



# Focus On

**KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab) + KISPLYX (lenvatinib) TREATMENT OPTIMISATION**  
for your untreated patients with advanced RCC (aRCC)  
(focus on the CLEAR trial)

Start



Prescribing Information for KEYTRUDA and KISPLYX can be accessed via the 'PI' buttons at the top of this page and throughout

KEYTRUDA in combination with KISPLYX is indicated for the first-line (1L) treatment of adults with aRCC.<sup>1,2</sup>

Please consult the individual product Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPCs) before making any prescribing decisions.

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**Adverse events should be reported.**  
Reporting forms and information can be found at <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/> or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.  
**Adverse events should also be reported to MSD**  
(Tel: 0208 154 8000; E-mail: [pv.uk@msd.com](mailto:pv.uk@msd.com)).

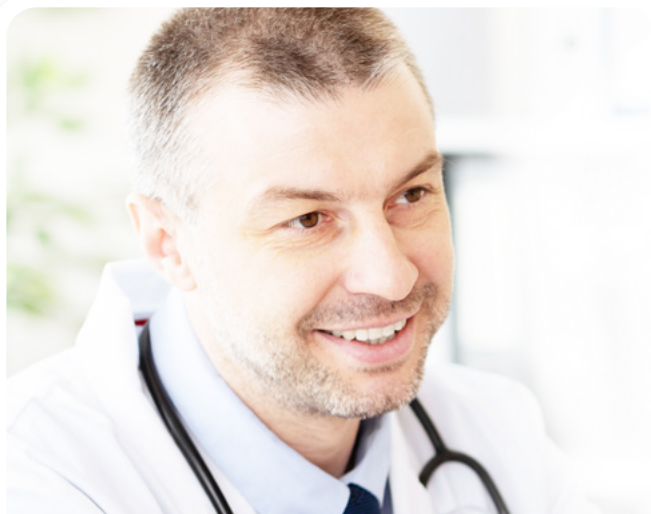


Please request from MSD representative the patient-targeted Risk Minimisation Materials before prescribing KEYTRUDA to minimise the risk of treatment. Patients should also receive the Risk Minimisation Materials.  
1L, first-line; aRCC, advanced renal cell carcinoma; RCC, renal cell carcinoma; PI, prescribing information.





This guide will help you to monitor and manage the key AEs that could emerge or worsen during **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX** treatment of 1L aRCC, as reported in the CLEAR trial. Addressing any AEs as early and effectively as possible could allow patients to get the most out of their treatment.



## PREPARE

your patients for treatment  
with **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX**

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## MONITOR

your patients on the combination therapy



## MANAGE

clinically significant TEAEs for **KEYTRUDA**  
+ **KISPLYX** as reported in the CLEAR trial<sup>1-3</sup>

Go to the **KEYTRUDA**  
TEAE Management Section



Go to the **KISPLYX**  
TEAE Management Section



AE, adverse event; aRCC, advanced renal cell carcinoma; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics;  
TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

# PREPARE your patients for initiating treatment

This section includes:



How to prepare your patients for initiating treatment



KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX dosing and administration guide for 1L aRCC



Key AEs to be aware of with KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX based on results from the CLEAR trial



1L, first-line; AE, adverse event; aRCC, advanced renal cell carcinoma; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.



# PREPARE Important considerations before initiating treatment<sup>1,2</sup>



## Blood pressure (BP) check

BP should be well controlled prior to treatment with **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX**<sup>2</sup>

If a patient is known to be hypertensive, they should be on a stable dose of antihypertensive therapy for at least 1 week prior to treatment with **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX**<sup>2</sup>



## Blood tests

### Autoimmune disorders

Check for preexisting autoimmune disorders<sup>3</sup>  
Check blood glucose for signs of undiagnosed diabetes<sup>3</sup>

### Thyroid function

Measure baseline thyroid function prior to treatment initiation, then periodically during treatment<sup>2</sup>  
Hypothyroidism has been reported in patients treated with **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX**; therefore, thyroid function and hormone levels should be monitored<sup>1,2</sup>

### Liver function

Monitor liver function prior to treatment initiation, then every 2 weeks after treatment initiation for the first 2 months and monthly thereafter during treatment<sup>1,2</sup>

**KEYTRUDA** has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment<sup>\*1</sup>

No dose adjustment for **KEYTRUDA** is needed for patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment<sup>1</sup>

The **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** combination should only be used in patients with severe hepatic impairment if the anticipated benefit exceeds the risk<sup>1,2</sup>

In patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C), the starting dose of **KISPLYX** must be adjusted<sup>\*2</sup>

### Renal function

For patients with severe renal impairment, the recommended starting dose of **KISPLYX** is 10 mg once daily (OD)<sup>2</sup>

No dose adjustment for **KEYTRUDA** is needed for patients with mild or moderate renal impairment<sup>1</sup>

**KEYTRUDA** has not been studied in patients with severe renal impairment<sup>\*1</sup>

Patients with end-stage renal disease have not been studied; therefore, the use of **KISPLYX** in these patients is not recommended<sup>2</sup>

### Calcium levels

Hypocalcaemia has been reported in patients treated with **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX**<sup>1,2</sup>

Monitor blood calcium levels at least monthly<sup>2</sup>

Replace calcium as necessary during treatment<sup>2</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the individual product SmPCs for full details on the management of patients on **KEYTRUDA** in combination with **KISPLYX**.  
AE, adverse event; BP, blood pressure; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.

**AE monitoring and management**





# PREPARE Important considerations before initiating the combination treatment<sup>1,2</sup>



## Proteinuria

Urine protein should be monitored regularly during treatment<sup>2</sup>

If urine dipstick proteinuria  $\geq 2+$  is detected, dose interruptions, adjustments or discontinuation of **KISPLYX** may be necessary<sup>2</sup>



## Cardiac dysfunction

Monitor patients for clinical symptoms or signs of cardiac decompensation, as dose interruptions, adjustments or discontinuation of **KISPLYX** may be necessary<sup>2</sup>



## Posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES)

In patients with signs or symptoms of PRES, dose interruptions, adjustments or discontinuation of **KISPLYX** may be necessary<sup>2</sup>



## Arterial thromboembolic events

**KISPLYX** has not been studied in patients who have had an arterial thromboembolic event within the previous 6 months, and therefore should be used with caution in such patients<sup>2</sup>

A treatment decision should be made based upon an assessment of the individual patient's benefit/risk. **KISPLYX** should be discontinued following an arterial thrombotic event<sup>2</sup>



## Haemorrhagic events

Consider the risk of severe or fatal haemorrhagic events associated with tumour invasion or infiltration of major blood vessels (e.g. the carotid artery)<sup>2</sup>

In the case of bleeding, dose interruptions, adjustments or discontinuation of **KISPLYX** may be necessary<sup>2</sup>

AE, adverse event; PRES, posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.

**AE monitoring and management**





# PREPARE Important considerations before initiating the combination treatment<sup>1,2</sup>



## QT interval prolongation

Monitor electrocardiograms in patients with congenital long QT syndrome, congestive heart failure, bradyarrhythmics and those taking drugs known to prolong the QT interval, including Class Ia and III antiarrhythmics<sup>2</sup>

Electrolyte abnormalities should be monitored and corrected before initiating **KISPLYX** and periodically during treatment<sup>2</sup>



## Diarrhoea

Ensure patients understand the importance of reporting diarrhoea as an AE so that it can be managed promptly and appropriately<sup>2</sup>

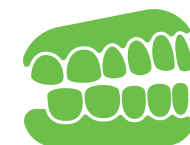
Diarrhoea has been reported frequently with **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX** and usually occurs early in the course of treatment<sup>1,2</sup>

Diarrhoea can be a sign of immune-mediated colitis; investigation and treatment should be considered<sup>3</sup>



## Impaired wound healing

Temporary interruption of **KISPLYX** should be considered in patients undergoing major surgery<sup>2</sup>



## Osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ)

A dental examination and appropriate preventive dentistry should be considered prior to treatment with **KISPLYX**<sup>2</sup>

Invasive dental procedures are an identified risk factor for ONJ<sup>2</sup>

For patients who have previously received, or are receiving, intravenous bisphosphonates, invasive dental procedures should be avoided, if possible<sup>2</sup>

AE, adverse event; ONJ, osteonecrosis of the jaw; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.

AE monitoring and management



# PREPARE Important considerations before initiating the combination treatment<sup>1,2</sup>



## Review concomitant medications

The use of systemic corticosteroids or immunosuppressants before starting **KEYTRUDA** should be avoided because of their potential interference with the pharmacodynamic activity and efficacy of **KEYTRUDA**\*<sup>1</sup>

Since **KEYTRUDA** is cleared from the circulation through catabolism, no metabolic drug-drug interactions are expected<sup>1</sup>

Caution should be exercised when **KISPLYX** is used either simultaneously or sequentially with antiresorptive therapy and/or other angiogenesis inhibitors because of their association with ONJ<sup>2</sup>

No significant drug-drug interaction is expected between **KISPLYX** and other CYP3A/P-gp substrates<sup>2</sup>

It is currently unknown whether **KISPLYX** may reduce the effectiveness of hormonal contraceptives, and therefore women using oral hormonal contraceptives should add a barrier method<sup>2</sup>



## Provide advice on:

- Diet
- Exercise
- Home-help
- Financial support
- Mental health
- Good oral hygiene practice



## Introduce and explain to the patient the multidisciplinary team that will support them

Ensure they have the contact details of key healthcare professionals



Patients treated with **KEYTRUDA** must be given the **KEYTRUDA** Patient Alert Card and be informed about the risks of **KEYTRUDA** before initiating therapy

\*However, systemic corticosteroids or other immunosuppressants can be used after starting **KEYTRUDA** to treat immune-mediated adverse reactions. Corticosteroids may also be used as premedication when **KEYTRUDA** is used in combination with chemotherapy, as antiemetic prophylaxis, and/or to alleviate chemotherapy-related adverse reactions.<sup>1</sup>

AE, adverse event; CYP3A4, hepatic cytochrome P450 3A4 subtype; ONJ, osteonecrosis of the jaw; P-gp, P-glycoprotein; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.

**AE monitoring and management**



# PREPARE The recommended starting dosage and administration for KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX in 1L aRCC<sup>1,2</sup>

KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX are administered via IV infusion and oral capsules, respectively<sup>1,2</sup>

KEYTRUDA should be administered first, then KISPLYX.<sup>3</sup> Refer to the individual product SmPCs for full dosing information.

## KEYTRUDA<sup>1</sup>

KEYTRUDA offers flexible dosing



Administered as  
an IV infusion



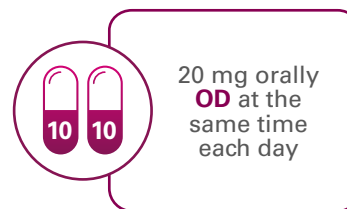
Over 30 minutes



200 mg Q3W or  
400 mg Q6W

- The 200 mg Q3W (once every 3 weeks) regimen has been assessed in phase 2 and 3 registration studies across a multitude of indications of KEYTRUDA. An exposure-response evaluation, using modelling and simulation, led to the approval of the 400 mg Q6W (once every 6 weeks) dosing for monotherapy and combination therapy

## KISPLYX<sup>2</sup>



**Swallowed whole with water.**  
For patients unable to swallow capsules, please refer to the SmPC for alternative methods of preparation

- Continue treatment with KISPLYX for as long as there is clinical benefit or until unacceptable toxicity occurs
- For AEs thought to be related to KISPLYX, upon resolution/improvement of an AE to Grade 0–1 or baseline, treatment should be resumed at a reduced dose of KISPLYX - Please refer to the KISPLYX SmPC for the management of AEs
- Click the link below for information on KISPLYX dose modifications in combination with KEYTRUDA
- Please refer to the KISPLYX SmPC for dose modifications in hepatic and renal impairment

[Dose modification](#)



Refer to the individual product SmPCs for full dosing information.

1L, first-line; AE, adverse event; aRCC, advanced renal cell carcinoma; IV, intravenous; OD, once daily; Q3W, every three weeks; Q6W, every six weeks; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.





# PREPARE AEs of any cause that emerged or worsened during treatment in ≥25% of patients in any treatment group in the CLEAR trial\*<sup>3</sup>

The CLEAR trial was a Phase 3, multicentre, open-label, randomised trial to determine the efficacy and safety of **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** vs. sunitinib in patients with 1L aRCC<sup>3</sup>

The median duration of treatment with **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** was more than double that with sunitinib (17.0 months vs. 7.8 months, respectively).<sup>3</sup>

The safety profile of each therapy was consistent with their known AE profiles, either alone or in combination.<sup>3</sup>

\*Safety assessments were based on as-treated principle and consisted of monitoring and recording all AEs and serious adverse events (SAEs) with the use of the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE), Version 4.03, in the group of patients who received at least one dose of trial drug.<sup>3</sup>

†Of the 15 patients in the **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** group who had Grade 5 AEs during treatment, 11 had fatal events not attributed to disease progression (acute renal failure, uncontrolled hypertension, complications from myasthenic syndrome, complications from autoimmune hepatitis, cardiac arrest and death—cause not specified in 1 patient each; haemorrhagic events in 2 patients; and sepsis in 3 patients). Among the 11 patients in the sunitinib group with Grade 5 AEs during treatment, fatal events not attributed to disease progression occurred in 2 patients (respiratory failure and acute kidney injury in 1 patient and death—cause not specified in 1 patient).<sup>3</sup>

‡Hypothyroidism is an AE of interest associated with **KEYTRUDA**.<sup>3</sup> Information regarding AEs of interest was not collected specifically as “immune-mediated”, in order to preserve blinding.<sup>3</sup>

Please refer to the **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** SmPCs for full description of AEs.

1L, first-line; AE, adverse event; aRCC, advanced renal cell carcinoma; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.

