

Fruquintinib for previously treated metastatic colorectal cancer

Information for the public

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Fruquintinib (Fruzaqla) is available on the NHS. It is a possible treatment for metastatic colorectal cancer in adults if they:

- cannot have trifluridine–tipiracil with bevacizumab, and
- have had 2 or more lines of treatment for metastatic colorectal cancer, including:
 - fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-based chemotherapy, with or without anti-VEGF treatment, and
 - anti-EGFR treatment if the cancer is RAS wild-type, unless this was not suitable.

Lines of treatment are a sequence of treatments. Each line can be a single drug or a combination of drugs. Treatment starts with the most suitable option and then moves to alternatives if the first does not work or the condition gets worse.

RAS wild-type means that there are no mutations in the RAS gene.

If you are not eligible for fruquintinib 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 bowel cancer](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Bowel Cancer UK](#), 020 7940 1760
- [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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