



Getting Started Guide

To get a patient started on Ferriprox® (deferiprone) follow **2 steps** outlined in this guide.



Pranav, actual Ferriprox patient

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1-866-758-7071 – we're ready to help!

Indication

Ferriprox® (deferiprone) is an iron chelator indicated for the treatment of transfusional iron overload in patients with:

- thalassemia syndromes
- sickle cell disease or other anemias

Ferriprox Tablets are indicated in adult and pediatric patients ≥8 years of age; Ferriprox Oral Solution is indicated in patients ≥3 years of age.

Limitations of Use:

Safety and effectiveness have not been established for the treatment of transfusional iron overload in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome or in patients with Diamond Blackfan anemia.

Important Safety Information

WARNING: AGRANULOCYTOSIS AND NEUTROPENIA

- Ferriprox can cause agranulocytosis that can lead to serious infections and death. Neutropenia may precede the development of agranulocytosis.
- Measure the absolute neutrophil count (ANC) before starting Ferriprox and monitor regularly while on therapy.
- Interrupt Ferriprox therapy if neutropenia develops.
- Interrupt Ferriprox if infection develops, and monitor the ANC more frequently.
- Advise patients taking Ferriprox to report immediately any symptoms indicative of infection.

Please see [full Prescribing Information](#), including boxed WARNING and Medication Guide inside.




Step 1:

Fill out the Physician Order/Prescription & Statement of Medical Necessity Form




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Physician Prescription/Order & Statement of Medical Necessity



FerriproxTM
deferiprone
1000 mg tablets



Ferriprox
deferiprone
1000 mg tablets
500 mg tablets
Oral solution 100 mg/mL

1. First prescription for the patient: Fax completed form to 1-866-565-7794
2. Subsequent prescription: May be e-script via EVERSA Life Science Services Specialty Pharmacy in your EMR/HMR system
Call 1-866-758-7071 if you have questions regarding this form or contact Chiesi Total Care™

PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient Name (Last, First) _____ Email _____
Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____ Sex: Male Female Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Primary Phone (Required) _____ Cell Phone _____ Language: English Other _____

Please attach copies of patient insurance and prescription cards – front and back.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Diagnosis: Transfusional Iron Overload E83.111
Due to: Beta Thalassemia D56.1 Other Thalassemias D56.8 Other Anemias _____
 Sickle Cell Disease D57.1 Other Sickle Cell Disease D57.8 Other _____

Height _____ inches or _____ cm **Weight** _____ lb or _____ kg Allergies: None or Specify _____

Lab test	Results	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Most recent serum ferritin level (acceptable level <500 ng/mL)		
If available please provide the following		
Most recent liver iron concentration value (acceptable level <3,000 µg/g dry weight)		
Most recent cardiac MRI T2* value (acceptable level >20 ms)		

Prior Chelation Therapy _____ Current Chelation Therapy _____

Approximate number of blood units/month	
Approximate interval between transfusions (weeks)	

FERRIPROX® (DEFERIPRONE) PRESCRIPTION/ORDER

TWICE-A-DAY FORMULATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ferriprox (deferiprone) Twice-A-Day tablets 1000 mg† Sig: Take _____ tablets po BID	THREE-TIMES-A-DAY FORMULATION† <input type="checkbox"/> Ferriprox (deferiprone) oral solution 100 mg/mL Sig: Take _____ mL po TID or see Rx attached
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† 500 mg and 1000 mg Three-Times-A-Day tablets are still available. Talk to your pharmacist for more information.

(Standard dose is 75-99 mg/kg/day divided into 2 doses/day for Twice-A-Day tablets or 3 doses/day for oral solution.) **Dispense 30-day supply.**

Number of Refills _____

PHYSICIAN/OFFICE INFORMATION


Prescriber's Name (print) _____ Office Phone _____
Practice/Group Name _____ Office Fax _____
Address _____ Suite _____ License # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Office Contact Person _____ NPI # _____

By signing below, I certify that I am part of the Chiesi Total Care Program, that the therapy described above is medically necessary, and that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also attest that I have obtained the patient's authorization to release the above information and such other personal information as may be necessary to the Chiesi Total Care Program and/or their agents. If the patient is 18 years old or younger, I attest that I have obtained permission from the patient's legal guardian.

Prescriber's Signature _____ Date _____
Substitution Permitted _____ Dispense as Written _____

Ferriprox Twice-A-Day is available as 1000 mg BID tablets.
Ferriprox is available as 1000 mg and 500 mg (immediate release) Three-Times-A-Day tablets
and as 100 mg/mL oral solution.
Please see Important Safety Information, including boxed WARNING, on the back.

Scan for digital RX form.



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Ferriprox can cause fetal harm. Advise females of reproductive potential to use an effective method of contraception during treatment with Ferriprox and for at least six months after the last dose. Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Ferriprox and for at least three months after the last dose. Advise females not to breastfeed during treatment with Ferriprox and for at least 2 weeks after the last dose.

A

Specify appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code(s) for secondary diagnosis.

If patient has transfusional iron overload, both the **DIAGNOSIS** (primary diagnosis) and **DUE to** (secondary diagnosis) sections must be completed.

ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes			
Diagnosis	Current indication	Diagnosis	Current indication
D55.8	Other anemias due to enzyme disorders	D61.89	Other plastic anemias and other bone marrow failure syndromes
D56.1	Beta Thalassemia	D61.9	Aplastic anemia, unspecified
D56.8	Other Thalassemia	D63.8	Anemia in other chronic diseases classified elsewhere
D57.1	Sickle Cell Disease	D64.1	Secondary sideroblastic anemia due to disease
D57.8	Other Sickle Cell Disease	D64.3	Other sideroblastic anemias
D58.1	Hereditary elliptocytosis	D64.4	Congenital dyserythropoietic anemia
D58.9	Hereditary hemolytic anemia, unspecified	D64.9	Anemia, unspecified
D59.5	Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria [Marchiafava-Micheli]	E83.111	Hemochromatosis due to repeated red blood cell transfusions
D61.2	Aplastic anemia due to other external agents	E87.71	Transfusion associated circulatory overload

Intended as a reference for coding and billing for product and associated services. Not intended to be a directive, nor does the use of the recommended codes guarantee reimbursement. Providers are responsible for ensuring the accuracy and validity of all billing and claims for appropriate reimbursement.

B

Specify formulation and titration schedule.

THERAPEUTIC DOSE

75
mg/kg/day

▶

99
mg/kg/day

ADJUST FOR OPTIMAL CHELATION

Increasing the dose of Ferriprox from 75 mg/kg/day up to 99 mg/kg/day may improve efficacy in iron chelation.^{1,2}

Titration schedule if needed:

Help to minimize gastrointestinal (GI) upset

45	60
mg/kg/day	mg/kg/day
WEEK 1	WEEK 2

Titrate Ferriprox by 15 mg/kg/day weekly.

Sample dosing assuming 60 kg patient @ 99 mg/kg/day (when no titration is required):

TWICE-A-DAY FORMULATION

Ferriprox (deferiprone) Twice-A-Day tablets 1000 mg[†]

Sig: Take 3 tablets po BID

Sample titration assuming 60 kg patient titrating from 45 up to 60 mg/kg/day (with adjustment):

TWICE-A-DAY FORMULATION

Ferriprox (deferiprone) Twice-A-Day tablets 1000 mg[†]

Sig: Take Week one: 1.5 tablets / Week 2: 2 tablets po BID

You may also attach separate instructions for titration schedule.

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Write "Dispense as written" on prescriptions.

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Avoid co-administration of Ferriprox with other drugs known to be associated with neutropenia or agranulocytosis; however, if this is unavoidable, closely monitor the absolute neutrophil count. Avoid co-administration with UGT1A6 inhibitors. Allow at least a 4-hour interval between administration of Ferriprox and drugs or supplements containing polyvalent cations (e.g., iron, aluminum, or zinc).

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Step 2:

Once you have completed the form:

1. Attach copies of patient insurance and prescription cards – front and back.
2. **First prescription for the patient:**
THE FIRST COPY OF THE FORM MUST BE FAXED FOR EACH PATIENT. Fax completed form to Chiesi Total CareSM at 1-866-565-7794. **Please complete one form per patient.**
3. **Subsequent prescriptions:**
If you wish to send subsequent forms via e-script please search for "Eversana Life Science Services Specialty Pharmacy" in your EMR/HMR's e-prescribing software

The fillable pdf can be downloaded and saved for future use. Scan the QR code to download a copy.



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Ferriprox is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to deferiprone or to any of the excipients in the formulations.

In pooled clinical trials, 7.5% of 642 patients with thalassemia syndromes treated with Ferriprox developed increased ALT values. Four (0.62%) Ferriprox-treated subjects discontinued the drug due to increased serum ALT levels and 1 (0.16%) due to an increase in both ALT and AST. In pooled clinical trials, 7.7% of 196 patients with sickle cell disease or other anemias treated with Ferriprox developed increased ALT values. Monitor serum ALT values monthly during therapy with Ferriprox and consider interruption of therapy if there is a persistent increase in the serum transaminase levels. Decreased plasma zinc concentrations have been observed on deferiprone therapy. Monitor plasma zinc annually, and supplement in the event of a deficiency.

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The most common adverse reactions in patients with thalassemia (incidence $\geq 6\%$) are nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, arthralgia, ALT increased and neutropenia. The most common adverse reactions in patients with sickle cell disease or other anemias (incidence $\geq 6\%$) are pyrexia, abdominal pain, bone pain, headache, vomiting, pain in extremity, sickle cell anemia with crisis, back pain, ALT increased, AST increased, arthralgia, oropharyngeal pain, nasopharyngitis, neutrophil count decreased, cough and nausea.

Inform patients that their urine might show a reddish/brown discoloration due to the excretion of the iron-deferiprone complex. This is a very common sign of the desired effect, and it is not harmful.

Advise patients to avoid alcohol while taking Ferriprox tablets (twice-a-day). Consumption of alcohol while taking Ferriprox tablets (twice-a-day) may result in more rapid release of deferiprone.

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References: 1. Ferriprox[®] (deferiprone) Prescribing Information. Chiesi, November 2021. 2. Binding A, et al. Deferiprone exerts a dose-dependent reduction of liver iron in adults with iron overload. *Eur J Haematol* 2019;103(2):80-87.

For more information, visit ferriprox.com.

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