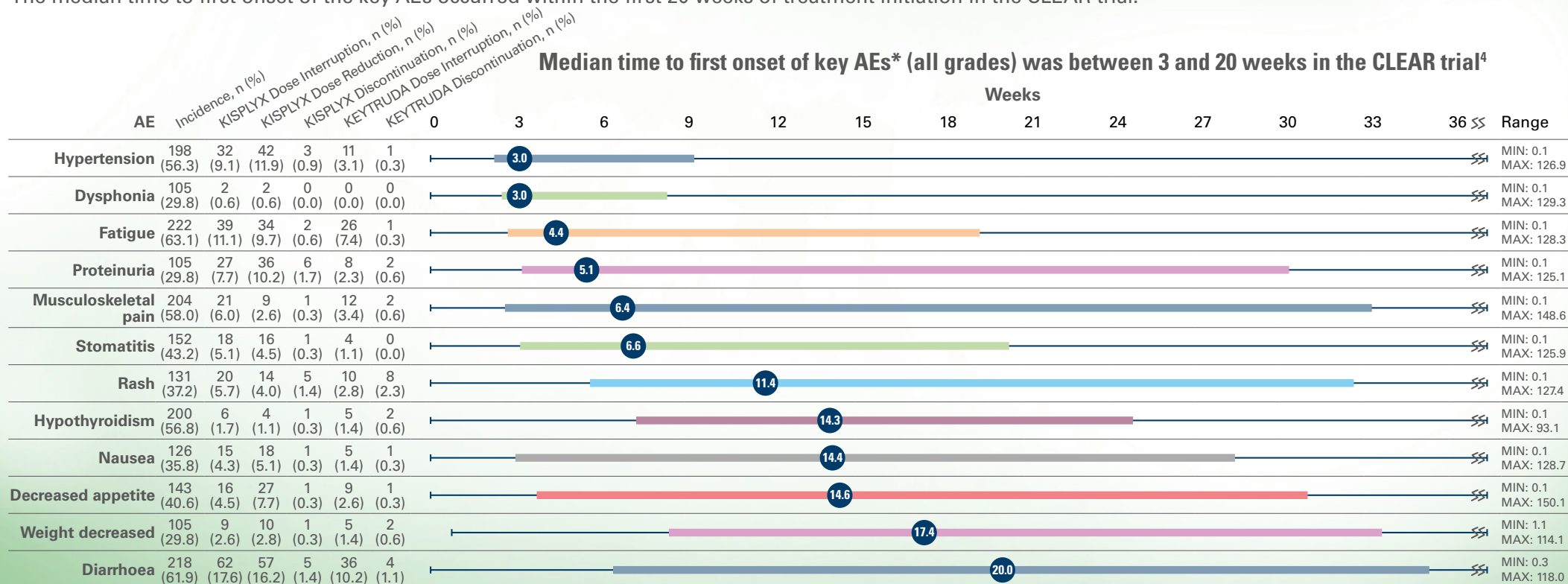
AE, n (%)	<b>KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX</b> (n=352)		<b>Sunitinib</b> (n=340)	
	Any grade	Grade ≥3 <sup>†</sup>	Any grade	Grade ≥3 <sup>†</sup>
<b>Patients with any event</b>	351 (99.7)	290 (82.4)	335 (98.5)	244 (71.8)
<b>Diarrhoea</b>	216 (61.4)	34 (9.7)	168 (49.4)	18 (5.3)
<b>Hypertension</b>	195 (55.4)	97 (27.6)	141 (41.5)	64 (18.8)
<b>Hypothyroidism<sup>‡</sup></b>	166 (47.2)	5 (1.4)	90 (26.5)	0
<b>Decreased appetite</b>	142 (40.3)	14 (4.0)	105 (30.9)	5 (1.5)
<b>Fatigue</b>	141 (40.1)	15 (4.3)	125 (36.8)	15 (4.4)
<b>Nausea</b>	126 (35.8)	9 (2.6)	113 (33.2)	2 (0.6)
<b>Stomatitis</b>	122 (34.7)	6 (1.7)	131 (38.5)	7 (2.1)
<b>Dysphonia</b>	105 (29.8)	0	14 (4.1)	0
<b>Weight decrease</b>	105 (29.8)	28 (8.0)	31 (9.1)	1 (0.3)
<b>Proteinuria</b>	104 (29.5)	27 (7.7)	43 (12.6)	10 (2.9)
<b>Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome</b>	101 (28.7)	14 (4.0)	127 (37.4)	13 (3.8)
<b>Arthralgia</b>	99 (28.1)	5 (1.4)	52 (15.3)	1 (0.3)
<b>Rash</b>	96 (27.3)	13 (3.7)	47 (13.8)	2 (0.6)
<b>Vomiting</b>	92 (26.1)	12 (3.4)	68 (20.0)	5 (1.5)
<b>Constipation</b>	89 (25.3)	3 (0.9)	64 (18.8)	0
<b>Dysgeusia</b>	43 (12.2)	1 (0.3)	95 (27.9)	1 (0.3)

Adapted from Motzer R et al. N Engl J Med. 2021;384(14):1289–1300.<sup>3</sup>

# PREPARE Median time to first onset of key AEs (all grades) in the CLEAR trial (exploratory analysis)<sup>4</sup>

During treatment with **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX**, AEs may occur within days of treatment initiation.<sup>1,2</sup>

The median time to first onset of the key AEs occurred within the first 20 weeks of treatment initiation in the CLEAR trial.<sup>4</sup>



Adapted from Motzer R et al. Oncologist. 2023;28(6):501–509.

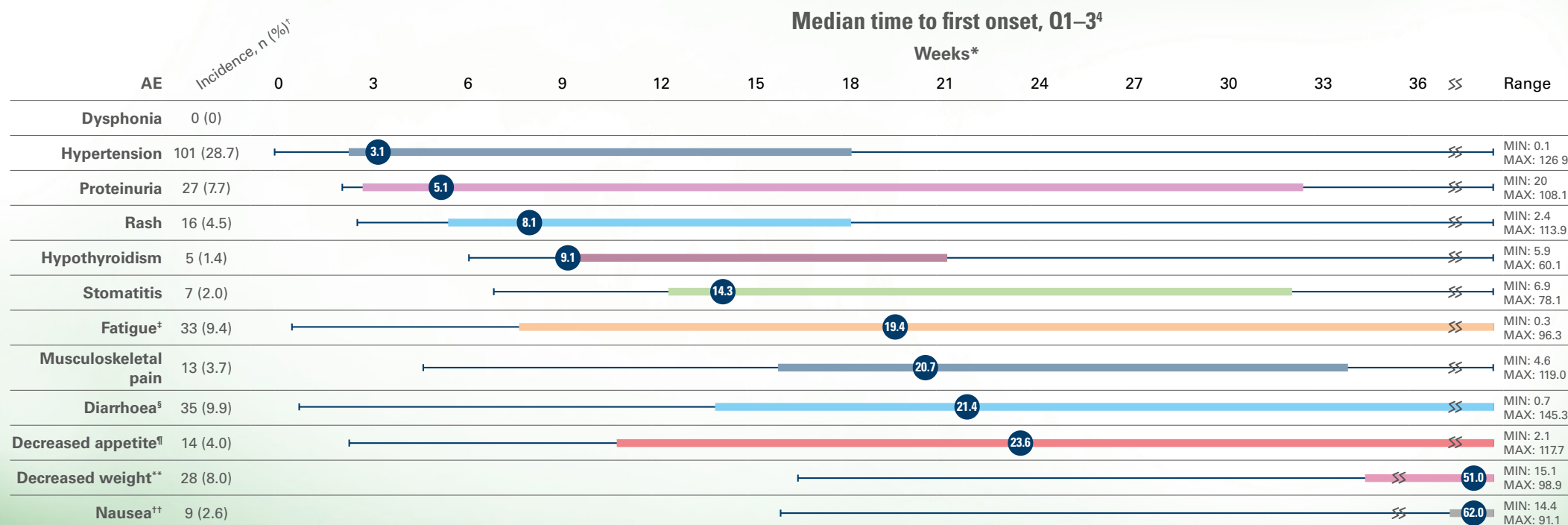
**This was a post-hoc exploratory analysis based on data from the CLEAR trial. No formal statistical testing was planned for this analysis and, therefore, no conclusions can be drawn.<sup>4</sup>**

\*Key AEs: AEs with incidence ≥30% in the **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX** group that occurred either while receiving treatment or within the protocol-defined follow-up period of 30 days after the patient's last dose.<sup>4</sup>

Coloured boxes represent Q1–Q3. Lines represent the range. Percentages are based on the safety population of the **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX** group (n=352). The safety population included all patients who received at least one dose of any study drug.<sup>4</sup>

AE, adverse event; Q, quartile; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.

# PREPARE Median time to first onset of Grade $\geq 3$ AEs in the CLEAR trial (exploratory analysis)<sup>4</sup>



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\*Median time to first onset in patients who experienced the Grade  $\geq 3$  adverse reaction. Coloured boxes represent Q1–Q3. Lines represent the range; †Any grade. Percentages are based on the safety population of the KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX group (n=352). The safety population included all patients who received at least one dose of any study drug;

‡Q1=7.86, Q3=42.29; §Q1=13.29, Q3=56.71; ||Q1=10.14, Q3=69.14; \*\*Q1=34.00, Q3=64.71; ††Q1=42.57, Q3=74.00.

AE, adverse event; Q, quartile; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.



# PREPARE

## Provide your patients with their **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** Patient Treatment Guide and Diary for patients with 1L aRCC

It is important to support and encourage patients to monitor and report symptoms themselves to aid early identification and prompt management for the AEs, where appropriate.

### Diary



Date	How I felt today (1-5)	Side effects	Medication/times	Diet	Activities	Sleep rating (1-5)	Sleep hours
Monday							
Tuesday							
Wednesday							
Thursday							
Friday							
Saturday							
Sunday							
Comments and questions							

It is important to be able to identify and distinguish TEAEs from the symptoms of aRCC. The **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** Patient Treatment Guide and Diary for 1L aRCC can help to share this responsibility and ensure patients report back any TEAEs they experience



Ask your representative for the **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** Treatment Guide and Diary for patients with 1L aRCC, which includes useful information on what patients can expect from their treatment and space for them to log their treatment journey and any symptoms they experience

1L, first-line; AE, adverse event; aRCC, advanced renal cell carcinoma; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse events.



# MONITOR

## Recognise the AEs reported in $\geq 25\%$ of patients in any treatment group in the CLEAR trial<sup>3</sup>

Monitor patients to aid early identification and prompt medical management of AEs.

Monitoring frequency			When to act		
	<b>Diarrhoea</b>	Regularly. Patients advised to report incidences <sup>5</sup>		Promptly to avoid dehydration <sup>2</sup>	
	<b>Hypertension</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior to treatment initiation<sup>2</sup></li> <li>1 week after <b>KISPLYX</b> treatment initiation<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Then every 2 weeks for the first 2 months and monthly thereafter<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>		SBP $\geq 140$ mmHg <sup>2</sup> DBP $\geq 90$ mmHg <sup>2</sup>	
	<b>Thyroid function</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior to treatment initiation<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Periodically during treatment<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>		Abnormal TSH levels <sup>2</sup>	
	<b>Weight or appetite loss</b>	Monitor weight and appetite regularly <sup>5</sup>		$\geq 10\%$ weight loss from baseline <sup>5</sup>	
	<b>Fatigue</b>	Prior to treatment initiation, then regularly thereafter <sup>5</sup>		Not relieved by rest/interrupts activities of daily living (ADL) <sup>6-8</sup>	
	<b>Nausea and vomiting</b>	Before each cycle of treatment as a minimum <sup>9</sup>		Oral intake decreased without significant weight loss, dehydration or malnutrition; IV fluids indicated <sup>6</sup>	
	<b>Proteinuria</b>	Monitor urine protein regularly <sup>2</sup>		If dipstick proteinuria reads $\geq 2+$ <sup>2</sup>	
	<b>Skin reactions</b>	Monitor skin reactions frequently <sup>7,8</sup>		Signs and symptoms requiring attention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red/blistered/peeling skin</li> <li>Tingling sensations<sup>7,8</sup></li> <li>Discomfort, particularly in the hands and feet<sup>7,8</sup></li> </ul>	
	<b>Arthralgia</b>	Regularly. Patients advised to report pain intensity <sup>10</sup>		At onset of pain <sup>10</sup>	
	<b>Dysphonia</b>	Patients advised to report voice changes <sup>11</sup>		At onset of dysphonia <sup>11</sup>	
	<b>Dysgeusia</b>	Patients advised to report altered taste <sup>12</sup>		At onset of dysgeusia <sup>12</sup>	

AE, adverse event; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events; TSH, thyroid-stimulating hormone.

TEAE management guide



# MONITOR

## Definitions of Grades 1 to 5 of selected common AEs from the CLEAR trial<sup>3,6</sup>

Grading of AE severity is based on Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE), version 5.0<sup>6</sup>  
The severity of some AEs, such as fatigue and diarrhoea, is based on how much the AE limits ADL, which are divided into two classes: instrumental ADL and self-care ADL<sup>6</sup>

### Instrumental ADL<sup>6</sup>

Preparing meals



Shopping for groceries/clothes



Using the telephone



Managing money



### Self-care ADL<sup>6</sup>

Bathing



Dressing and undressing



Feeding oneself



Using the toilet



Taking medications



ADL, activities of daily living; AE, adverse event; CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.







# MANAGE Adverse events

This section will help you to manage TEAEs with **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** combination treatment

- The TEAEs for **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** are generally manageable, often occurring within days of treatment initiation<sup>1,2</sup>
- In treating patients with **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX**, it is important to establish which medication is the likely cause of an AE, in order to manage the patient's symptoms accordingly. Results from the CLEAR trial have shown some AEs as a result of both **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** in combination, however some immune-mediated AEs can be related to **KEYTRUDA** specifically.<sup>1,2</sup>
- When **KEYTRUDA** is used in combination with **KISPLYX** and an AE occurs, one or both medicines should be interrupted as appropriate.<sup>1,2</sup> **KISPLYX** should be withheld, dose reduced or discontinued in accordance with the instructions in the **KISPLYX** SmPC for use in combination with **KEYTRUDA**.<sup>1,2</sup> No dose reductions are recommended for **KEYTRUDA**<sup>1</sup>
- Patients treated with **KEYTRUDA** must be given the Patient Alert Card and informed about the risks of **KEYTRUDA**<sup>1</sup>
- A comprehensive AE management strategy can include medical management (non-pharmacological and pharmacological), dose interruptions, **KISPLYX** dose reductions and treatment discontinuation if necessary<sup>1,2</sup>
- **Addressing the AEs as early and effectively as possible could allow patients to get the most out of their treatment**<sup>3</sup>

Please refer to the **KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX** SmPCs for more details about managing AEs

AE, adverse event; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

# MANAGE Recommended dosing modification for KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX in 1L aRCC<sup>1,2</sup>

Withhold or discontinue **KEYTRUDA** in accordance with the instructions in the Prescribing Information for **KEYTRUDA**.

