  
Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM, ET
- Visit **[www.eisaireimbursement.com/patient/halaven](http://www.eisaireimbursement.com/patient/halaven)**

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## WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT?

Listed below are some organizations that can give you and your friends and family more information about advanced liposarcoma and other soft tissue sarcomas, and connect you with other people who have challenges like yours.

### **The Sarcoma Alliance**

*[www.sarcomaalliance.org](http://www.sarcomaalliance.org)*

The Sarcoma Alliance strives to improve the lives of people affected by sarcoma through accurate diagnosis, improved access to care, guidance, education, and support.

### **The Sarcoma Foundation of America**

*[www.curesarcoma.org](http://www.curesarcoma.org)*

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) provides support to sarcoma patients by funding research and increasing awareness about the disease through education and advocacy efforts.



## **The American Cancer Society®**

*[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)*

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has worked for over 100 years to create a world with less cancer. ACS focuses on helping patients to stay well and get well, to fight back, and to find cures.

## **CancerCare®**

*[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)*

Founded in 1944, CancerCare is the leading national organization providing free, professional support services and information to help people manage the emotional, practical and financial challenges of cancer. Our comprehensive services include counseling and support groups over the phone, online and in-person, educational workshops, publications and financial and co-payment assistance. All CancerCare services are provided by oncology social workers and world-leading cancer experts.

## **Cancer Hope Network**

*[www.cancerhopenetwork.org](http://www.cancerhopenetwork.org)*

Cancer Hope Network provides emotional support to cancer patients, loved ones, and family members by matching them with trained volunteer cancer survivors.

## **Cancer Support Community**

*[www.cancersupportcommunity.org](http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org)*

Cancer Support Community is dedicated to providing support, education, and hope to anyone affected by cancer.

## WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT? (CONTINUED)

### **Caregiver Action Network**

*[www.helpforcancer caregivers.org](http://www.helpforcancer caregivers.org)*

Help for Cancer Caregivers, by the Caregiver Action Network (CAN), is a collaboration of organizations with the goal of improving the health and well-being of the people who care for patients with cancer.

### **MyLifeLine.org**

*[www.mylifeline.org](http://www.mylifeline.org)*

MyLifeLine.org connects cancer patients and caregivers to their community of family and friends for social and emotional support, through free, personal and private Web sites.

### **National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship**

*[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org)*

The National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) is an advocacy organization founded by and for cancer survivors. NCCS promotes policy change to make cancer care better for survivors and their loved ones.



Eisai is committed to *human health care (hhc)*

Eisai's commitment to innovative solutions in disease prevention and care for the health and well-being of people worldwide is embodied in our *hhc* mission. Human health care means we give first thoughts to patients and their families by helping to ensure access to necessary medicines.

For more information about HALAVEN, please visit  
[www.halaven.com](http://www.halaven.com)

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