# Taking a trip on treatment Out and about with KEVZARA



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Guide, including the RISK OF SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS, and Instructions for Use.



#### WHAT IS KEVZARA?

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# When you're ready to go, so is your treatment



## Time to hit the road

When the opportunity to travel comes up, RA can bring up some challenges. It's natural to be hesitant about venturing out. Starting with small day trips may help you ease into longer trips. And when you feel ready to get out there, whether it's for vacation, work, or just a weekend getaway, there are things you can do to help your trip go as smoothly as possible. And it all starts with a plan.



# Plan on **less stress**

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think you have an infection or have symptoms of an infection, with or without a fever. Symptoms may include sweats or chills, muscle aches, a cough, shortness of breath, blood in your phlegm, weight loss, warm, red, or painful skin or sores on your body, diarrhea or stomach pain, burning when you urinate or urinating more often than normal, if you feel very tired, or if you are being treated for an infection, get a lot of infections or have repeated infections

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When traveling with RA, a good way to reduce stress is to have a thorough plan.

Whether you're flying across an ocean or driving across a state, take extra time to:

**Book in advance.** Try to get a seat in the aisle or with extra leg room for stretching. If you're staying at a hotel, try to book a room on the first floor or close to an elevator.

Pick a slow travel time. There are times when airports, stations, and roads are very busy. When they're less busy, it's easier to move about and not get overwhelmed.

Make a day-by-day plan of what you'll be doing. You'll know what you need to pack and when to arrange time to rest in between activities.

**Start strong.** Rest up in the days before your trip so you don't start off tired.

Let your doctor know of your travel plans.
Your doctor can help you put together
a list of do's and don'ts, and ensure you
are prepared in case a flare happens
while you're away (even if it's just
for the night).



# What's in the bag?

No matter how long you're traveling, the lighter you pack the better. Extra weight can make things more difficult and put unnecessary strain on your joints. If your trip requires you to pack a lot, be sure to check your bag or travel with someone who can help.

Here's a packing list of things that will be helpful to have on hand in your carry-on or a bag that stays with you.

Any KEVZARA and supplies you'll need while away. If your treatment schedule overlaps with travel plans, you may need to refill before you go.

When traveling, you should have an insulated travel bag and ice packs to keep your KEVZARA cool. Make sure your ice packs remain frozen, or the TSA may take them away. See the Medication Guide for instructions on storing KEVZARA.

Hot and cold packs. Just in case you experience pain or stiffness while in transit, heat wraps and portable cooling packs will be helpful to have on hand.

Comfortable companions, like neck or lumbar pillows, to make sitting still, while in transit, a little more bearable.

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## CAREGIVER CORNER

Traveling with someone with RA? Be sure to add some extra time into the itinerary. Leave plenty of time for checking in and getting where you need to be without rushing. Being flexible with plans is helpful so that there's room to squeeze in resting time if your travel companion needs to.



# While in transit

It's always important to listen to your body, but when you're taking a trip your routine will inevitably be interrupted. So while you're coming and going, and at your destination, there are a few ways to try and stay on top of things.



Rest stops, airports, and stations are usually stocked with processed foods that may promote inflammation. Having some healthy snacks in your bag can help avoid temptation.



Sitting still on long trips can cause stiffness, so it's important to keep moving as much as possible. There are simple stretches you can do right in your seat, like shoulder, neck, and ankle rolls, or other exercises like isometrics, which involve flexing and holding muscles for a few seconds at a time.

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# Self-injecting away from home

#### Stick to your schedule

If you're on the road on injection day, don't worry. You can stay on schedule from anywhere with KEVZARA. The same rules apply no matter where you are, but here are a few things to keep in mind.

- Remember to wash your hands and clean the injection site with an alcohol wipe before injecting
- Check to make sure your KEVZARA is safe for injection.
   Don't inject if the liquid is cloudy, discolored, or contains particles. Safely throw away your device in a sharps container and get a replacement
- Please see <u>Instructions for Use</u> for further information.
   You can always call if you think something's not right:
   1-844-KEVZARA (1-844-538-9272)

Just in case, bring your <u>Injection</u>
<u>Guide</u> as a reminder on the road,
or you can watch the instructional
video at **KEVZARA.com** 



# Safe travels with safe disposals

Part of planning ahead includes finding out how different cities and countries handle sharps disposal. It is important to make sure it's done safely wherever you go.