No dose reductions are recommended for **KEYTRUDA**<sup>1</sup>

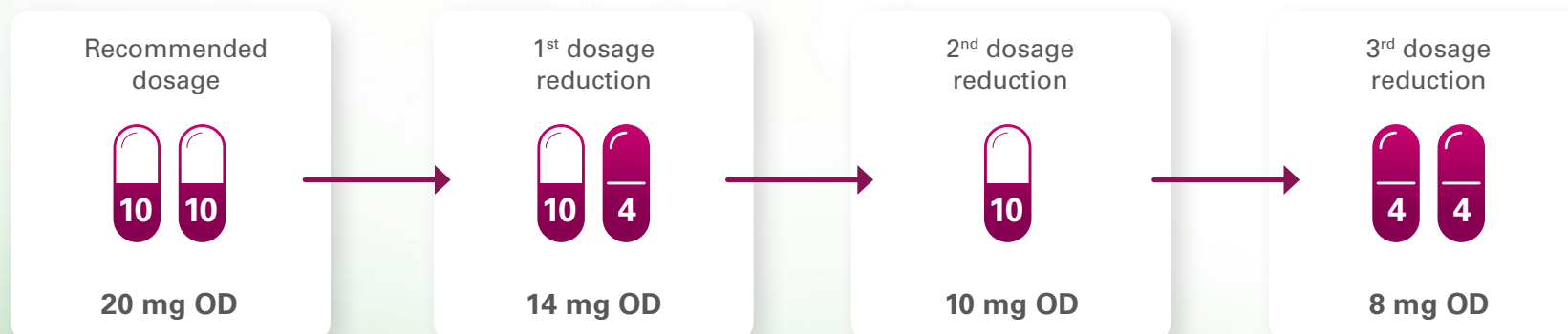
**KEYTRUDA** must be permanently discontinued for any Grade 3 immune-mediated adverse reaction that recurs and for any Grade 4 immune-mediated toxicity, except for endocrinopathies that are controlled with replacement hormones<sup>1</sup>

The licensed starting dose for **KISPLYX** when taken in combination with **KEYTRUDA** is 20 mg once daily. It is possible to gradually reduce the dose of **KISPLYX**, when required to manage AEs<sup>2</sup>

**Treatment efficacy may be impacted if a lower starting dose is used, however a lower starting dose may not reduce the risk of AEs<sup>13</sup>**

As part of the AE management strategy, the dosing of **KISPLYX** can be altered for individual patients.<sup>2</sup>

Flexible **KISPLYX** dosing enables 3 dose reductions from 20 to 14 mg, 14 to 10 mg, and 10 to 8 mg OD<sup>2</sup>



For AEs thought to be related to **KISPLYX**, upon resolution/improvement of an AE to Grade 0–1 or baseline, treatment with **KISPLYX** may be resumed at a reduced dose<sup>2</sup>

Please refer to the individual product SmPCs for full dosing information.

1L, first-line; AE, adverse event; aRCC, advanced renal cell carcinoma; OD, once daily; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.





# MANAGE

## General management guidelines for TEAEs for KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX in the CLEAR trial<sup>3</sup>

The following pages provide advice on when to continue or interrupt the treatment, based on AE severity.

The patient's multidisciplinary team can then decide to reduce the dose or permanently discontinue treatment



**CONTINUE TREATMENT** with KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX\*



**INTERRUPT / WITHHOLD** the treatment



**RECOMMEND** treatment modifications



**DISCONTINUE** the treatment

Go to the KEYTRUDA  
TEAE Management Section



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TEAE Management Section



\*Continue treatment with KEYTRUDA for a maximum of 24 months or until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.<sup>1</sup> Withhold or discontinue KEYTRUDA in accordance with the instructions in the SmPC. No dose reductions are recommended for KEYTRUDA.<sup>1</sup> KISPLYX treatment can continue as long as clinical benefit is achieved.<sup>2</sup>

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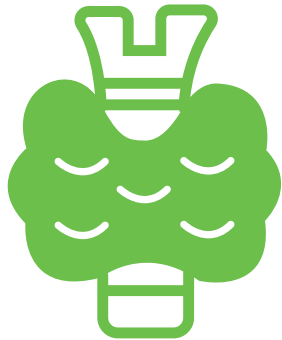
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## Hypothyroidism



### GRADE 1

Asymptomatic.  
Clinical or diagnostic  
observations only.  
Intervention not indicated<sup>6</sup>

### GRADE 2

Symptomatic.  
Thyroid replacement indicated.  
Limiting instrumental ADL<sup>6</sup>

### GRADE 3

Severe symptoms.  
Limiting self-care ADL.  
Hospitalisation indicated<sup>6</sup>

### GRADE 4

Life-threatening consequences.  
Urgent intervention  
indicated<sup>6</sup>

Patients should be monitored for changes in thyroid function<sup>1</sup>

Symptoms may be managed with replacement hormone therapy  
and treatment with **KEYTRUDA** may continue with monitoring<sup>1</sup>

Thyroid function and hormone levels should be monitored  
to ensure appropriate hormone replacement<sup>1</sup>

Long-term hormone replacement therapy may be necessary in cases of immune-mediated endocrinopathies.<sup>1</sup>  
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Asymptomatic.  
Clinical or diagnostic observations only. Intervention not indicated<sup>6</sup>

### GRADE 2

Symptomatic.  
Thyroid suppression therapy indicated. Limiting instrumental ADL<sup>6</sup>

### GRADE 3

Severe symptoms.  
Limiting self-care ADL.  
Hospitalisation indicated<sup>6</sup>

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Life-threatening consequences.  
Urgent intervention indicated<sup>6</sup>

### CONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** treatment and monitor<sup>1</sup>  
Hormone replacement therapy if indicated<sup>1</sup>  
May be managed symptomatically<sup>1</sup>  
Thyroid function and hormone levels should be monitored to ensure appropriate hormone replacement<sup>1</sup>

### WITHHOLD

**KEYTRUDA** until adverse reactions recover to Grades 0–1. For patients with Grade 3 or Grade 4 endocrinopathies that improve to Grade 2 or lower and are controlled with hormone replacement, if indicated, continuation may be considered after corticosteroid taper, if needed<sup>1</sup>  
Thyroid function and hormone levels should be monitored to ensure appropriate hormone replacement<sup>1</sup>

### DISCONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** permanently if toxicity does not resolve to Grades 0–1 within 12 weeks after the last dose of **KEYTRUDA**, or if corticosteroid dosing cannot be reduced to ≤10 mg prednisone or equivalent per day within 12 weeks<sup>1</sup>

Patients should be monitored for changes in thyroid function.<sup>1</sup> Hormone levels should also be monitored.<sup>1</sup> Along with hypothyroidism/hyperthyroidism, thyroiditis has also been reported and can occur at any time during treatment.<sup>1</sup> Long-term hormone replacement therapy may be necessary in cases of immune-mediated endocrinopathies.<sup>1</sup>

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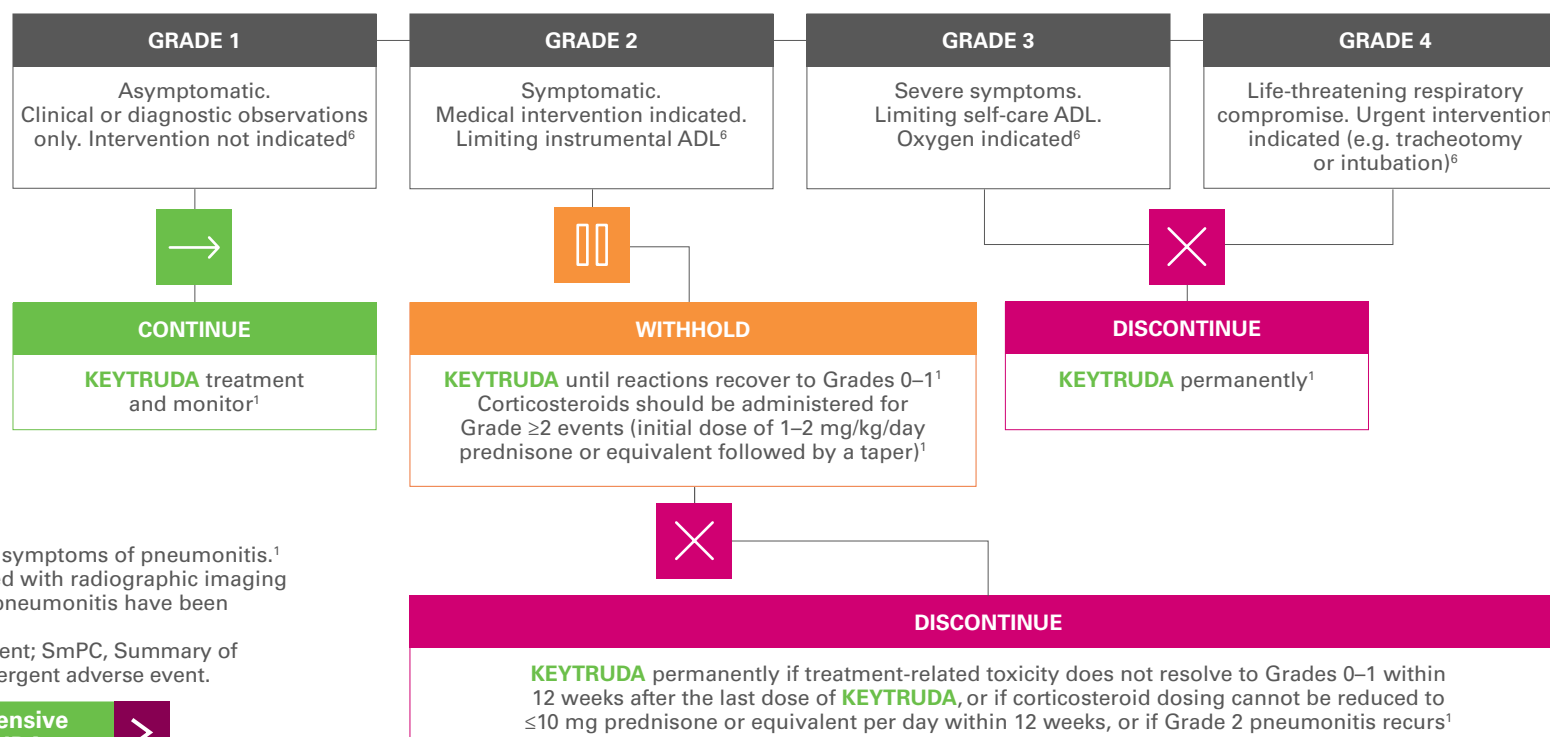
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## Pneumonitis



Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of pneumonitis.<sup>1</sup> Suspected pneumonitis should be confirmed with radiographic imaging and other causes excluded.<sup>1</sup> Fatal cases of pneumonitis have been reported in patients receiving **KEYTRUDA**.<sup>1</sup> ADL, activities of daily living; AE, adverse event; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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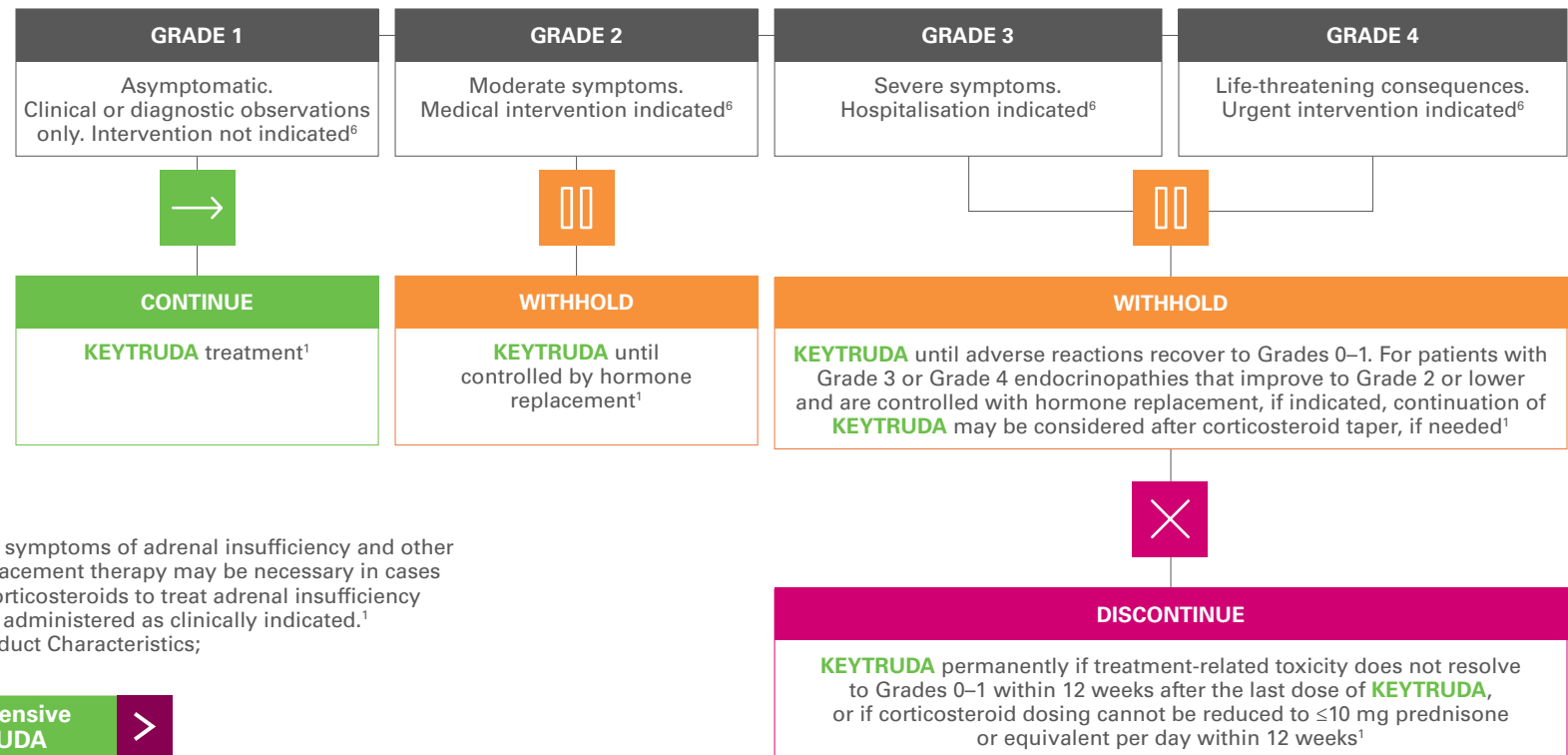
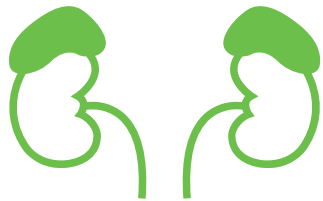
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## Adrenal insufficiency



Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of adrenal insufficiency and other causes excluded.<sup>1</sup> Long-term hormone replacement therapy may be necessary in cases of immune-mediated endocrinopathies.<sup>1</sup> Corticosteroids to treat adrenal insufficiency and other hormone replacement should be administered as clinically indicated.<sup>1</sup> AE, adverse event; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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## Skin reactions (SJS/TEN)

Terms cover multiple AEs



Patients should be monitored for suspected severe skin reactions and other causes should be excluded. For suspected SJS or TEN, the patient should be referred to a specialised unit for assessment and treatment<sup>1</sup>



### CONTINUE

For Grade 1 or 2 events treatment may continue, with monitoring<sup>1</sup>  
May be managed symptomatically<sup>8</sup>



### WITHHOLD

**KEYTRUDA** for Grade 3 skin reaction or suspected SJS or TEN, until adverse reactions recover to Grades 0–1.<sup>1</sup>  
Corticosteroids should be administered<sup>1</sup>



### DISCONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** permanently for Grade 4 or confirmed SJS or TEN<sup>1</sup>



### DISCONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** permanently if treatment-related toxicity does not resolve to Grades 0–1 within 12 weeks after the last dose of **KEYTRUDA**, or if corticosteroid dosing cannot be reduced to  $\leq 10$  mg prednisone or equivalent per day within 12 weeks<sup>1</sup>

Patients should be monitored for suspected skin reactions.<sup>1</sup> Other causes should be excluded.<sup>1</sup> Caution should be used when considering the use of **KEYTRUDA** in a patient who has previously experienced a severe or life-threatening skin adverse reaction on prior treatment with other immune-stimulatory anticancer agents.<sup>1</sup> AE, adverse event; SJS, Stevens-Johnson syndrome; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; TEN, toxic epidermal necrolysis.

