



# 25%

**added heart protection  
with VASCEPA when added  
to a statin\***

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**Now that's  
something  
worth  
celebrating!**



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## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

### **WHO SHOULD NOT TAKE VASCEPA?**

- Do not take VASCEPA if you are allergic to icosapent ethyl or any of the ingredients in VASCEPA.

Please see additional Important Safety Information throughout this brochure and Patient Information on pages 10-11.



## Does your heart need additional protection?

If you have risk factors like heart disease or diabetes and raised triglycerides ( $\geq 150$  mg/dL), you may be especially at risk for a life-threatening event like a heart attack or stroke. Taking your medications, exercising, and eating right can lower your risk, but not as much as you may think. Ask your doctor if you could be doing more.

### Are statins enough?

Statins may not be enough. The cardiovascular risk that may remain even if you are taking a conventional therapy like a statin is what we call **“Persistent” Cardiovascular Risk (P-CVR)**.



### Do fenofibrates protect your heart?

The answer is no. Fenofibrates are FDA approved to reduce triglycerides, and NOT FDA approved to reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke when used with statins.

If you are taking fenofibrates in addition to statins to reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke, ask your doctor why.

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** *(cont.)*

##### **WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF VASCEPA?**

VASCEPA may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Heart rhythm problems (atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter).** Heart rhythm problems which can be serious and cause hospitalization have happened in people who take VASCEPA, especially in people who have heart (cardiovascular) disease or diabetes with a risk factor for heart (cardiovascular) disease, or who have had heart rhythm problems in the past.

## What is heart disease?

Generally speaking, heart disease, often used interchangeably with cardiovascular (CV) disease, concerns conditions in and around your heart that impair its ability to function, such as narrowed or blocked blood vessels that can lead to a heart attack, chest pain (angina), or a stroke. Heart disease can also refer to other heart conditions concerning the heart's muscle, valves, or rhythm.

## What factors may increase my CV risk?

Having heart disease or diabetes and other risk factors puts you at high risk for having an event.

If you have one or more of these risk factors, you are at high risk for a CV event:

- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- High cholesterol

## If you have had a heart attack or stroke, the danger of suffering another one is even greater

Even if you are on a statin, you may not be as protected as you think. If you've suffered a heart attack, there's an increased chance of another CV event within the next year.

**There's more you can do to reduce your risk. VASCEPA® is clearly different.**

Capsule is not actual size.



**For added protection after a CV event, such as heart attack or stroke, talk to your doctor about taking VASCEPA (icosapent ethyl) with statins.**

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

VASCEPA may cause serious side effects, including: *(cont.)*

Tell your doctor if you get any symptoms of heart rhythm problems such as feeling as if your heart is beating fast and irregular, lightheadedness, dizziness, shortness of breath, chest discomfort or you faint.

## Protection beyond statins is possible.

FDA-approved, prescription VASCEPA® (icosapent ethyl) is clinically proven to lower your chance of a life-threatening cardiovascular event (such as heart attack or stroke) by 25% when added on top of the protection from current CV medications such as statins.\*

# That's 25%

on top of the protection you already get from your current CV medications such as statins.

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### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** *(cont.)*

#### **WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF VASCEPA?** *(cont.)*

VASCEPA may cause serious side effects, including: *(cont.)*

- Possible allergic reactions if you are allergic to fish or shellfish. Stop taking VASCEPA and tell your doctor right away or get emergency medical help if you have any signs or symptoms of an allergic reaction.

# 25% additional protection when added to a statin.\* Here's the proof.

After more than a decade of development and testing, VASCEPA® was proven in the groundbreaking REDUCE-IT® trial to reduce the risk of CV events, such as heart attack or stroke, and certain other types of heart issues in adult patients with high triglycerides and either established cardiovascular (CV) disease or diabetes plus 2 or more additional risk factors for CV disease.

- The trial included over 8000 statin-treated patients and lasted nearly 5 years
- In addition to taking a statin, most patients were also taking medication to manage conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes

## How VASCEPA reduces cardiovascular risk

The exact science of how this works in your body is not fully understood, but years of clinical testing have led to proven results. Ask your doctor about additional heart protection with VASCEPA.

## It's clear that heart disease and stroke are too risky to leave to unproven products.

- The FDA revoked the approval for fenofibrates + statins because the benefits no longer outweigh the risks

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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- **Bleeding.** Serious bleeding can happen in people who take VASCEPA. Your risk of bleeding may increase if you are also taking a blood thinner medicine.

# How to take VASCEPA®

VASCEPA is FDA approved to be taken with your statin. To ensure you get the full benefit of VASCEPA, it's important to take the 4-gram dose (four 1-gram capsules or eight 0.5-gram capsules) each day as prescribed by your doctor.



**X2 a day**

For the standard size, take two 1-gram capsules twice a day with food.

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**X2 a day**

If you prefer the smaller size, take four of the 0.5-gram capsules twice a day with food.

