

BCCH GROWTH HORMONE PROGRAM: COMPASSIONATE SUPPLY

Growth hormone (GH) has been recommended for your child; however, the cost of GH for your child is **not covered by the provincial drug plan, Fair Pharmacare**. The following information will help you as you apply for compassionate supply. The entire process takes about 2-3 months.

Submit an application:

1. You will submit an application to the drug company's compassionate supply program. They will contact your extended benefits companies, if any, to request coverage. They may also require validation of your income (T4's).
2. The compassionate supply program will review your application and notify you and the endocrinologist/endocrine nurse of your approval or non-approval.
3. Based on your family's information, you may be asked to contribute a monthly amount.

Choose a local pharmacy:

1. You will choose a local pharmacy and confirm with the pharmacist that they will receive and dispense your prescribed medication. You will notify your endocrinologist/endocrine nurse and the compassionate supply program, giving them the pharmacy contact information (address, telephone number, fax number). Your endocrinologist will fax a prescription to your pharmacy and to the compassionate supply program.
2. You will pick up your medication from your local pharmacy and notify your endocrine nurse when it has arrived.

Learn how to give GH:

1. Your nurse will book an appointment in the clinic for you to learn how give GH. If you live a long distance from BCCH, discuss alternatives for learning to give the injection with your endocrine nurse.
2. Finally, you will be ready to give your child GH injections. Bring your GH (in a cooler) with you to your teaching appointment.
3. Supplies such as needles, syringes, alcohol swabs and sharps containers can be obtained from your local pharmacy. The cost of supplies is not covered by the compassionate program.

Re-ordering GH:

When you have approximately 4 weeks' supply left, call the compassionate supply program to request another supply and to arrange shipment to your local pharmacy. Each new prescription must be faxed to the dispensing pharmacy and to the compassionate supply company. Each year,

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the compassionate supply program will contact you for current information, and to renew your request for compassionate supply. The program has been created by the pharmaceutical company, and it is possible that it could be discontinued at any time.

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