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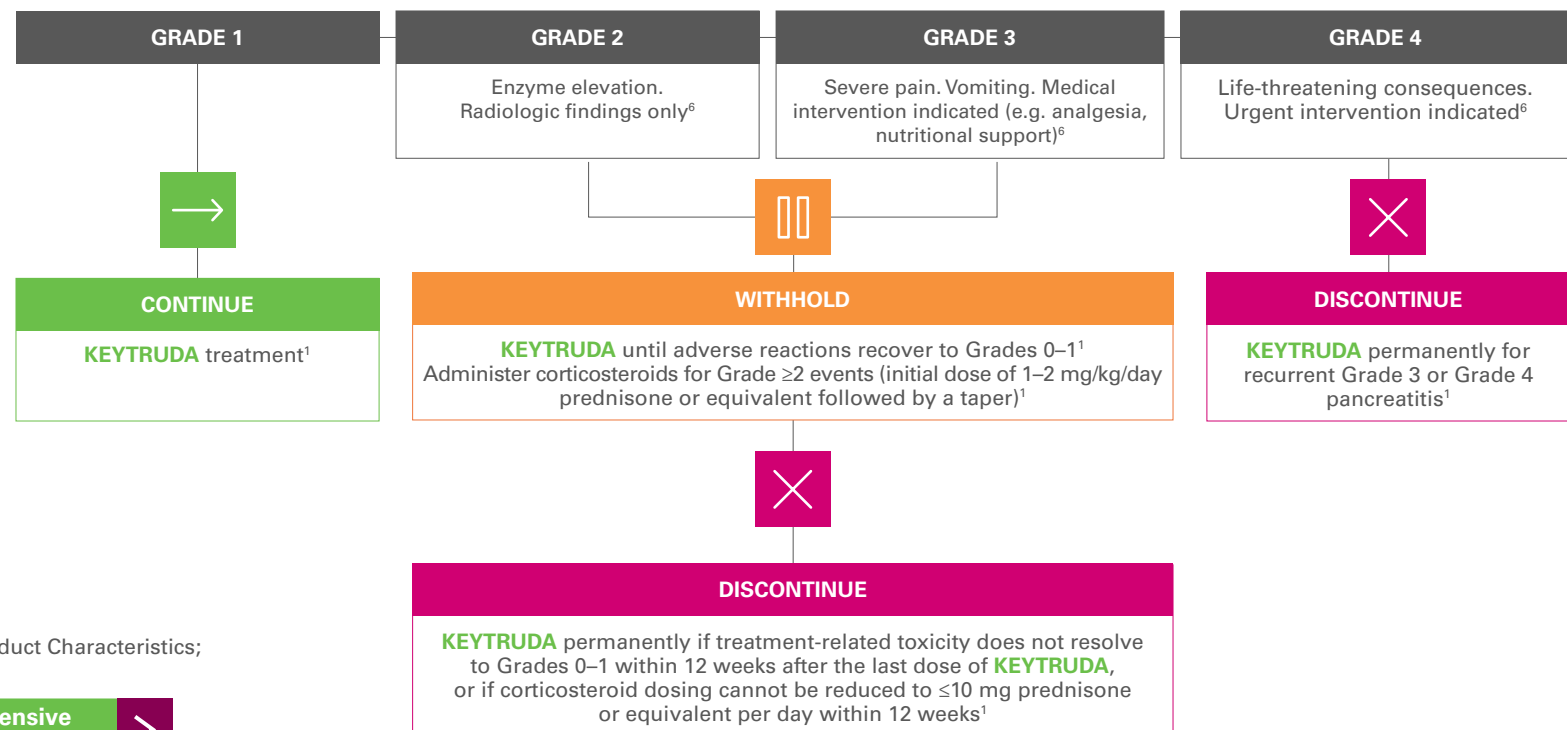
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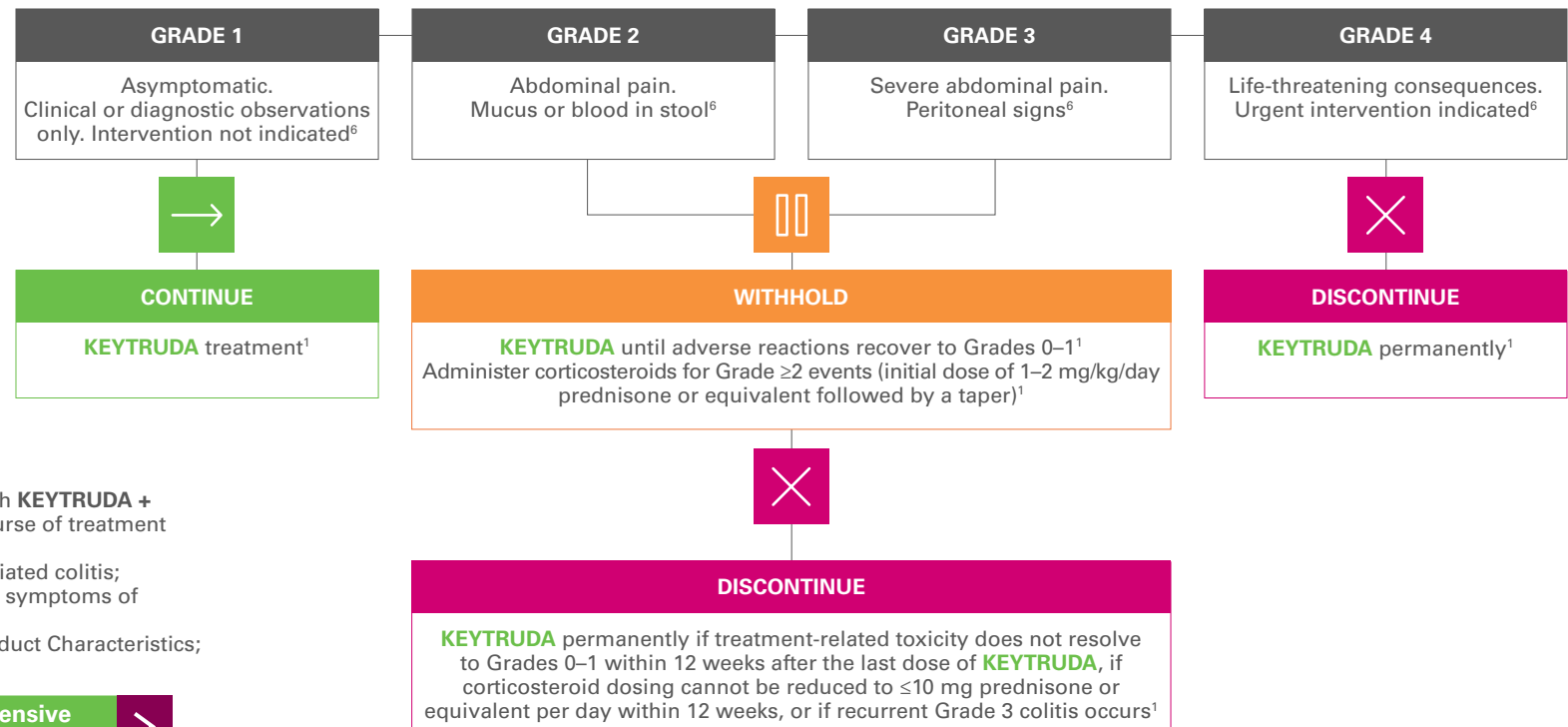
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## Colitis



Diarrhoea has been reported frequently with **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX**.<sup>1,2</sup> It usually occurs early in the course of treatment and might be related to **KISPLYX**.<sup>2</sup>

Diarrhoea can be as a sign of immune-mediated colitis; patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of colitis and other causes excluded.<sup>1</sup>

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## Hepatitis



### GRADE 1

AST or ALT  $<3.0 \times$  ULN or total bilirubin  
 $<1.5$  times the ULN<sup>1</sup>



### CONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** and monitor<sup>1</sup>

### GRADE 2

AST or ALT  $>3.0-5.0 \times$  ULN or total  
bilirubin  $>1.5-3$  times the ULN<sup>1</sup>



### WITHHOLD

**KEYTRUDA** until adverse reactions recover to Grades 0–1<sup>1</sup>  
Administer an initial dose of 0.5–1 mg/kg/day prednisone  
or equivalent followed by a taper<sup>1</sup>



### DISCONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** permanently if treatment-related toxicity does not resolve to Grades 0–1 within  
12 weeks after the last dose of **KEYTRUDA**, or if corticosteroid dosing cannot be reduced  
to  $\leq 10$  mg prednisone or equivalent per day within 12 weeks<sup>1</sup>  
In the case of liver metastasis with baseline Grade 2 elevation of AST or ALT, hepatitis with AST or ALT  
increases  $\geq 50\%$  and lasting  $\geq 1$  week, permanently discontinue **KEYTRUDA**<sup>1</sup>

### GRADE $\geq 3$

AST or ALT  $>5 \times$  ULN  
or total bilirubin  $>3 \times$  ULN<sup>1</sup>



### DISCONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** permanently<sup>1</sup>  
Administer 1–2 mg/kg/day prednisone  
or equivalent followed by a taper<sup>1</sup>

Patients should be monitored for changes in liver function (at the start of treatment, periodically during treatment and as indicated based on clinical evaluation) and symptoms of hepatitis, and other causes excluded.<sup>1</sup>  
AE, adverse event; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; ULN, upper limit of normal.

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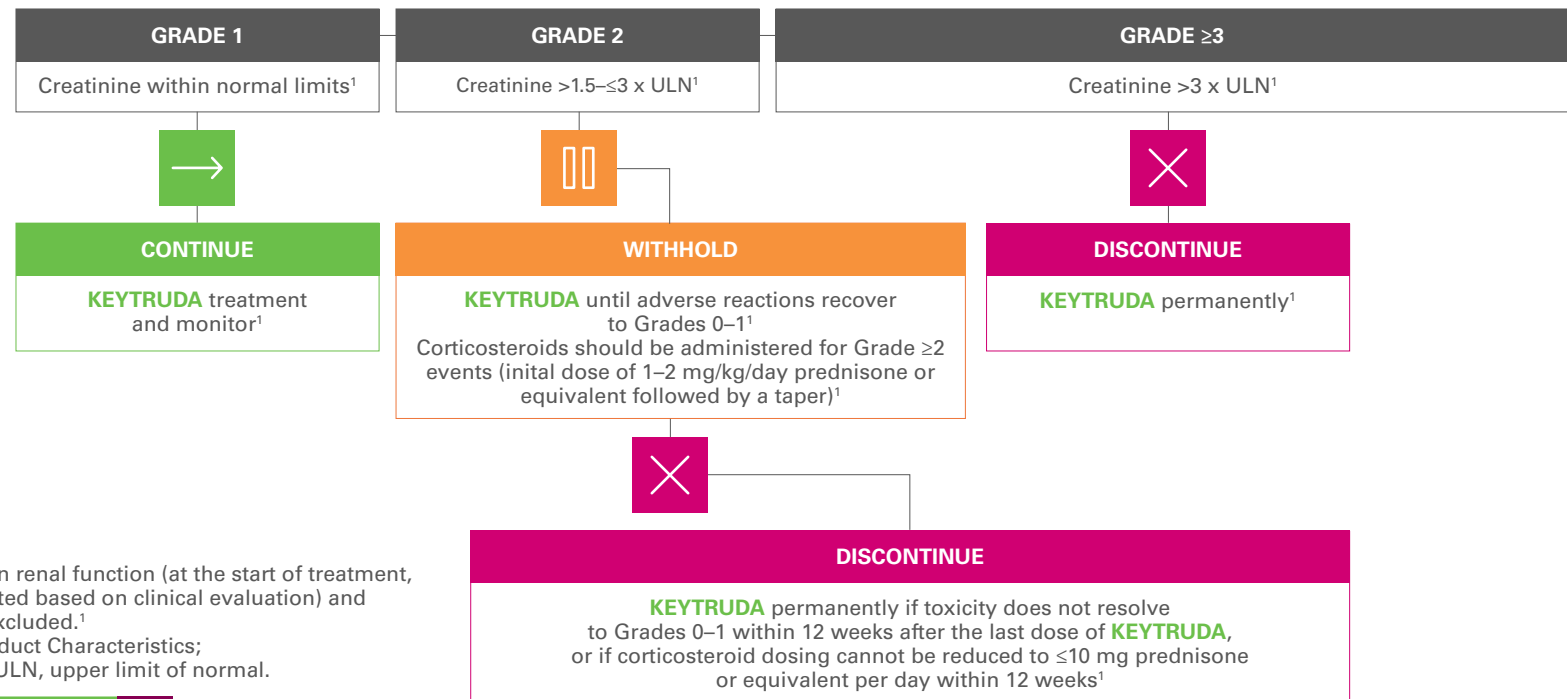
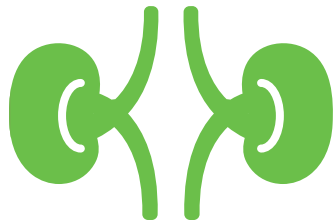
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## Nephritis



