

Durvalumab with etoposide and either carboplatin or cisplatin for untreated extensive-stage small-cell lung cancer

Information for the public

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Durvalumab (Imfinzi) with etoposide and either carboplatin or cisplatin is available on the NHS. It is a possible treatment for extensive-stage small-cell lung cancer that has not been treated before in adults.

This is only if they have an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status of 0 or 1. This describes how well you are in terms of how much you can do. A score of 0 means you're fully active and able to do all the things you did before you were diagnosed. A score of 1 means you cannot do strenuous activity, but you can walk and do light work.

When using ECOG performance status, healthcare professionals should take into account any disabilities or difficulties in communicating you might have.

If you are not eligible for durvalumab but are already having it, you should be able to continue until you and your healthcare professional decide when best to stop.

Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. See [our webpage on making decisions about your care](#).

Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

Information and support

The [NHS webpage on lung cancer](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Roy Castle Lung Foundation](#), 0333 323 7200
- [Lung Cancer Nursing UK \(LCNUK\)](#), 01675 477 607
- [Cancer Research UK](#), 0808 800 4040
- [Macmillan Cancer Support](#), 0808 808 0000

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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