



**CRESEMBA<sup>®</sup>**  
(isavuconazonium sulfate)  
186 mg capsules

## **PATIENT EDUCATION**

This brochure includes helpful information about CRESEMBA (isavuconazonium sulfate) capsules. Be sure to talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have any questions.

Please see Important Safety Information throughout brochure. [Click here](#) for Patient Information and Full Prescribing Information for CRESEMBA.

## WHAT IS AN INVASIVE FUNGAL INFECTION?

Fungi, like bacteria, live all around us. They can be in the air, soil, plants, and water. Most fungi do not make humans sick, but some can get into the body or blood and cause a serious, at times life-threatening, infection. This is called an invasive fungal infection.

## WHAT ARE INVASIVE ASPERGILLOSIS AND INVASIVE MUCORMYCOSIS?

Many types of fungi can cause invasive fungal infections.

### **Aspergillosis (as-per-juh-LOH-sis)**

is a fungal infection caused by a mold called *Aspergillus*.

### **Mucormycosis (mew-cor-my-COH-sis)**

also called zygomycosis (zy-go-my-COH-sis), is a fungal infection caused by a group of molds called Mucormycetes.

## WHO IS AT RISK FOR INVASIVE ASPERGILLOSIS AND INVASIVE MUCORMYCOSIS?

Anyone can be at risk for getting an invasive fungal infection. Some conditions may increase your risk. People who have certain kinds of cancer or who have had an organ or stem cell transplant are more at risk of getting an invasive fungal infection. If you have diabetes, HIV/AIDS, or severe burns, you can also be at risk.

Getting a fungal infection when you already have another illness can make it harder to fight your illness. It can be even more difficult if your immune system is weak. With the right treatment plan, it is possible to treat invasive aspergillosis and invasive mucormycosis.

## HOW ARE INVASIVE ASPERGILLOSIS AND INVASIVE MUCORMYCOSIS TREATED?

Fungal infections are treated differently based on the type of fungus that causes the infection. Invasive aspergillosis and invasive mucormycosis are often treated with antifungal medicine. This medicine can help get rid of or slow the spread of the fungus.

In the hospital, you may be given the medicine through an intravenous (IV) line into a vein. Many antifungal medicines are also available in pills. You may have to start treatment with IV medicine and then switch to a pill.

## WHAT IS CRESEMBA?

CRESEMBA (isavuconazonium sulfate) is an antifungal medicine used to treat invasive aspergillosis and invasive mucormycosis in adults.

CRESEMBA capsules come in a box that contains 2 blister sheets. Each sheet has 7 capsules. There is a total of 14 capsules per box.

CRESEMBA capsules have a reddish-brown body and a white cap.



Capsules not actual size.

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## USE OF CRESEMBA

CRESEMBA is a prescription medicine used to treat people 18 years of age and older with certain types of fungal infections in the blood or body called "aspergillosis," and "mucormycosis" (zygomycosis). CRESEMBA may be given as capsules or through an IV placed in your arm (intravenously).

It is not known if CRESEMBA is safe and effective in children under 18 years of age.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### Do not take CRESEMBA if you:

- are allergic to CRESEMBA or any of the ingredients. See the end of the Patient Information for a complete list of ingredients in CRESEMBA.
- have a genetic problem that affects the electrical system of the heart (familial short QT syndrome).
- are taking any of the following medicines: ketoconazole, high-dose ritonavir, rifampin, carbamazepine, St. John's wort (herbal supplement), long-acting barbiturates.

Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure if you are taking any of these medicines or have any of the conditions listed above. **Do not** start taking a new medicine without talking to your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

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## WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDED DOSING OF CRESEMBA?

Take CRESEMBA (isavuconazonium sulfate) exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.

If you are just starting on CRESEMBA, you may need to take a higher dose at first. This is called a loading dose.

Once you complete the loading dose, you should continue to take CRESEMBA once a day for as long as your healthcare provider tells you. This is called a maintenance dose.

Recommended dosing of CRESEMBA	
Loading dose (Day 1 and Day 2)	Maintenance dose (Day 3 and on)
Take 2 capsules at the same time, every 8 hours	Take 2 capsules at the same time, once a day
	

Capsules not actual size.