Patients should be monitored for changes in renal function (at the start of treatment, periodically during treatment and as indicated based on clinical evaluation) and symptoms of nephritis, and other causes excluded.<sup>1</sup>

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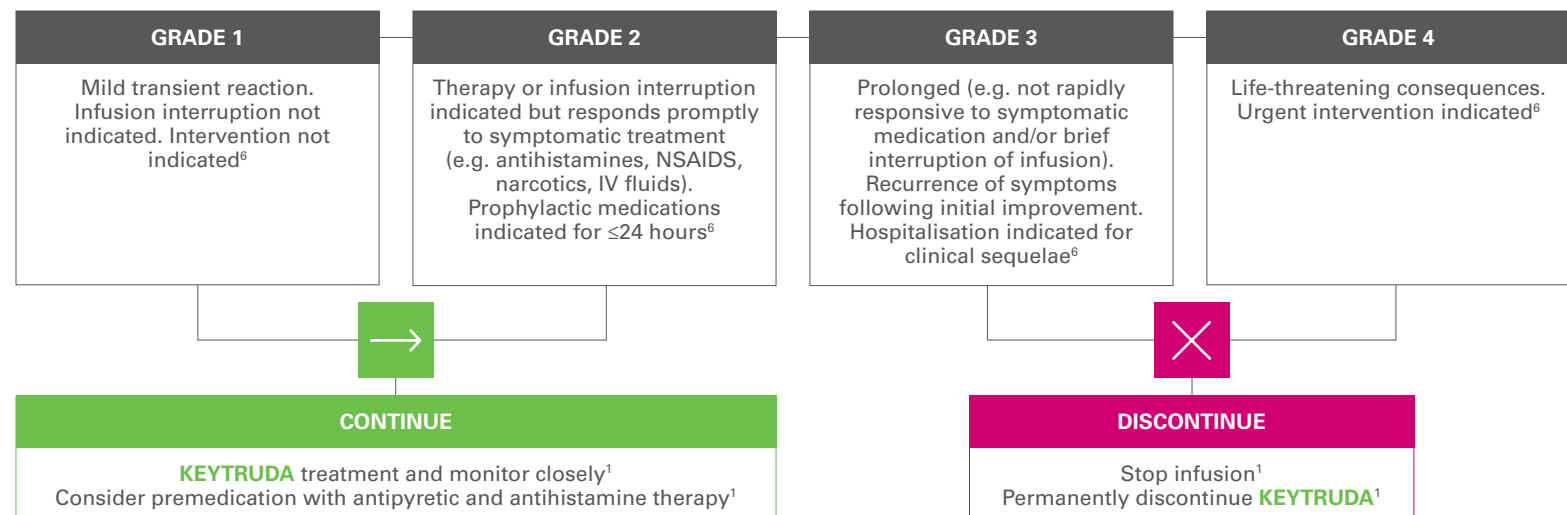
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## Infusion-related reactions



Patients should be monitored for severe infusion-related reactions including hypersensitivity and anaphylaxis.<sup>1</sup> Severe infusion-related reactions have been reported with patients receiving **KEYTRUDA**; these include drug hypersensitivity, anaphylactic reaction, anaphylactoid reaction, hypersensitivity, infusion-related hypersensitivity reaction, cytokine release syndrome and serum sickness.<sup>1</sup> Patients should be monitored during infusion.<sup>1</sup>

AE, adverse event; IV, intravenous; NSAID, non-steroid anti-inflammatory drug; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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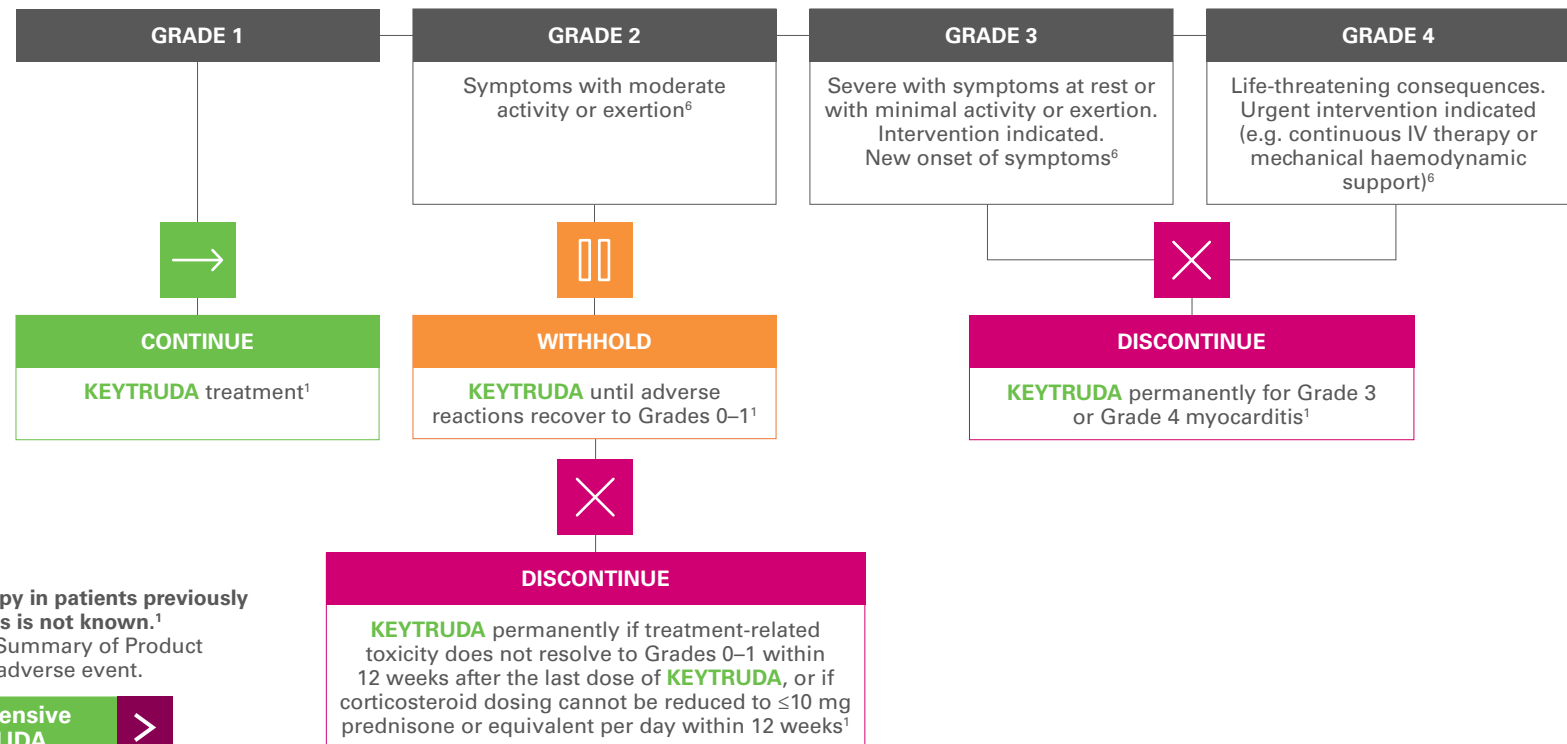
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The safety of re-initiating **KEYTRUDA** therapy in patients previously experiencing immune-mediated myocarditis is not known.<sup>1</sup>  
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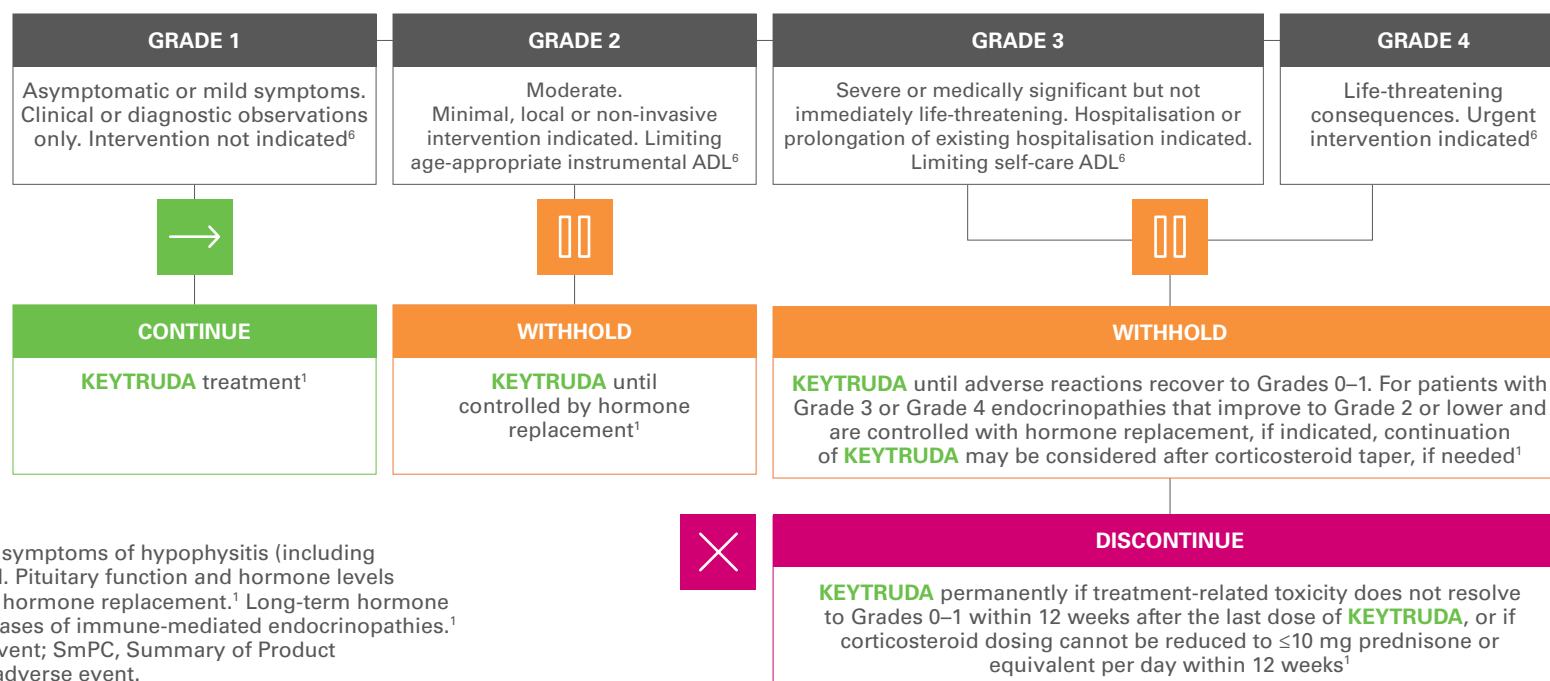
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Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of hypophysitis (including hypopituitarism) and other causes excluded. Pituitary function and hormone levels should be monitored to ensure appropriate hormone replacement.<sup>1</sup> Long-term hormone replacement therapy may be necessary in cases of immune-mediated endocrinopathies.<sup>1</sup> ADL, activities of daily living; AE, adverse event; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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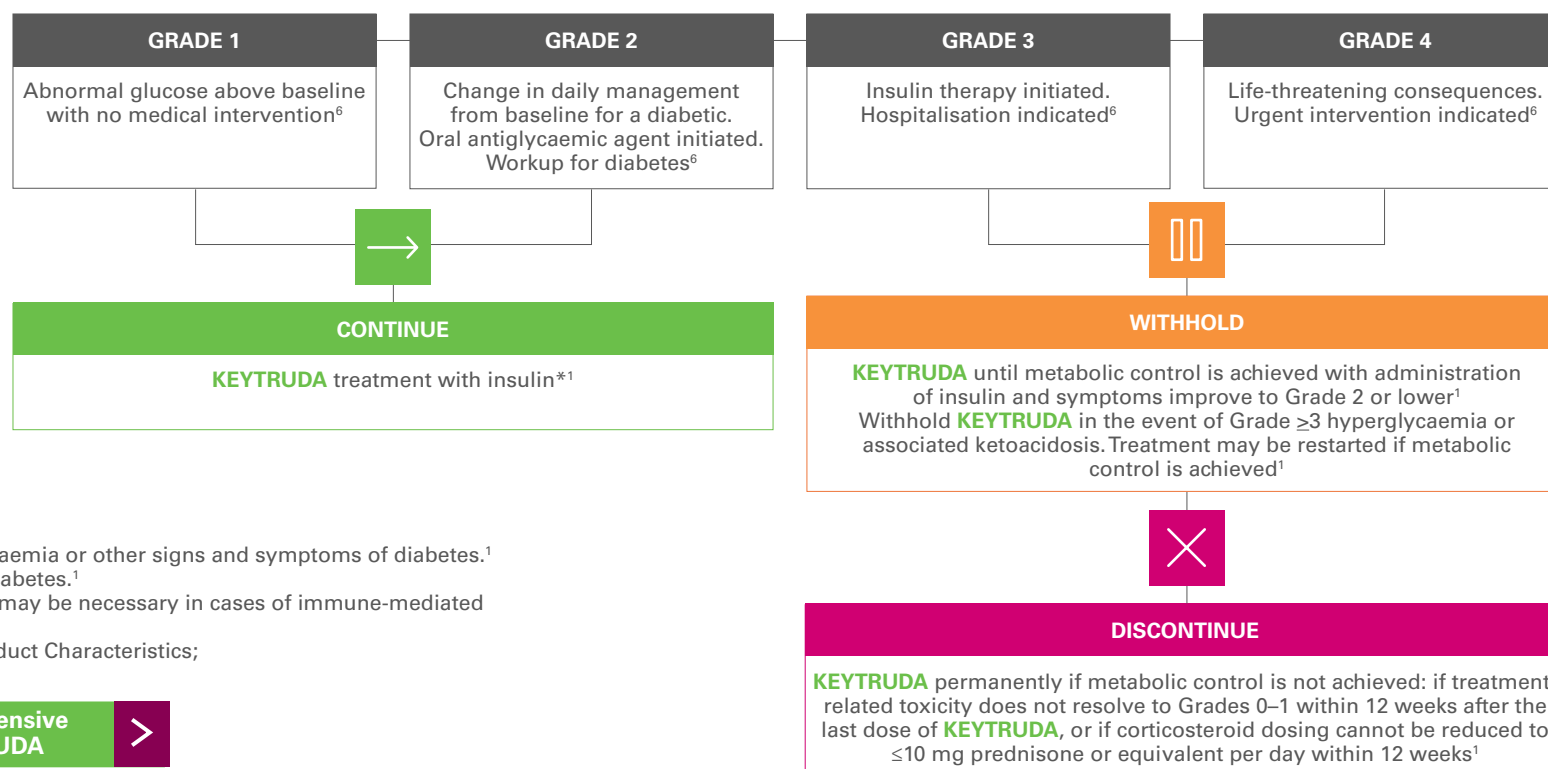
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## Type 1 diabetes mellitus



