

Teva Pharmaceuticals Safe Needle Collection and Disposal Plan for COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate injection)

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Teva Neuroscience, Inc. (collectively “Teva Pharmaceuticals” or “Teva”), respectively the manufacturer and marketer of COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate injection), a therapy indicated for relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, are committed to ensuring that MS patients have access to the information they need to keep themselves and their households safe and in compliance with local and state sharps disposal laws.

Teva educates patients regarding the importance of proper needle and syringe disposal through the dissemination of patient communication materials, as well as through **Shared Solutions®**, the patient support program for COPAXONE®, which is available to people living with MS, their CarePartners, family members, and anyone who has been touched by MS.

Shared Solutions®, through its more than 200 nurses nationwide, provides a variety of services, including 24-hour call center support for anyone with questions about MS, as well as injection support for people taking COPAXONE® therapy. **Shared Solutions®** nurses discuss proper needle and syringe disposal with patients over the phone and in person at educational events. In addition, **Shared Solutions®** nurses discuss proper needle and syringe disposal as a key component of patient injection training.

Information about proper sharps disposal is available through a number of key COPAXONE® communications, including:

- COPAXONE® Prescribing Information
- COPAXONE® Patient Information Kit
- COPAXONE® Patient Starter Kit and Injection Guide
- COPAXONE.com

In these COPAXONE® communications, patients are cautioned against the reuse of needles or syringes and educated about safe disposal procedures. Patients are instructed to:

- Check with their local health department, doctor’s office, or pharmacist for guidance and follow local regulations for disposal
- Dispose of used syringes into a hard-walled plastic container or disposable biohazard sharps container immediately after injection
- Use each COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate injection) Pre-Filled Syringe for only 1 injection
- Always keep the waste container in an area of the home that is out of the reach of children and pets
- Consider using a needle clip device, which snaps the used needle off the syringe and houses it in a small device
 - Follow local regulations for needle disposal

Patients interested in learning more about proper needle and syringe disposal may contact **Shared Solutions[®]** toll-free, day or night, at **1-800-887-8100**.

COPAXONE[®] (glatiramer acetate injection) is indicated for the reduction of the frequency of relapses in relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, including patients who have experienced a first clinical episode and have MRI features consistent with MS.

Important information about COPAXONE[®]

Do not take COPAXONE[®] if you are allergic to glatiramer acetate or mannitol.

Some patients report a short-term reaction right after injecting COPAXONE[®]. This reaction can involve flushing (feeling of warmth and/or redness), chest tightness or pain with heart palpitations, anxiety, and trouble breathing. These symptoms generally appear within minutes of an injection, last about 15 minutes, and go away by themselves without further problems. During the postmarketing period, there have been reports of patients with similar symptoms who received emergency medical care. **If symptoms become severe, call the emergency phone number in your area.** Call your doctor right away if you develop hives, skin rash with irritation, dizziness, sweating, chest pain, trouble breathing, or severe pain at the injection site. If any of the above occurs, do not give yourself any more injections until your doctor tells you to begin again.

Chest pain may occur either as part of the immediate post-injection reaction or on its own. This pain should only last a few minutes. You may experience more than one such episode, usually beginning at least one month after starting treatment. Tell your doctor if you experience chest pain that lasts for a long time or feels very intense.

A permanent indentation under the skin (lipoatrophy or, rarely, necrosis) at the injection site may occur, due to local destruction of fat tissue. Be sure to follow proper injection technique and inform your doctor of any skin changes.

The most common side effects of COPAXONE[®] are redness, pain, swelling, itching, or a lump at the site of injection, flushing, rash, shortness of breath, and chest pain. These are not all of the possible side effects of COPAXONE[®]. For a complete list, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Tell your doctor about any side effects you have while taking COPAXONE[®].

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see enclosed additional important information for COPAXONE[®].

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