PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION

HUMALOG® CARTRIDGES  
(insulin lispro injection)  
Solution for Injection, 100 units/mL, Lilly Standard

HUMALOG® KWIKPEN®  
(insulin lispro injection)  
Solution for Injection, 100 units/mL, Lilly Standard

HUMALOG® JUNIOR KWIKPEN®  
(insulin lispro injection)  
Solution for Injection, 100 units/mL, Lilly Standard

This leaflet is part III of a three-part "Product Monograph" published when HUMALOG® was approved for sale in Canada and is designed specifically for Consumers. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about HUMALOG®. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the drug.

ABOUT THIS MEDICATION

What the medication is used for:
Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas, a large gland that lies near the stomach. This hormone is necessary for the body's correct use of food, especially sugar. Diabetes occurs when the pancreas does not make enough insulin to meet your body's needs.

To control your diabetes, your doctor has prescribed injections of insulin to keep your blood glucose at a near-normal level.

What it does:
Insulin lispro is a recombinant DNA sourced human insulin analogue. HUMALOG consists of zinc-insulin lispro crystals dissolved in a clear fluid. HUMALOG is used to control high blood sugar (glucose) in people with diabetes. HUMALOG takes effect more rapidly and has a shorter duration of activity as compared to regular insulin.

The rapid onset of activity requires HUMALOG to be given within 15 minutes before a meal. When necessary, HUMALOG may be given shortly after a meal instead (within 20 minutes of the start of the meal). The time course of action of any insulin may vary to some extent in different individuals or at different times in the same individual. As with all insulin preparations, the duration of action of HUMALOG is dependent on dose, site of injection, blood supply, temperature, and physical activity.

Proper control is important. Uncontrolled diabetes (hyperglycemia) over a long period of time can result in a number of serious problems such as blindness, kidney failure, poor circulation/heart attacks, strokes and/or nerve damage. These problems can be prevented or reduced by good diabetes management. This will require close and constant cooperation with your diabetes healthcare team including: yourself, your doctor and your diabetes educators (nurses, dietitians, social workers, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals). Thus, you can lead an active, healthy and productive life by eating a balanced daily diet, exercising regularly, and taking your insulin injections as prescribed.

You have been instructed to test your blood and/or your urine regularly for glucose. If your blood tests consistently show above- or below-normal glucose levels or your urine tests consistently show the presence of glucose, your diabetes is not properly controlled and you must let your doctor know.

When it should not be used:

- When your blood sugar is too low (hypoglycemia). After treating your low blood sugar, follow your healthcare provider's instructions on the use of HUMALOG.
- If you are allergic to anything in HUMALOG. A complete list of ingredients in HUMALOG is provided below.

What the medicinal ingredient is:
HUMALOG contains 100 units/mL of Human Insulin Analogue.

HUMALOG contains insulin lispro injection.

What the non-medicinal ingredients are:
HUMALOG contains glycerol, dibasic sodium phosphate, m-cresol, zinc (as ion) and water for injection. Hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide may be added to adjust pH.

What dosage forms it comes in:
HUMALOG is a sterile solution containing insulin lispro injection. It is available in:
- Cartridge, 3 mL
- KwikPen, 3 mL prefilled pen
- Junior KwikPen, 3 mL prefilled pen

HUMALOG is also available in:
- Vial, 10 mL
- Vial, 3 mL

Other HUMALOG products include:
- HUMALOG 200 units/mL KwikPen (insulin lispro injection)
- HUMALOG MIX25 (25% insulin lispro injection, 75% insulin lispro protamine suspension)
- HUMALOG MIX50 (50% insulin lispro injection, 50% insulin lispro protamine suspension)

HUMALOG prefilled pens and cartridges are available in boxes of 5. HUMALOG cartridges are designed for use with Lilly injector systems. The cartridge or prefilled pen containing HUMALOG is not designed to allow any other insulin to be mixed in the cartridge or for the cartridge or prefilled pen to be reused.
For guidance on the use of the Pen (prefilled, disposable insulin injector), please refer to the separate Instructions for Use enclosed within the packaging.

DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INSULIN EXCEPT ON YOUR DOCTOR’S ADVICE AND DIRECTION.