Patients should be monitored for hyperglycaemia or other signs and symptoms of diabetes.<sup>1</sup>

Insulin should be administered for type 1 diabetes.<sup>1</sup>

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## Other TEAEs of interest for KEYTRUDA



Other TEAEs of interest for **KEYTRUDA** that occurred in the CLEAR trial include encephalitis, myasthenic syndrome, myositis, thyroiditis and uveitis<sup>3</sup>



### WITHHOLD

**KEYTRUDA** for immune-mediated AEs based on the severity and type of reaction (Grade 2 or 3) until adverse reactions recover to 0–1<sup>1</sup>



### DISCONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** permanently if treatment-related toxicity does not resolve to Grades 0–1 within 12 weeks after the last dose of **KEYTRUDA**, or if corticosteroid dosing cannot be reduced to ≤10 mg prednisone or equivalent per day within 12 weeks<sup>1</sup>



### DISCONTINUE

**KEYTRUDA** permanently for any recurrent Grade 3 immune-mediated toxicity and for any Grade 4 immune-mediated toxicity<sup>1</sup>

Discontinue **KEYTRUDA** permanently in the case of Grade 3 or 4 encephalitis<sup>1</sup>

Based on limited data from clinical studies in patients whose immune-mediated adverse reactions could not be controlled with corticosteroid use, consider administration of other systemic immunosuppressants<sup>1</sup>

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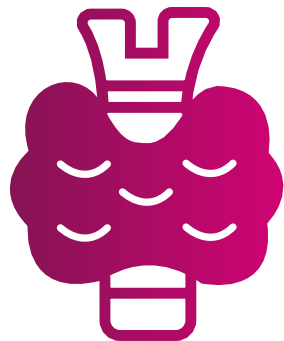
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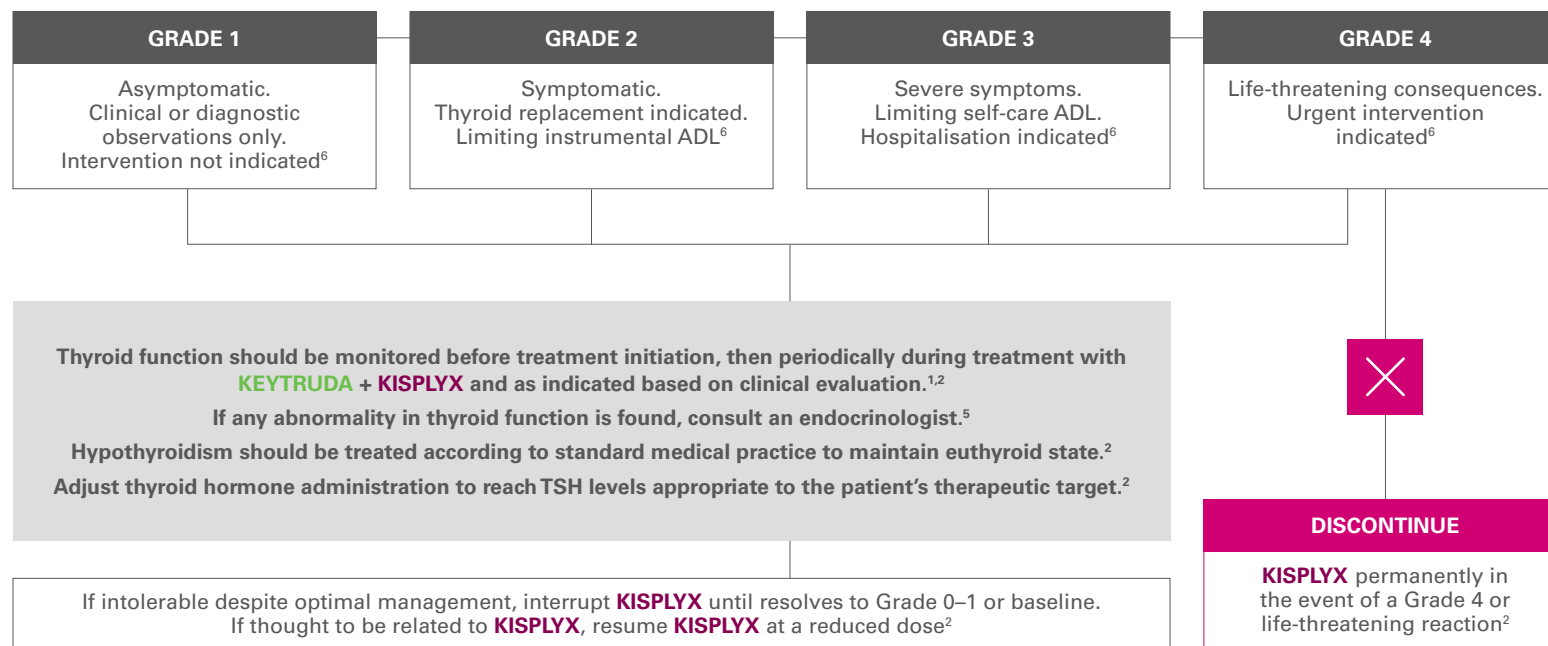
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If hypothyroidism is thought to be related to an immune-mediated AE, please refer to the KEYTRUDA SmPC.

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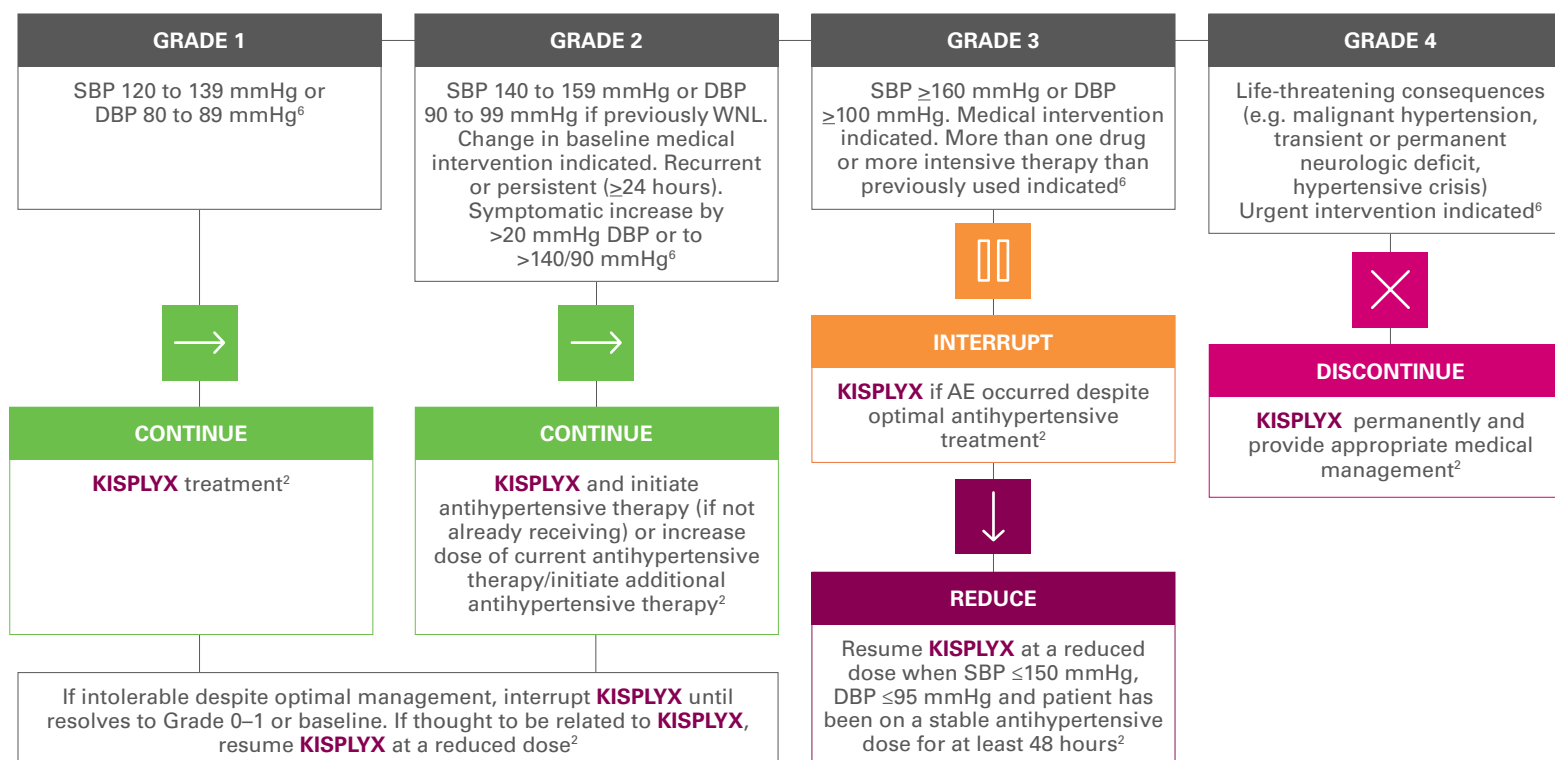
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BP should be monitored after 1 week of treatment with **KISPLYX**, then every 2 weeks for the first 2 months, and monthly thereafter.<sup>2</sup>

In the CLEAR trial, patients with baseline hypertension had a higher incidence of proteinuria than patients without baseline hypertension.<sup>2</sup>

AE, adverse event; BP, blood pressure; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; WNL, within normal limits.



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## PPES



### GRADE 1

Minimal skin changes or dermatitis (e.g. erythema, oedema, or hyperkeratosis) without pain<sup>6</sup>

### GRADE 2

Skin changes (e.g. peeling, blisters, bleeding, fissures, oedema, or hyperkeratosis) with pain. Limiting instrumental ADL<sup>6</sup>

### GRADE 3

Severe skin changes (e.g. peeling, blisters, bleeding, fissures, oedema, or hyperkeratosis) with pain. Limiting self-care ADL<sup>6</sup>

### Grade 4

#### CONTINUE

**KISPLYX** (if tolerable)<sup>2</sup>  
Use moisturising cream, and consider hydrocolloid dressing for the feet<sup>11,12</sup>  
Advise the patient on how to minimise symptoms, such as avoiding sources of heat (e.g. sitting in the sun), wear loose-fitting clothing, and gently applying skin care creams to keep their hands and feet moist<sup>12</sup>

If intolerable despite optimal management, interrupt **KISPLYX** until resolves to Grade 0–1 or baseline. If thought to be related to **KISPLYX**, resume **KISPLYX** at a reduced dose<sup>2</sup>

#### INTERRUPT

**KISPLYX** until resolves to Grade 0–1 or baseline<sup>2</sup>

#### REDUCE

Resume **KISPLYX** at a reduced dose<sup>2</sup>

#### DISCONTINUE

**KISPLYX** permanently in the event of a Grade 4 or life-threatening reaction<sup>2</sup>

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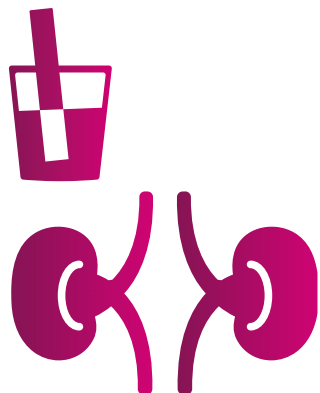
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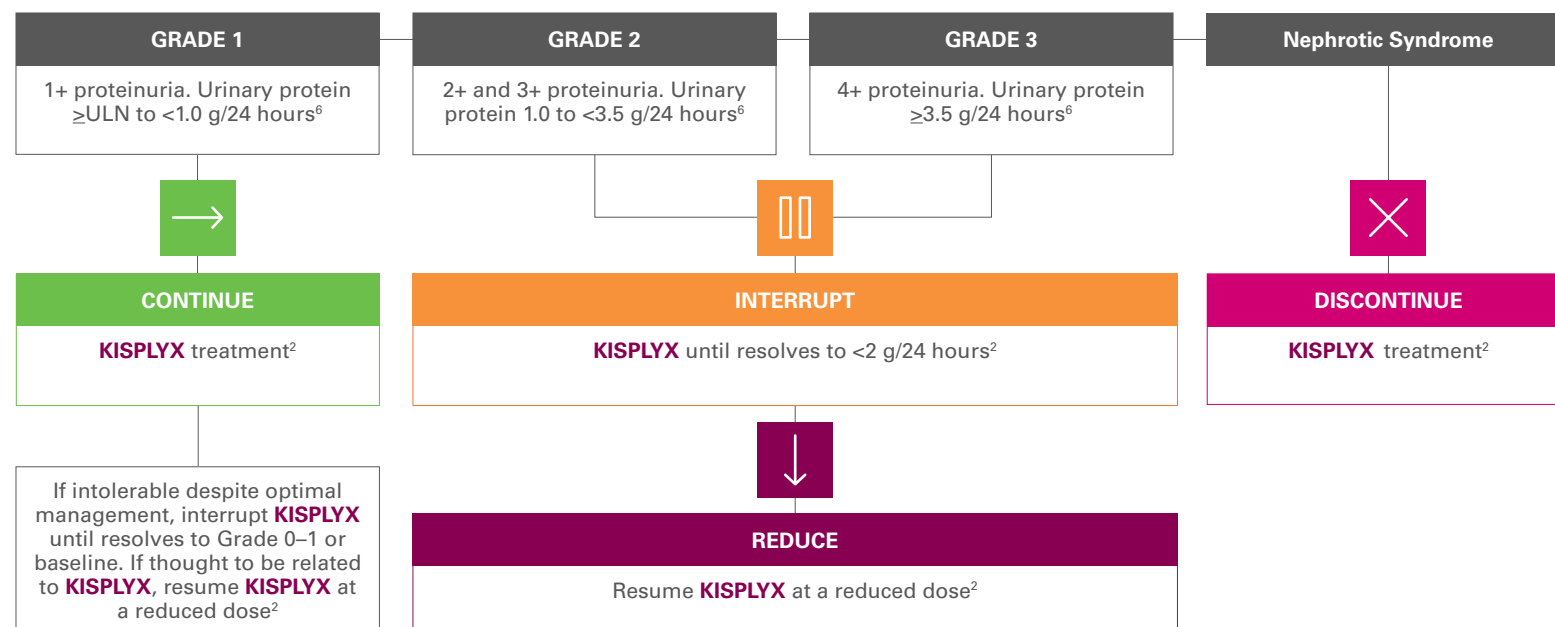
## Proteinuria



