

Givinostat for treating Duchenne muscular dystrophy in people 6 years and over

Information for the public

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Givinostat (Duvyzat) is available on the NHS. It is a possible treatment for Duchenne muscular dystrophy in people 6 years and over who are ambulant (able to walk or stand, with or without support) at the start of treatment.

If you, or your child, are not eligible for givinostat 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 or my child?

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

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 or my child's day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have the treatment or do not want my child to have the treatment? Are there other treatments available?

Information and support

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

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Duchenne UK](#), info@duchenneuk.org
- [Muscular Dystrophy UK](#), 0800 652 6352

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

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