Always keep an extra supply of HUMALOG i.e. a spare pen and cartridge or prefilled pen on hand. Always wear identification to indicate that you have diabetes so that appropriate treatment can be given if complications occur away from home.

When you receive your insulin from the pharmacy, always check to see that:
1. The name HUMALOG appears on the carton and cartridge or prefilled pen label.
2. The carton and cartridge or prefilled pen label is correct for your type of insulin.
3. The insulin strength is U-100.
4. The expiration date on the package will allow you to use the insulin before that date.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Serious Warnings and Precautions
- Hypoglycemia or low blood sugar is the most common adverse effect experienced by insulin users. Blood glucose monitoring is recommended for all patients with diabetes. Uncorrected hypoglycemic or hyperglycemic reactions can cause loss of consciousness, coma or even death. Information on how to recognize these symptoms is provided below.
- This Lilly human insulin analogue differs from other insulins because it has a unique structure, a very quick onset of action and a short duration of activity. HUMALOG should be given within 15 minutes before a meal or when necessary shortly after a meal instead (within 20 minutes of the start of the meal). The short duration of action of HUMALOG means that if you have Type 1 diabetes you also need to use a longer acting insulin, such as HUMULIN N to give the best glucose control (except when using an insulin infusion pump). HUMALOG should not be used if it is not water-clear and colourless or if it has formed a deposit of solid particles on the wall of the cartridge.
- Any change of insulin should be made cautiously and only under medical supervision. Changes in purity, strength, brand (manufacturer), type (regular, NPH, etc), species (beef, pork, beef-pork, human), and/or method of manufacture (recombinant DNA versus animal-source insulin) may result in the need for a change in dosage.
- Mixing of HUMALOG with either animal insulins or insulin preparations produced by other manufacturers is not recommended.
- Patients taking HUMALOG may require a change in dosage from that used with other insulins. If an adjustment is needed, it may occur with the first dose or over a period of several weeks.
- Insulin infusion pump: when used in an insulin infusion pump, HUMALOG should not be diluted or mixed with any other insulin. Carefully read and follow the insulin infusion pump manufacturer’s instructions and this insert before using HUMALOG.

BEFORE you use HUMALOG talk to your doctor or pharmacist if:
- You have trouble with your kidneys or liver, your doctor may decide to alter your insulin dose.
- You drink alcohol (including wine and beer): watch for signs of hypoglycemia and never drink alcohol on an empty stomach.
- You exercise more than usual or if you want to change your usual diet. Exercise may lower your body's need for insulin during and for some time after the activity. Exercise may also speed up the effect of an insulin dose, especially if the exercise involves the area of injection site.
- You are ill. Illness, especially with nausea and vomiting, may cause your insulin requirements to change. Even if you are not eating, you will still require insulin. You and your doctor should establish a sick day plan for you to use in case of illness. When you are sick, test your blood/urine frequently.
- You are travelling across more than 2 time zones. You should consult your doctor concerning adjustments in your insulin schedule.
- You are pregnant. HUMALOG can be used in pregnancy if clinically indicated. Data on a large number of exposed pregnancies do not indicate any adverse effect of HUMALOG on pregnancy or on the health of the foetus/newborn. Good control of diabetes is especially important for you and your unborn baby. Pregnancy may make managing your diabetes more difficult. If you are planning to have a baby, are pregnant, or are nursing a baby, consult your doctor.
- When you use other medicines. Many medicines affect the way glucose works in your body and this may influence your insulin dose. Listed below are the most common medicines, which may affect your insulin treatment. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you take, or change any other medicines, even those not prescribed.

INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION

Insulin requirements may be increased if you are taking other drugs with hyperglycemic activity, such as oral contraceptives (for example, birth control pills, injections and patches), corticosteroids, or thyroid replacement therapy. Insulin requirements may be decreased in the presence of agents such as oral antidiabetic agents, salicylates (aspirin), sulfa antibiotics, certain antidepressants (monoamine oxidase inhibitors), beta-blockers, alcohol, ACE-inhibitors and angiotensin II receptor blockers.
Always discuss any medications you are taking with your doctor.