Swallow capsules whole. Do not break open, crush, dissolve, or chew.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** *(cont.)*

### **WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF VASCEPA?** *(cont.)*

If you have liver problems and are taking VASCEPA, your doctor should do blood tests during treatment.

The most common side effects of VASCEPA include:

- Muscle and joint pain
- Swelling of the hands, legs, or feet
- Constipation
- Gout
- Heart rhythm problems (atrial fibrillation)

## Taking VASCEPA® (icosapent ethyl) with other medications

You might already be taking medications to manage cardiovascular (CV) risk factors. In clinical trials, patients taking VASCEPA were also taking other common CV medicines, such as blood-thinning medications (e.g., aspirin) and antihypertensives (beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, and ARBs). Serious bleeding can happen in people who take VASCEPA. Your risk of bleeding may increase if you are also taking a blood thinner medicine.

## Safety and side effects

As with any medication, it's important to talk to your doctor about possible side effects before getting started. Here is some information to help guide your conversation.

- VASCEPA has a well-established safety profile
- In patients with risk factors for CV disease, possible side effects include muscle and joint pain. Serious side effects may occur like heart rhythm problems and bleeding



Talk to your doctor. Visit [Vascepa.com/DDG](https://vascepa.com/DDG) to download the doctor discussion guide, or scan this QR code.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF VASCEPA? *(cont.)*

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# Save on VASCEPA®

VASCEPA is covered without restriction for the majority of patients. With the VASCEPA Savings Card, eligible, commercially insured patients can **pay as little as \$9 for 90 days\* (that's just \$3 per month!).**

Find potential savings on VASCEPA by texting VASCEPA to 26789.

**Pay as little as \$9**  
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*(icosapent ethyl)*

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## At the doctor's office

Check your prescription to see if "Dispense as written (DAW-1)" or "Brand medically necessary (BMN)" is specified. If not, ask your doctor to add it; it's that important.



## Sign up for support

### Join the VASCEPA® Clear Path Program

Ready to start protecting your heart? As you work with your doctor to protect your heart through diet, exercise, and VASCEPA, the Clear Path Program makes it easier for you to stay on top of your heart health.



The Clear Path Program is a great way to stay up to date on your heart health, giving you exclusive access to all the latest news from VASCEPA. Sign up today!

Visit [Vascepa.com/clearpath](https://vascepa.com/clearpath) or scan this QR code to sign up.



When you have your VASCEPA prescription, scan this QR code for a step-by-step guide to pharmacy pickup.

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION *(cont.)*

Tell your doctor if you take medicines that affect your blood clotting (anticoagulants or blood thinners).

For more information on VASCEPA, see the full Patient Information on pages 10-11 or call 1-855-VASCEPA (1-855-827-2372).

## PATIENT INFORMATION

### VASCEPA® (pronounced vas-EE-puh) (icosapent ethyl) capsules

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**Before taking VASCEPA, tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have diabetes.
- have a low thyroid problem (hypothyroidism).
- have a liver problem.
- have a pancreas problem.
- are allergic to fish or shellfish. It is not known if people who are allergic to fish or shellfish are also allergic to VASCEPA.
- are pregnant, or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if VASCEPA will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. VASCEPA can pass into your breast milk, and may harm your baby. Talk to your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you take VASCEPA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and dietary or herbal supplements.

VASCEPA can interact with certain other medicines that you are taking.

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#### HOW SHOULD I TAKE VASCEPA?

- Take VASCEPA exactly as your doctor tells you to take it.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking VASCEPA without talking to your doctor.
- Do not take more capsules than what is prescribed by your doctor.
  - If you are prescribed the 0.5 gram capsules, you should not take more than 8 capsules each day with food.
  - If you are prescribed the 1 gram capsules, you should not take more than 4 capsules each day with food.
- Take VASCEPA capsules whole. Do not break, crush, dissolve, or chew VASCEPA capsules before swallowing.
- If you miss a dose of VASCEPA, take it as soon as you remember. However, if you miss one day of VASCEPA, do not double your dose when you take it.
- Your doctor may start you on a diet that is low in saturated fat, cholesterol, carbohydrates, and low in added sugars before giving you VASCEPA. Stay on this diet while taking VASCEPA.
- Your doctor may do blood tests to check your triglyceride and other lipid levels while you take VASCEPA.

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## HOW SHOULD I STORE VASCEPA?

- Store VASCEPA at room temperature between 68° to 77° F (20° to 25° C).
- Safely throw away medicine that is out of date or no longer needed.

**Keep VASCEPA and all medicine out of the reach of children.**

## General information about the safe and effective use of VASCEPA.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use VASCEPA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give VASCEPA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about VASCEPA that is written for health professionals.

## WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN VASCEPA?

**Active ingredient:** icosapent ethyl

**Inactive ingredients:** tocopherol, gelatin, glycerin, maltitol, sorbitol, and purified water

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This Patient Information has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

# Ask your doctor about the VASCEPA® clear difference:

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- Cardio protection. Proven by science.



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