Cystinosis Patient Resources

This resource list has been compiled by the Cystinosis Research Foundation for cystinosis patients and their families as a quick reference to assist you with your questions concerning insurance, and the process necessary to obtain medications and prescriptions. This information is intended for general education and should not be construed as advising on diagnosis or treatment of this or any other medical condition.

PROCYSBI™

www.procysbi.com/

PROCYSBI™, approved by the FDA on April 30, 2013, is the first new cystine-depleting medication for nephropathic cystinosis in nearly 20 years.

PROCYSBI™ works by continuously reducing the toxic accumulation of cystine, and it can provide continuous control of cystine levels when taken every 12 hours and plays an important role in the management of nephropathic cystinosis.

Raptor Pharmaceuticals is the distributor of the PROCYSBI™ medication.

Patients must make an appointment with their doctor to determine if PROCYSBI™ is right for them. Patients are strongly encouraged to enroll in RaptorCares™, a patient support program, created by Raptor Pharmaceuticals in preparation for their doctor’s visit regarding PROCYSBI™ prescriptions.

Enroll at www.RaptorCares.com/QA3 or call 855-888-4004.

NIH: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

www.nih.gov

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CYSTINOSIS RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CRF)

www.cystinosisresearch.org

The Cystinosis Research Foundation is dedicated to finding better treatments to improve the quality of life for those with cystinosis and to ultimately find a cure for this devastating disease.

The Cystinosis Research Foundation issues grants for bench and clinical research studies bi-annually in order to accelerate research progress and ensure that cystinosis research is ongoing and focused on novel treatments and a cure.

The Cystinosis Research Foundation is also dedicated to educating the public and the medical community about cystinosis to ensure early diagnosis and proper treatment.

Cystinosis Research Foundation
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949-223-7610

RaptorCares can assist patients to navigate the Medicaid approval process. RaptorCares does not (or cannot) provide co-pay assistance, but the co-pays for Medicaid patients are typically $4-$5 per prescription and no more than $10.

CYSTAGON®

Cystagon® capsules contain cysteamine bitartrate, a cystine depleting agent that lowers the cystine content of cells in patients with cystinosis.

CVS ProCare is the sole distributor for Cystagon®

Contact CVS ProCare:
ProCare.AD@cvsprocare.com
888-700-0024

Hours of Operation (EST):
Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CVS ProCare provides the following services:
Counseling on ordering Cystagon®
Ordering other medications
Insurance inquiries
Trained pharmacist assistance available 24 hours

CYSTARAN® (EYE DROPS)

www.cystaran.com

CYSTARAN® is the only FDA-approved ophthalmic therapy for corneal crystals in cystinosis patients.

For information about CYSTARAN® call Accredo Specialty Pharmacy at: 800-440-0473.

To contact Sigma-Tau, call Lesli King, Senior Manager, Patient Affairs:
301-670-5450 or lesli.King@sigmatau.com.

Prescribing information is available at www.cystaran.com

CYSTINOSIS PATIENT RESOURCES

www.cystinosisor.org
CCIR: CURE CYSTINOSIS INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY
www.cystinosisregistry.org
CCIR is a collaborative effort by the leaders in the cystinosis community to identify people with cystinosis worldwide, to collect their medical history and information, and to share their de-identified (anonymous) information with the research community in an effort to accelerate novel treatments and a cure for cystinosis.

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www.cystinose-sebstdhilfe.de
Cystinosis Foundation Ireland
www.cystinosis.ie
Cystinosis Mexico AC
Cystinosis Support Group South Africa
www.cystinosis.co.za
Cystinosis Awareness & Research Effort
www.cystinosis.ca
Tina’s Hope for a Cure
www.tinashopeforacure.org
Joshua’s Journey of Hope
www.joshuasjourney.org
Jenna and Patrick’s Foundation of Hope
www.jennaandpatrick.org
Hope for Holt
www.hopeforholt.org
24 Hours for Hank
www.24hoursforhank.org

NORD: NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR RARE DISORDERS
www.rarediseases.org
NORD’s vision and guiding principles on which our advocacy initiatives are based:

• A national awareness and recognition of the challenges faced by people living with rare diseases and the associated costs to society.
• A nation where people with rare diseases can secure access to diagnostics and therapies that extend and improve their lives.
• A social, political and financial culture of innovation that supports both the basic and translational research necessary to create diagnostic tests and therapies for all rare disorders.
• A regulatory environment that encourages development and timely approval of safe and effective diagnostics and treatments for patients with rare diseases.

MEDICAL RESOURCES
Gene Tests
www.geneclinics.org
Clinical Genetic Testing
www.cincinnatichildrens.org/service/s/star/genetic-testing/
Test must be ordered by a physician
• University of California, Irvine – Mitomed Diagnostic Laboratory
www.mammag.uci.edu/mitomed
• University of California, San Diego
www.cystinosiscentral.org
Kidney Transplants and Donation
www.kidney.org

OTHER RESOURCES
CheckOrphan
www.checkorphan.org
Genetic Alliance
www.geneticalliance.org
• U.S. Department of Health & Human Services National Health Information Center
www.Healthfinder.gov

RARE: THE GLOBAL GENES PROJECT
www.globalgenes.org
The Global Genes Project is one of the leading rare and genetic disease patient advocacy organizations in the world. The non-profit organization is led by Team RARE and promotes the needs of the rare and genetic disease community under a unifying symbol of hope – the Blue Denim Genes Ribbon™.

Rare and genetic diseases affect 1 in 10 Americans, 30 million people in the United States, and 300 million people globally. Over 7,000 distinct rare diseases exist and approximately 80 percent are caused by faulty genes. The National Institutes of Health estimates that 50 percent of people affected by rare diseases are children, making rare diseases one of the most deadly and debilitating for children worldwide.

It is estimated that 95 percent of all rare diseases do not have a single FDA-approved drug treatment, and there are currently fewer than 400 treatments approved by the FDA for rare diseases.

According to NIH estimates it will take 10,000 years at the current rate of FDA approvals to find therapies for all people suffering from rare and genetic diseases.