The use of thiazolidinediones (such as rosiglitazone and pioglitazone), alone or in combination with other antidiabetic agents (including insulin), has been associated with heart failure and swelling of the lower extremities. Please contact your physician immediately if you develop symptoms of shortness of breath, fatigue, exercise intolerance, or swelling of the lower extremities while you are on these agents.

**PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION**

HUMALOG is a sterile solution. HUMALOG should be given by subcutaneous injection, or by continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion pump. The concentration of HUMALOG in 3 mL cartridges or prefilled pens is 100 units/mL (U-100).

When used as a meal-time insulin, HUMALOG should be given within 15 minutes before a meal, or when necessary shortly after a meal instead (within 20 minutes of the start of the meal). HUMALOG is a clear and colourless liquid with a water-like appearance and consistency. Do not use if it appears cloudy, thickened, or slightly coloured or if solid particles are visible. Always check the appearance of your cartridge or prefilled pen of HUMALOG before using, and if you note anything unusual in its appearance or notice your insulin requirements changing markedly, consult your doctor.

**Injection Procedure**

*Preparing a Cartridge of HUMALOG for Insertion in a Pen:*
1. Wash your hands.
2. Before inserting the HUMALOG cartridge into the pen, inspect it to make sure the contents look clear and colourless. Do not use the HUMALOG cartridge if it appears cloudy, thickened, or slightly coloured or if solid particles are visible. Always check the appearance of your cartridge or prefilled pen of HUMALOG before using, and if you note anything unusual in its appearance or notice your insulin requirements changing markedly, consult your doctor.
3. Follow the pen manufacturer’s directions carefully for loading the cartridge into the pen.

*Injecting the Dose:*
1. Wash your hands.
2. Use an alcohol swab to wipe the exposed rubber surface on the metal cap end of the cartridge or prefilled pen.
3. Inspect the HUMALOG in the cartridge. It should look clear and colourless. Do not use HUMALOG if it appears cloudy, thickened, or slightly coloured or if solid particles are visible.
4. Follow pen manufacturer’s directions for attaching needle.
5. Hold the pen with needle pointing straight up. If there are large bubbles, tap the side of the pen until they float to the top. Remove the bubbles and the air in the needle by setting the pen to a 2-unit dose and depressing the plunger. Repeat this step if necessary until a drop of HUMALOG appears at the end of the needle.

**Usual dose**

Your doctor has told you which insulin to use, how much, and when and how often to inject it. Because each patient's case of diabetes is different, this schedule has been individualized for you.

Your usual HUMALOG dose may be affected by changes in your food, activity, or work schedule. Carefully follow your doctor's instructions to allow for these changes. Other things that may affect your HUMALOG dose are illness, pregnancy, medication, exercise and travel.

**Overdose**

Hypoglycemia (too little glucose in the blood) is one of the most frequent adverse events experienced by insulin users. It can be brought about by:
1. Missing or delaying meals
2. Taking too much insulin
3. Exercising or working more than usual
4. An infection or illness (especially with diarrhea or vomiting)
5. A change in the body's need for insulin
6. Diseases of the adrenal, pituitary, or thyroid gland, or progression of kidney or liver disease
7. Interactions with other drugs that lower blood glucose, such as oral hypoglycemics, salicylates, sulfa antibiotics, and certain antidepressants
8. Consumption of alcoholic beverages

**Dietary Implications:**

If a usual meal cannot be obtained at the appropriate time, then to avoid hypoglycemia, you should take the amount of carbohydrate prescribed for this meal in the form of orange juice, syrup, candy, or bread and milk, without changing your insulin dosage. If it becomes necessary to omit a meal on account of nausea and vomiting, you should test your blood sugar level and notify your doctor.

Mild to moderate hypoglycemia may be treated by eating foods or drinks that contain sugar. Patients should always carry a quick source of sugar, such as candy mints or glucose tablets. More severe hypoglycemia may require the assistance of another person. Patients who are unable to take sugar orally or who are unconscious should be treated with intravenous administration of glucose at a medical facility or should be given an injection of glucagon (either intramuscular or subcutaneous). The patient should be given oral carbohydrates as soon as consciousness is recovered.