You can take CRESEMBA with or without food.

Be sure to swallow CRESEMBA capsules whole. Do not chew, crush, dissolve, or open the capsules.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Before you take CRESEMBA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

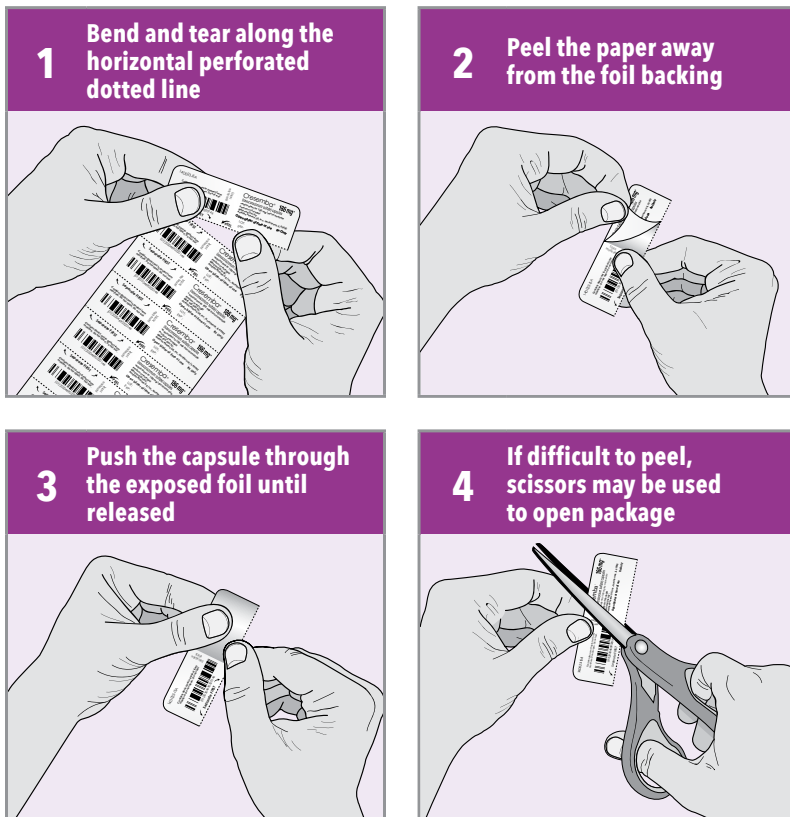
- have or ever had an abnormal heart rate or rhythm. Your healthcare provider may order a test to check your heart (ECG) before starting CRESEMBA.
- have liver problems. Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to make sure you can take CRESEMBA.
- have ever had an allergic reaction to other antifungal medications such as ketoconazole, fluconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole or posaconazole.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if CRESEMBA will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. CRESEMBA can pass into your breast milk and may harm your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you take CRESEMBA. You should not breastfeed while taking CRESEMBA.

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## HOW DO I OPEN CRESEMBA CAPSULES BLISTER PACKAGING?

CRESEMBA (isavuconazonium sulfate) capsules come in child-resistant blister packaging. Each blister section contains 2 pockets—one for the CRESEMBA capsule and one for the desiccant. The desiccant is a substance that protects the capsule from moisture and keeps it dry. **Do not** open the desiccant. **Do not** eat the desiccant.

To open the blister packaging, open from the printed side as shown below.



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. CRESEMBA may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how CRESEMBA works causing side effects.

### How should I take CRESEMBA capsules?

- Take CRESEMBA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.
- **Do not** stop taking CRESEMBA until your healthcare provider tells you to.
- If you take too much CRESEMBA, call your healthcare provider.
- CRESEMBA capsules can be taken with or without food.
- Swallow CRESEMBA capsules whole. Do not chew, crush, dissolve, or open the capsules.

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## HOW SHOULD I STORE CRESEMBA CAPSULES?