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If you aren't sure if a sharps container will be available, here are some pointers to stay safe:

#### DO:

- ✓ Use a travel sharps container to hold all your used injection devices until you can safely throw them away
- ✓ Use a hard, puncture-proof container with a tight-fitting lid that you can label "Sharps Biohazard"
- ✓ Keep all medicine and supplies out of the sight and reach
  of children

#### DO NOT:

- Use containers that are clear or can be punctured and break easily, like those made of glass, plastic, or cardboard
- ➤ Drop your used syringes or pens into regular trash or recycling bins
- X Cut or break off syringe or pen needles—they could hurt you or someone else



Did you know some hotels and cruises will take care of safely disposing your sharps? You can call before booking and ask about your options.



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# Your travel tip checklist

### Wherever you go:

- ☐ Plan ahead and leave plenty of time for packing and stress-free traveling
- ☐ Keep injection supplies on hand in an insulated travel bag
- ☐ Consider keeping healthy snacks and travel pillows with you
- ☐ Use a roller bag that you can push instead of pull to lessen strain on joints
- ☐ Try not to overdo it: move at your own pace, take a break when you need it and, most importantly, enjoy yourself

## If you're flying:

- □ Call the TSA at 1-866-289-9673 to request helpful services
- ☐ You can declare pre-filled syringes or pens and ice packs to airport security. Make sure ice packs are completely frozen or they may be taken away
- ☐ Think about wearing slip-on shoes and avoiding belts and jewelry to avoid needing to take them on and off at security

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On long trips, everyone should get up or stretch every once in a while, not just people with RA. Stretching in your seats or taking a stroll together are things you both can make a priority.



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- **CANCER:** KEVZARA may increase your risk of certain cancers by changing the way your immune system works. Tell your healthcare provider if you have ever had any type of cancer.



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- SERIOUS ALLERGIC REACTIONS: Serious allergic reactions can happen with KEVZARA. Get medical attention right away if you have any of the following signs: shortness of breath or trouble breathing; feeling dizzy or faint; swelling of your lips, tongue, or face; moderate or severe stomach (abdominal) pain or vomiting; or chest pain.
- Do not use KEVZARA if you are allergic to sarilumab or any of the ingredients of KEVZARA.
- Before using KEVZARA, tell your healthcare provider if you
  - have an infection
  - have liver problems
  - have had stomach (abdominal) pain or a condition known as diverticulitis (inflammation in parts of the large intestine) or ulcers in your stomach or intestines
  - recently received or are scheduled to receive a vaccine.

    People who take KEVZARA should not receive live vaccines
  - plan to have surgery or a medical procedure
  - are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if KEVZARA will harm your unborn baby
  - are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you use KEVZARA. It is not known if KEVZARA passes into your breast milk
  - take any prescription or nonprescription medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements. It is especially important to tell your healthcare provider if you use
    - any other medicines to treat your RA. Using KEVZARA with these medicines may increase your risk of infection

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont'd)**

- medicines that affect the way certain liver enzymes work.
   Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if your medicine is one of these
- The most common side effects include:
  - injection site redness
  - upper respiratory tract infection
  - urinary tract infection
  - nasal congestion, sore throat, and runny nose

These are not all of the possible side effects of KEVZARA. Tell your doctor about any side effect that bothers you or does not go away. You are encouraged to report side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA at <a href="https://www.fda.gov/medwatch">www.fda.gov/medwatch</a> or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

To learn more, talk about KEVZARA with your healthcare provider or pharmacist. The FDA-approved Medication Guide and Prescribing Information can be found at **KEVZARA.com** or by calling **1-844-KEVZARA** (1-844-538-9272).

# Another great resource available to you, 24/7

KEVZARA.com was created to provide you with information you can use, whether you're learning more about KEVZARA, just starting your medication, or are looking for lifestyle tips and ideas to help you in your day-to-day life.







### Caregiver Corner

If you're taking care of someone on KEVZARA, the tips in this brochure may help him or her stay on track when traveling. But be sure to talk to their doctor if you have any questions about their treatment while you're away.

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