Manage patients with renal dysfunction caused by diabetes or hypertension carefully.<sup>16</sup>

In the CLEAR trial, patients with baseline hypertension had a higher incidence of proteinuria than patients without baseline hypertension<sup>2</sup>

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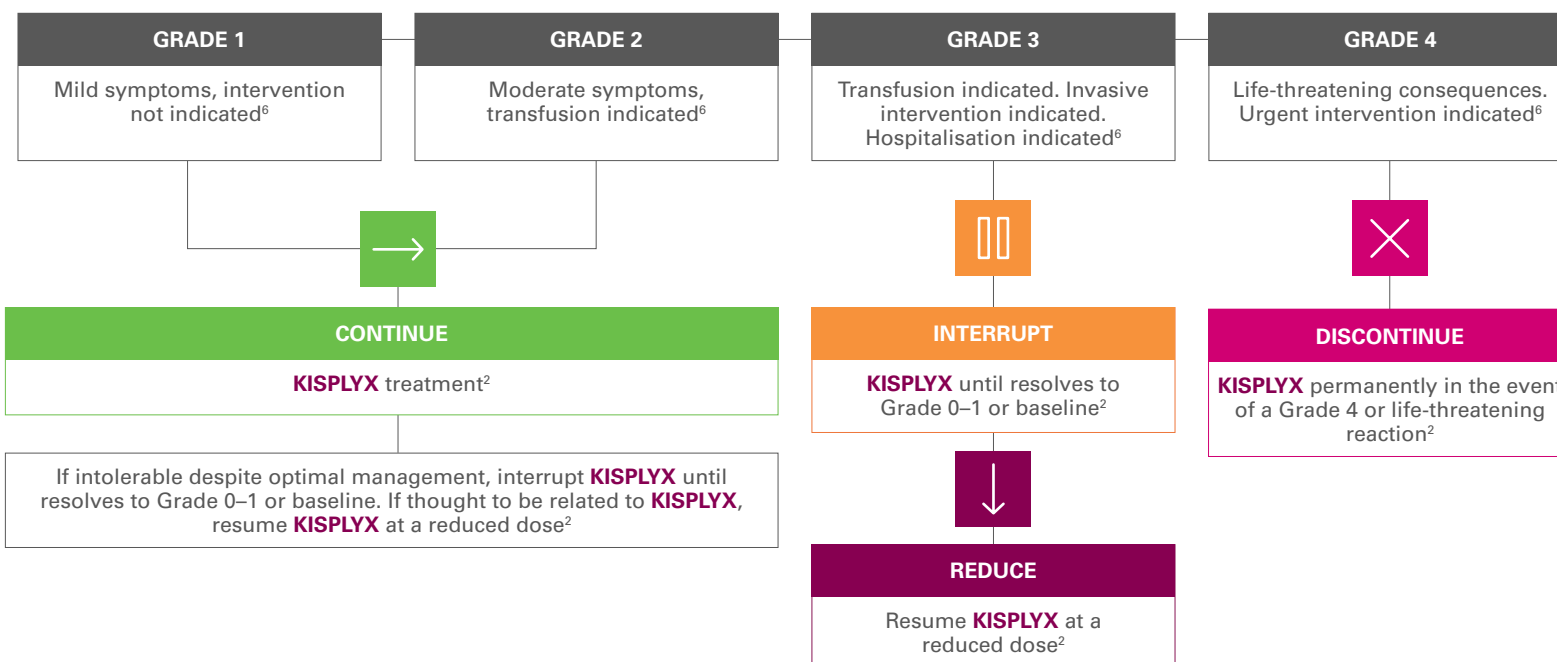
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## Haemorrhage



Please refer to the CTCAE guide for the Grade definitions specific to the bleeding type of your patient.<sup>6</sup>

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This document refers to the CLEAR trial and does not replace guidance provided in the SmPC. Please refer to the individual product SmPCs for full details on AEs and the management of patients on KEYTRUDA in combination with KISPLYX.





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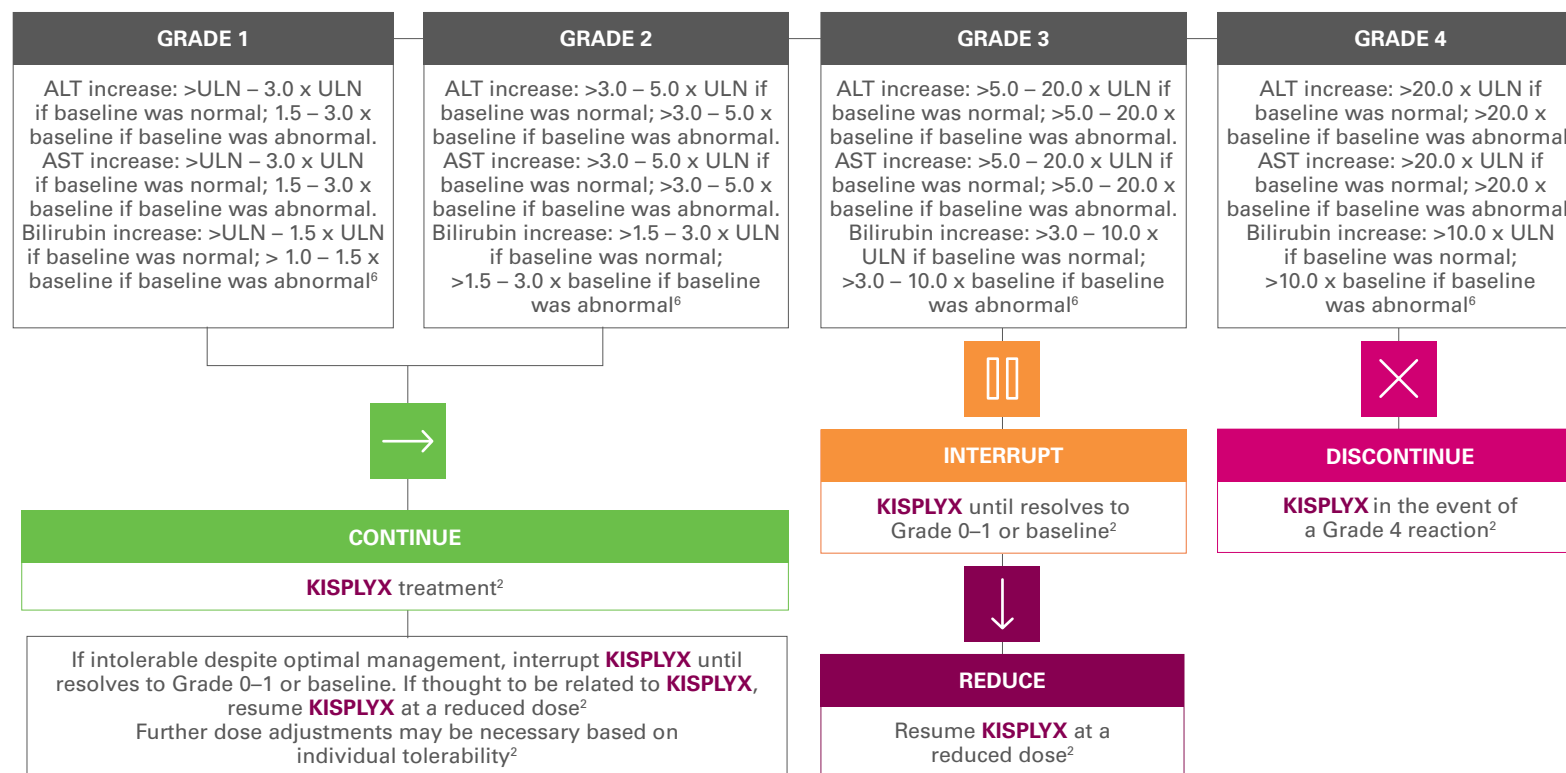
## Hepatotoxicity



KEYTRUDA + KISPLYX should be used in patients with severe hepatic impairment only if the anticipated benefit exceeds the risk.<sup>2</sup>

AE, adverse event; ALT, alanine transaminase; AST, aspartate transaminase; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; ULN, upper limit of normal.

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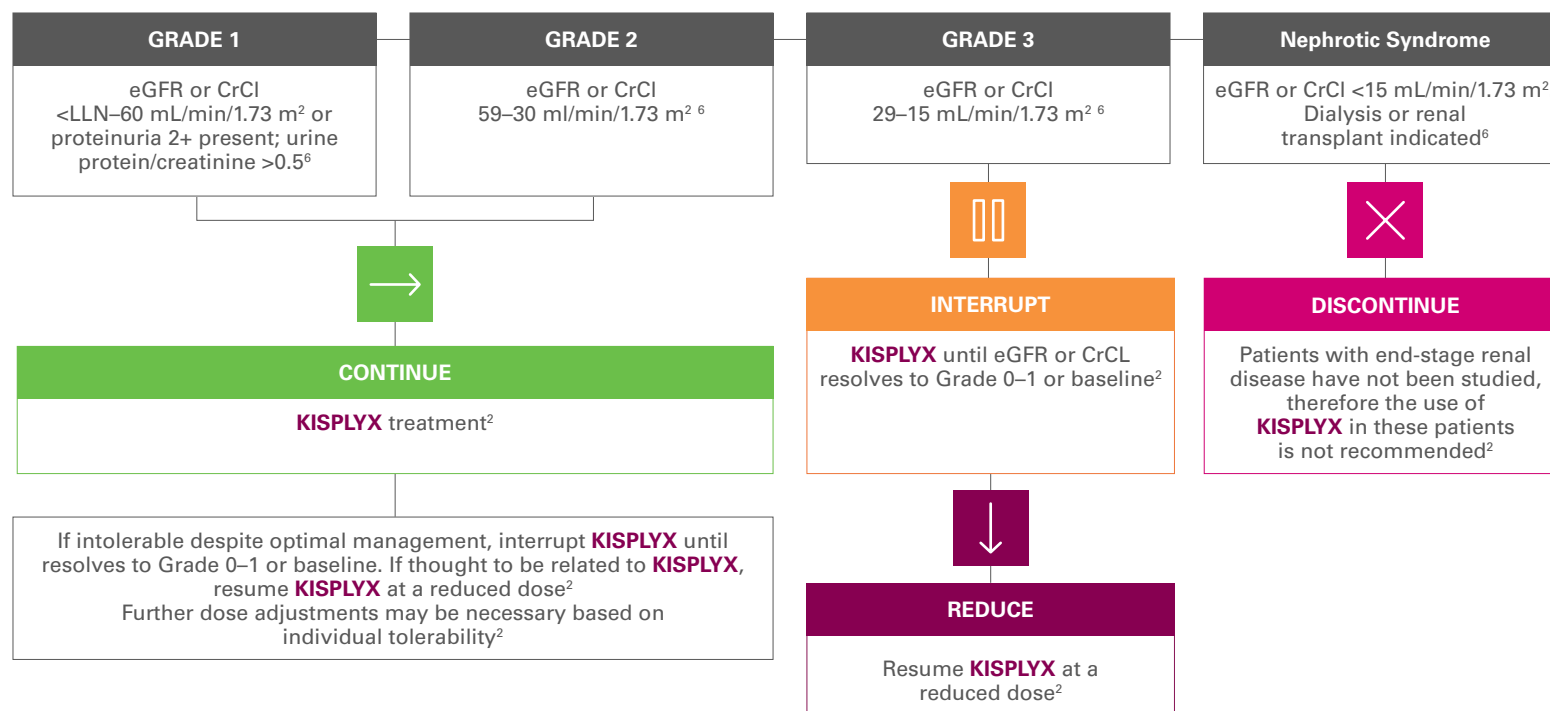
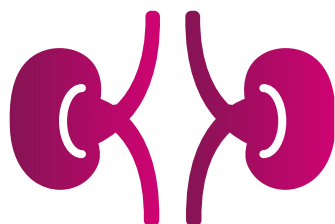
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## Renal impairment



