

Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) Research Study

Frequently Asked Questions



If you have had hidradenitis suppurativa (HS), also known as acne inversa, for at least 3 months, and have been prescribed in the past with an HS treatment that did not work well, you may be interested in a new clinical research study. The study is for an investigational oral medication for HS, taken once daily.

1. What is the purpose of a clinical study?

Clinical studies/trials are used to learn about the safety and effectiveness of new medications, medical devices, and medical procedures. Although there are many types of clinical trials, all must conform to strict rules set by local regulatory authorities. These rules help protect the rights and safety of those who volunteer to take part in clinical trials.

2. Where is the study being conducted?

The study is being conducted at select clinical research centers globally.

3. Will I have to pay for anything if I choose to participate?

If you qualify and choose to join the study, you will receive all study-related care and study medication at no cost. You may also be reimbursed for your time and travel to attend required study visits.

4. Does everyone in the study receive the investigational medication?

Yes, there are 2 treatment periods in the study. In the first treatment period (about 3 months), you will have 67% chance of receiving the active investigational medication, and a 33% chance of receiving a placebo (an identical-medication, but with no active ingredient). Neither you nor your doctor will know which medication you receive. This is a common technique in clinical studies, as it helps doctors and researchers understand the effects of the investigational medication without bias.

After this 3-month period, you will start the second treatment period - where everyone will receive only the active investigational medication for an additional 10 months, and your study doctor will continue to monitor your progress.

5. How long does the study last?

The study lasts approximately 13 months. During this time, you will meet with your study doctor in person about once every month. These visits are an important part of the study, as they allow your study doctor to closely monitor your progress, as well as discuss your overall experiences.

6. What happens during the visits?

At every visit, you will be asked about how you are feeling, and your study doctor will examine your skin. At most visits, you will also receive a brief physical exam and will answer questionnaires about your HS symptoms and impact on your quality of life. Throughout the study, depending on the visit, you will also be asked to provide routine blood samples for safety tests. Before you decide to participate, your study team will provide you with a detailed summary of what will happen at each visit, so that you can make an informed decision about joining the study.

7. What if I join the study and decide I do not want to participate anymore?

As with all clinical studies, your participation is completely voluntary. You may leave the study at any time without any effect on your future medical care.

8. I am interested in possibly moving forward. What is the next step?

Please contact your local study center, and they will work with you to schedule a convenient time for your initial visit.

Thank you for your interest in our study. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions!

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