- Store CRESEMBA (isavuconazonium sulfate) capsules at room temperature 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C)
- Keep CRESEMBA capsules in the original package and protect it from moisture
- Do not remove CRESEMBA from original packaging until your scheduled dose
- Safely throw away medicine that is out of date or no longer needed
- Keep CRESEMBA and all medicines out of the reach of children

### Do not store CRESEMBA capsules in a standard pill box.

CRESEMBA is sensitive to moisture and should not be removed from original packaging until the time of your scheduled dose.



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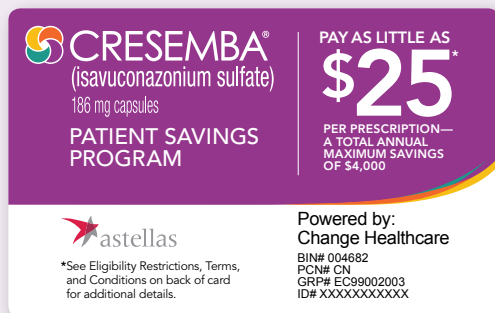
## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### CRESEMBA may cause serious side effects, including:

- **liver problems.** Liver problems can happen in some people taking CRESEMBA. Some people who also have other serious medical problems may get severe liver problems which can lead to hepatitis, gallbladder problems, liver failure or death. Your healthcare provider should do blood tests to check your liver before you start and while you are taking CRESEMBA. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms of liver problems: itchy skin, nausea or vomiting, yellowing of your eyes, feeling very tired, flu-like symptoms.
- **drug interactions with cyclosporine, sirolimus, or tacrolimus.** If you take CRESEMBA with cyclosporine, sirolimus, or tacrolimus, your blood levels of cyclosporine, sirolimus, or tacrolimus may increase. Serious side effects can happen in your kidney or brain if you have high levels of cyclosporine, sirolimus, or tacrolimus in your blood. Your healthcare provider should do blood tests to check your levels of cyclosporine, sirolimus, or tacrolimus if you are taking these medicines while taking CRESEMBA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have swelling in your arm or leg or shortness of breath.
- **infusion reactions.** Infusion reactions can happen in people receiving CRESEMBA intravenously. If an infusion reaction happens, your infusion will be stopped. Symptoms of an infusion reaction may include: low blood pressure, difficulty breathing, chills, dizziness, numbness and tingling, changes in your sense of touch (hypoesthesia).

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## SAVINGS AND SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE PATIENTS ON CRESEMBA (isavuconazonium sulfate)




Download and print a CRESEMBA Savings Card at [activatemysavings.com/CRESEMBA/](https://activatemysavings.com/CRESEMBA/).


Eligible patients can start saving on their CRESEMBA prescription today!\*

\*In order to participate in the CRESEMBA Patient Savings Program ("Program"), a patient must have commercial prescription insurance for CRESEMBA. This Program is not valid for patients whose prescription claims are reimbursed, in whole or in part, by any state or federal government program, including, but not limited to Medicaid, Medicare, Medigap, Department of Defense (DoD), Veterans Affairs (VA), TRICARE, Puerto Rico Government Insurance, or any state patient or pharmaceutical assistance program. This offer is not valid for cash-paying patients. This Program is void where prohibited by law. Certain rules and restrictions apply. Astellas reserves the right to revoke, rescind, or amend this offer without notice.

CRESEMBA Support Solutions is also available to help you understand your insurance coverage and to provide assistance to patients who may have trouble accessing their medication.

Please call us or visit our website for more patient support information.

 1-800-477-6472  
Mon-Fri, 9 AM to 8 PM ET

 [CRESEMBA Support Solutions.com](https://CRESEMBA Support Solutions.com)

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

CRESEMBA may cause serious side effects, including:

- severe allergic and skin reactions.
- medicine interactions. Taking CRESEMBA with some other medicines may affect the way other medicines work, causing serious side effects. Other medicines may affect the way CRESEMBA works, causing serious side effects. Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take.

The most common side effects of CRESEMBA include: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, changes in the level of a liver enzyme in your blood, low potassium, back pain, shortness of breath, cough, swelling of arms or legs, and constipation.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

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

For further information, please talk to your healthcare professional. [Click here](#) for Patient Product Information and Full Prescribing Information for CRESEMBA.

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