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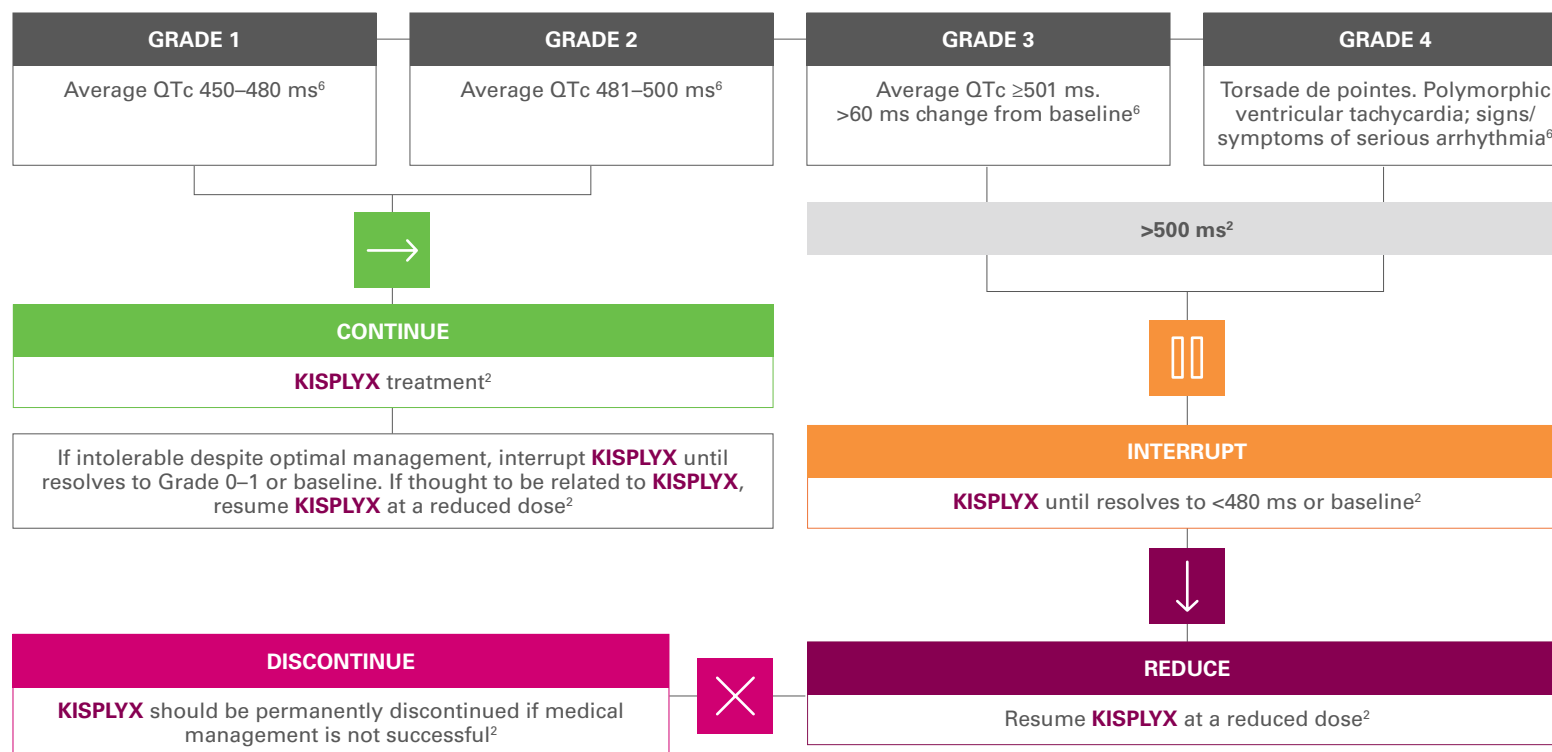
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## QT prolongation



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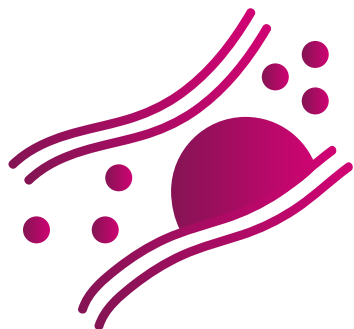
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## Arterial thromboembolism



The most commonly reported arterial thromboembolic event in the **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX**-treated group in the CLEAR trial was myocardial infarction (3.4%). The median time to onset of arterial thromboembolic events was 10.4 months in the **KEYTRUDA** + **KISPLYX**-treated group<sup>2</sup>

**KISPLYX** has not been studied in patients who have had an arterial thromboembolism within the previous 6 months, and therefore should be used with caution in such patients. A treatment decision should be made based upon an assessment of the individual patient's benefit/risk. **KISPLYX** should be discontinued following an arterial thrombotic event<sup>2</sup>



DISCONTINUE

**KISPLYX** permanently if an arterial thromboembolism event of any Grade occurs<sup>2</sup>

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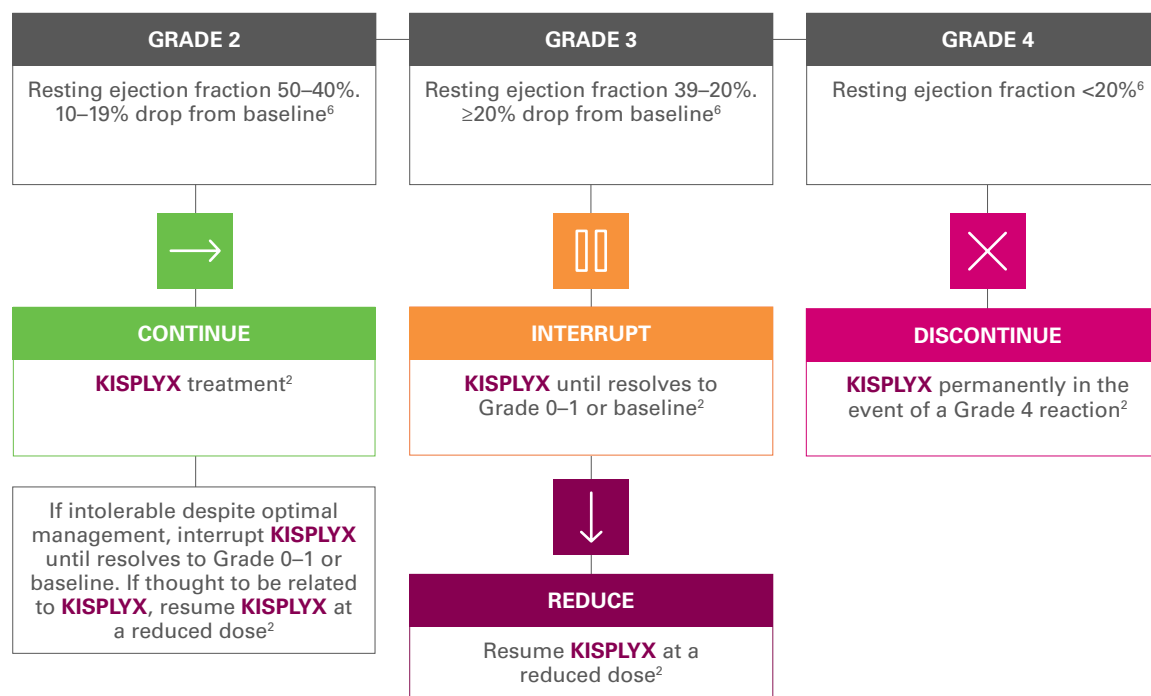
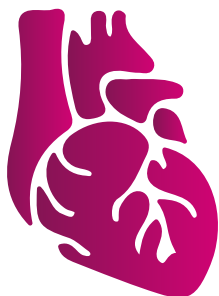
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## Cardiac dysfunction\*



\*Cardiac dysfunction characterised by  
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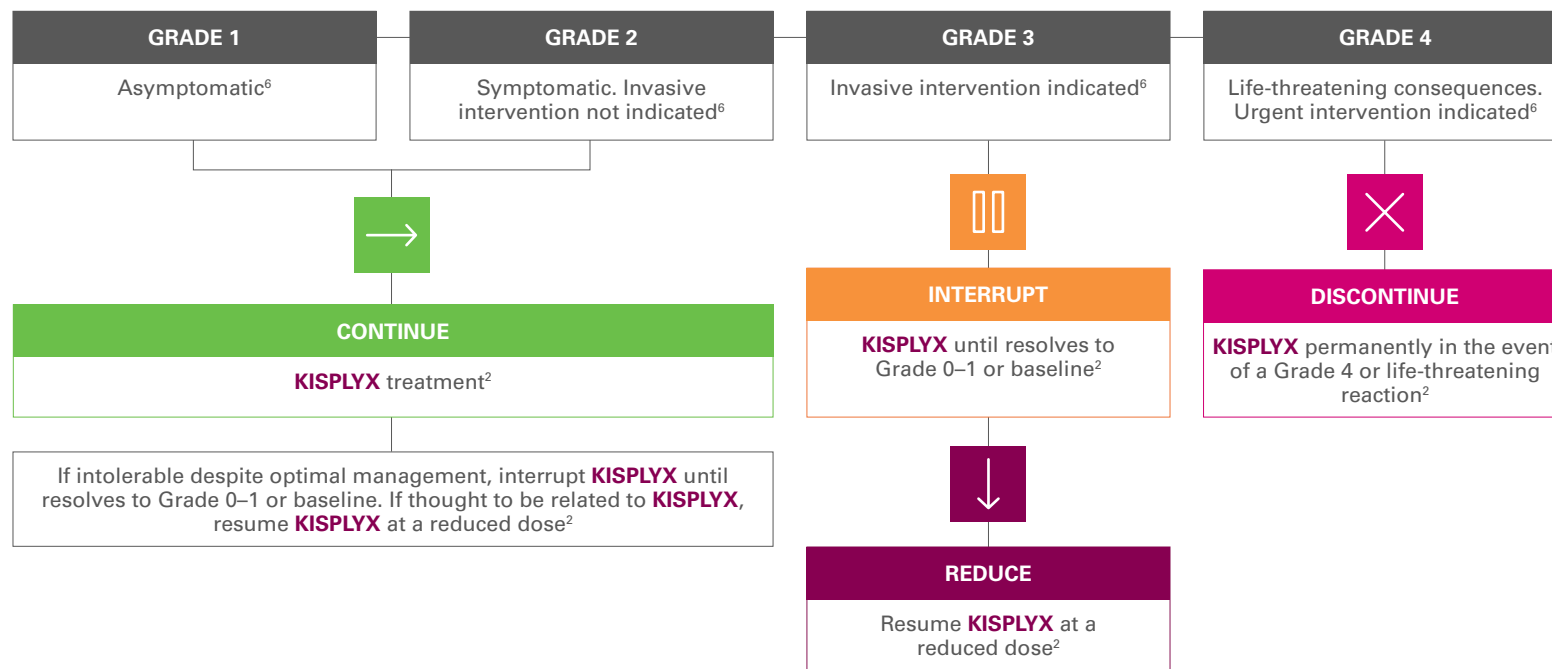
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## GI perforation or fistula



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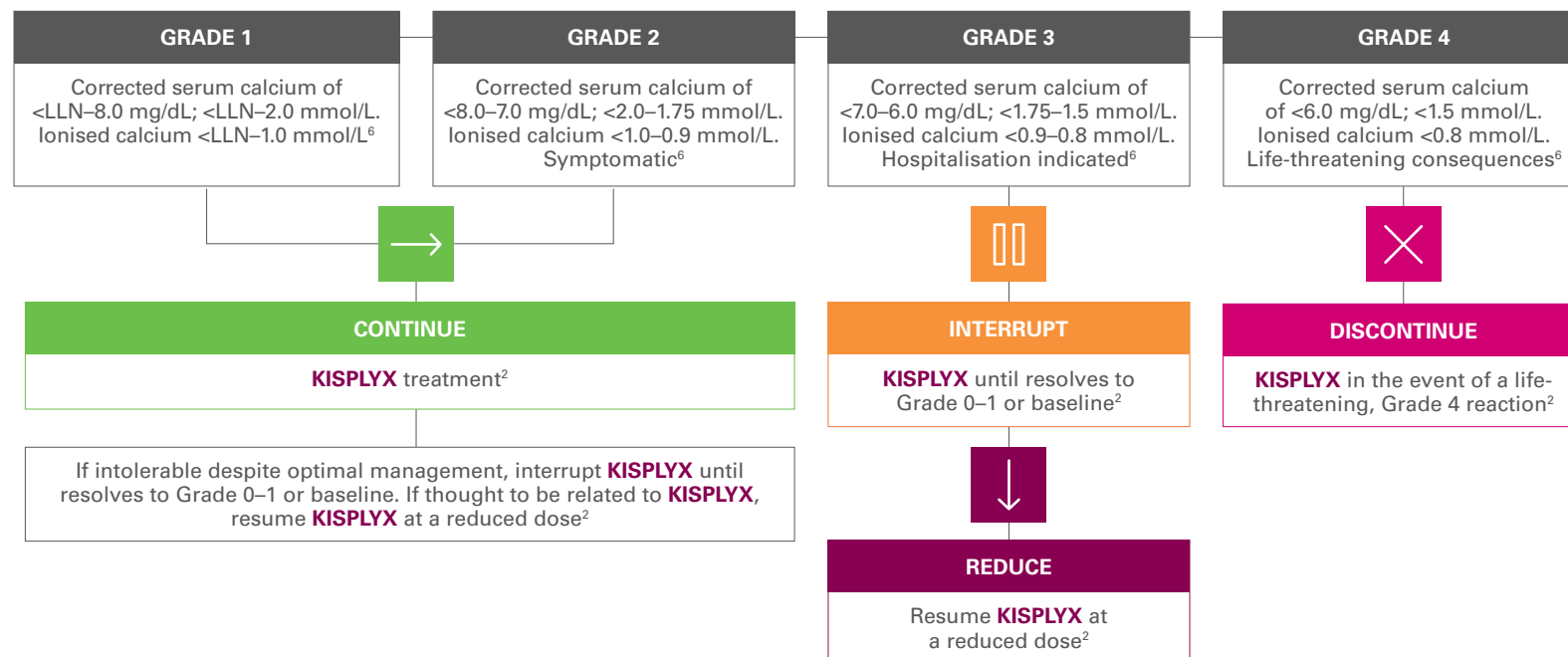
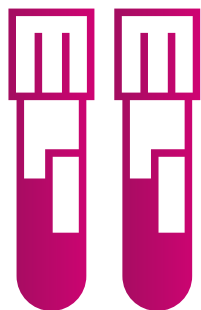
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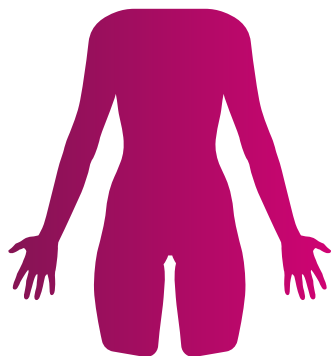
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## Non-GI fistula



Patients may be at increased risk for the development of fistulae when treated with **KISPLYX**.<sup>2</sup>  
Cases of fistula formation or enlargement that involved areas of the body other than the stomach or intestines were observed in clinical trials and in post-marketing experience, including:<sup>2</sup>

- Tracheal fistulae
- Tracheo-oesophageal fistulae
- Oesophageal fistulae
- Cutaneous fistulae
- Female genital tract fistulae



## DISCONTINUE

**KISPLYX** should not be started in patients with fistulae to avoid worsening and **KISPLYX** should be permanently discontinued in patients with oesophageal or tracheobronchial tract involvement and any Grade 4 fistula<sup>2</sup>

Limited information is available on the use of dose interruption or reduction in the management of other events, but worsening was observed in some cases and caution should be taken<sup>2</sup>

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## PRES/RPLS



Mild to severe hypertension may be present<sup>2</sup> and appropriate measures should be taken to control blood pressure – see [hypertension tab](#) for details.

AE, adverse event; PRES, posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome; RPLS, reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.



## INTERRUPT

**KISPLYX** if PRES/RPLS of any Grade occurs<sup>2</sup>



## REDUCE

Considering resuming **KISPLYX** at a reduced dose if resolves to Grade 0–1<sup>2</sup>





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