In case of drug overdose, contact a healthcare practitioner, hospital emergency department or regional Poison Control Centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

## SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

**Hypoglycemia:**

One of the most frequent adverse events experienced by insulin users is hypoglycemia (see PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION).

**Diabetic Acidosis and Coma:**

Diabetic acidosis may develop if your body has too little insulin (this is the opposite of insulin reaction, which is the result of too much insulin in the blood). Diabetic acidosis may be brought on if you omit your insulin or take less than the doctor has prescribed, eat significantly more than your diet calls for, or develop a fever or infection. With acidosis, urine tests show a large amount of sugar and acetone.

The first symptoms of diabetic acidosis usually come on gradually, over a period of hours or days, and include a drowsy feeling, flushed face, thirst, and loss of appetite. Heavy breathing and a rapid pulse are more severe symptoms.

If uncorrected, loss of consciousness, coma, or death can result. Therefore, it is important that you obtain medical assistance immediately.

**Lipoatrophy:**

Rarely, administration of insulin subcutaneously can result in lipoatrophy (depression in the skin) or lipohypertrophy (enlargement or thickening of tissue). If you notice either of these conditions, consult your doctor. A change in your injection technique may help alleviate the problem.

**Allergy to Insulin:**

Patients occasionally experience redness, swelling, and itching at the site of injection of insulin. This condition, called local allergy, usually clears up in a few days to a few weeks. If you have local reactions, contact your doctor, who may recommend a change in the type or species of insulin. Less common, but potentially more serious, is generalized allergy to insulin, which may cause rash over the whole body, shortness of breath, wheezing, reduction in blood pressure, fast pulse, or sweating. Severe cases of generalized allergy may be life threatening. If you think you are having a generalized allergic reaction to insulin, notify a doctor immediately. Your doctor may recommend skin testing, that is, injecting small doses of other insulins into the skin, in order to select the best insulin for you to use. Patients who have had severe generalized allergic reactions to insulin should be skin tested with each new preparation to be used before treatment with that preparation is started.

This is not a complete list of side effects. For any unexpected effects while taking HUMALOG, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

## HOW TO STORE IT

Prior to first use, HUMALOG insulin cartridges or prefilled pens should be stored in a refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C. Do not freeze. Do not expose to excessive heat or sunlight. The pen and cartridge of HUMALOG that you are currently using should not be refrigerated but should be kept as cool as possible (below 30°C) and away from direct heat and light. Do not use HUMALOG if it has been frozen. Cartridges or prefilled pens in use, or not refrigerated, should be discarded after 28 days, even if they still contain HUMALOG.

**Inspection of Cartridge:**

HUMALOG should be clear and colourless. DO NOT USE a cartridge or KwikPen of HUMALOG if it appears cloudy, thickened, or slightly coloured, or if solid particles are visible. A cartridge or KwikPen that is not clear and colourless or that is cracked or broken should be returned to the place of purchase for exchange.

If you notice anything unusual in the appearance or effect of your insulin, consult your healthcare professional.

**DO NOT USE A CARTRIDGE OR PREFILLED PEN OF HUMALOG AFTER THE EXPIRATION DATE STAMPED ON THE LABEL.**

Dispose of used needles in a puncture-resistant container or as directed by your healthcare professional.

Dispose of used pens as instructed by your healthcare professional and without the needle attached.
REPORTING SUSPECTED SIDE EFFECTS

You can report any suspected adverse reactions associated with the use of health products to the Canada Vigilance Program by one of the following 3 ways:

- Report online at www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect
- Call toll-free at 1-866-234-2345
- Complete a Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and:
  - Fax toll-free to 1-866-678-6789, or
  - Mail to:
    Canada Vigilance Program
    Health Canada
    Postal Locator 0701D
    Ottawa, Ontario
    K1A 0K9

Postage paid labels, Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and the adverse reaction reporting guidelines are available on the MedEffect™ Canada Web site at www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect

NOTE: Should you require information related to the management of side effects, contact your health professional. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact your healthcare professionals or pharmacist first, or Eli Lilly Canada Inc. at: 1-888-545-5972 or visit the website at www.lilly.ca.

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You may need to read this package insert again. Please do not throw it away until you have finished your medicine.

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