

# Highly Purified EPA: Mechanism and Clinical Data

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VASCEPA® (icosapent ethyl) is indicated as an adjunct to diet to reduce triglyceride (TG) levels in adult patients with severe ( $\geq 500$  mg/dL) hypertriglyceridemia.

- The effect of VASCEPA on the risk for pancreatitis in patients with severe hypertriglyceridemia has not been determined.
- The effect of VASCEPA on cardiovascular mortality and morbidity in patients with severe hypertriglyceridemia has not been determined.

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(icosapent ethyl)  
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### Important Safety Information for VASCEPA

- VASCEPA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity (e.g., anaphylactic reaction) to VASCEPA or any of its components.
- Use with caution in patients with known hypersensitivity to fish and/or shellfish.
- The most common reported adverse reaction (incidence >2% and greater than placebo) was arthralgia (2.3% VASCEPA, 1.0% placebo).
- Patients receiving treatment with VASCEPA and other drugs affecting coagulation (e.g., anti-platelet agents) should be monitored periodically.
- In patients with hepatic impairment, monitor ALT and AST levels periodically during therapy.
- Patients should be advised to swallow VASCEPA capsules whole; not to break open, crush, dissolve, or chew VASCEPA.
- Adverse events may be reported by calling 1-855-VASCEPA or the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

### Important information for HCPs about VASCEPA as an add-on to statins in patients with high (200-499 mg/dL) TG levels

- Supportive but not conclusive research shows that consumption of EPA and DHA omega-3 fatty acids may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. VASCEPA should not be taken in place of a healthy diet and lifestyle or statin therapy.
- The ANCHOR trial demonstrates that VASCEPA lowers TG levels in patients with high ( $\geq 200$  mg/dL and  $< 500$  mg/dL) TG levels not controlled by diet and statin therapy.
- In the ANCHOR trial, VASCEPA 4 g/day significantly reduced TG, non-HDL-C, Apo B, VLDL-C, TC, and HDL-C levels from baseline relative to placebo in patients with high ( $\geq 200$  mg/dL and  $< 500$  mg/dL) TG levels not controlled by diet and statin therapy.
- The reduction in TG observed with VASCEPA was not associated with elevations in LDL-C relative to placebo.
- VASCEPA is not FDA-approved for the treatment of statin-treated patients with mixed dyslipidemia and high ( $\geq 200$  mg/dL and  $< 500$  mg/dL) TG levels due to current uncertainty regarding the benefit, if any, of drug-induced changes in lipid/lipoprotein parameters beyond statin-lowered LDL-C on cardiovascular risk among statin-treated patients with residually high TG. No prospective study has been conducted to test and support what, if any, benefit exists.
- Recent cardiovascular outcomes trials (ACCORD Lipid, AIM-HIGH, and HPS2-THRIVE), while not designed to test the effect of lowering TG levels in patients with high TG levels after statin therapy, each failed to demonstrate incremental cardiovascular benefit of adding a second lipid-altering drug (fenofibrate or formulations of niacin), despite raising HDL-C and reducing TG levels, among statin-treated patients with well-controlled LDL-C.
- VASCEPA is not FDA-approved to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.
- The effect of VASCEPA on the risk of cardiovascular mortality and morbidity has not been determined.
- A cardiovascular outcomes study of VASCEPA designed to evaluate the efficacy of VASCEPA in reducing cardiovascular mortality and morbidity in a high-risk patient population on statin therapy is currently underway (REDUCE-IT).
- VASCEPA may not be eligible for reimbursement under government healthcare programs (such as Medicare and Medicaid) to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease or for treatment of statin-treated patients with mixed dyslipidemia and high ( $\geq 200$  mg/dL and  $< 500$  mg/dL) TG levels. We encourage you to check that for yourself.
- The ANCHOR trial was sponsored by Amarin Pharma, Inc. and its affiliates.

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