


# An evidence-based answer to a common clinical question about JYNARQUE® (tolvaptan)



**How can I determine  
the optimal dose  
of JYNARQUE  
for my patient  
that is tolerable  
and efficacious?**

**Are the aquaretic  
side effects of  
JYNARQUE reduced  
with a lower dose?**

## **INDICATION:**

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## **WARNING: RISK OF SERIOUS LIVER INJURY**

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- **Because of the risks of serious liver injury, JYNARQUE is available only through a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy program called the Tolvaptan for ADPKD Shared System REMS**

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on pages 4–5.

 **JYNARQUE®**  
(tolvaptan)  
15, 30, 45, 60, 90 mg tablets


# Dosing recommendations for JYNARQUE® (tolvaptan)

	 Immediately upon waking		 8 hours later		 Total daily dose
INITIAL DOSE	 45 mg	+	 15 mg	=	60 mg
TITRATION STEP	 60 mg	+	 30 mg	=	90 mg
TARGET DOSE	 90 mg	+	 30 mg	=	120 mg


The pill shape and color are graphical representations and are not actual size.

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15/15 mg, 30/15 mg, 45/15 mg,  
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Blister cards



30 mg tablets  
30-count bottle



15 mg tablets  
30-count bottle

JYNARQUE is provided in several dosage forms

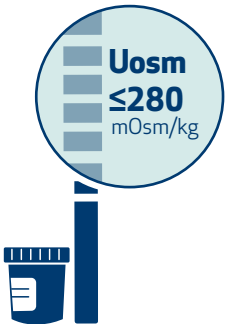
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- With uncorrected abnormal blood sodium concentrations
- Unable to sense or respond to thirst
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- Hypersensitivity (e.g., anaphylaxis, rash) to JYNARQUE or any component of the product
- Uncorrected urinary outflow obstruction
- Anuria

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# Titrating JYNARQUE® (tolvaptan) by urine osmolality



Chebib and colleagues suggested that JYNARQUE needs to be titrated only to the **dose required to achieve persistent suppression of the vasopressin effect on the kidney** (ie, urine hypotonicity relative to plasma, a urine osmolality [Uosm] of ≤280 mOsm/kg in a first-void morning sample before the morning dose)<sup>1</sup>

In the early dose-finding studies of tolvaptan for ADPKD, efficacy was defined by the capacity to achieve a sustained Uosm of <300 mOsm/kg<sup>1</sup>



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

**Hypernatremia, Dehydration and Hypovolemia:** JYNARQUE therapy increases free water clearance which can lead to dehydration, hypovolemia and hypernatremia. Instruct patients to drink water when thirsty, and throughout the day and night if awake. Monitor for weight loss, tachycardia and hypotension because they may signal dehydration. Ensure abnormalities in sodium concentrations are corrected before initiating therapy. If serum sodium increases above normal or the patient becomes hypovolemic or dehydrated and fluid intake cannot be increased, suspend JYNARQUE until serum sodium, hydration status and volume status parameters are within the normal range.

**Inhibitors of CYP3A:** Concomitant use of JYNARQUE with drugs that are moderate or strong CYP3A inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole, lopinavir/ritonavir, indinavir/ritonavir, ritonavir, and conivaptan) increases tolvaptan exposure. Use with strong CYP3A inhibitors is contraindicated; dose reduction of JYNARQUE is recommended for patients taking moderate CYP3A inhibitors. Patients should avoid grapefruit juice beverages while taking JYNARQUE.

**Adverse Reactions:** Most common observed adverse reactions with JYNARQUE (incidence >10% and at least twice that for placebo) were thirst, polyuria, nocturia, pollakiuria and polydipsia.

#### Other Drug Interactions:

- **Strong CYP3A Inducers:** Co-administration with strong CYP3A inducers reduces exposure to JYNARQUE. Avoid concomitant use of JYNARQUE with strong CYP3A inducers
- **V<sub>2</sub>-Receptor Agonist:** Tolvaptan interferes with the V<sub>2</sub>-agonist activity of desmopressin (dDAVP). Avoid concomitant use of JYNARQUE with a V<sub>2</sub>-agonist

**Pregnancy and Lactation:** Based on animal data, JYNARQUE may cause fetal harm. In general, JYNARQUE should be discontinued during pregnancy. Advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with JYNARQUE.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. at 1-800-438-9927 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 ([www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch)).

Please see [FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION](#), including **BOXED WARNING**.

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