

## **Instructions for Use**

for pen injectors 6, 12 and 20



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#### What is in the box?

Note: aluetta™ pen injector 6 is for illustration purposes. The following steps are the same for all presentations.

Storage box and aluetta pen injector



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# Important information

The aluetta pen injector facilitates the administration of Saizen treatment, including self-administration for patients at home. The aluetta pen injector is a reusable and refillable pen injector to be used with Saizen (somatropin) solution for injection only as indicated in the Package Insert. The aluetta pen injector is for use under the skin only (subcutaneous).

The aluetta pen injector can be used independently by adults and adolescents aged 13 years and older (adolescents should be supervised by an adult). Saizen (somatropin) injection for children below the age of 13 should be administered by an adult.

You must receive training before using the aluetta pen injector. Always follow all directions and training provided by your healthcare professional.



### Get familiar with your pen injector, needle and cartridge

Note: Your healthcare professional will tell you what the right dose and needle is for you.



The aluetta pen injector uses single use, disposable needles. Only the following needles must be used: B. Braun Pencylcap  $29G \times 12$  mm and  $31G \times 8$  mm needles, Becton Dickinson (BD) Ultra-Fine  $31G \times 5$  mm needles and Becton Dickinson (BD) AutoShield DUO  $30G \times 5$  mm safety needles.

Only Pencylcap and AutoShield DUO needles are represented in this Instructions for Use. Usage of Ultra-Fine needle is similar. Ask your healthcare professional to determine which needle is best for you.

Read all of these instructions for use carefully before you start using your device. This information will allow preventing incorrect treatment, infection, or needle stick injuries.

#### Warning:

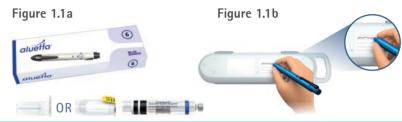
- Do not reuse needles.
- **Do not** share your aluetta pen injector and/or needles with anyone.
- **Do not** use if the aluetta pen injector has been dropped, or the cartridge is cracked or damaged.

Doing so may cause an infection. Contact your healthcare professional for questions.

- Always keep the aluetta pen injector out of the reach of other children.
- You might need to use more than one cartridge to give a prescribed dose.
- There are no known contraindications or undesirable effects using the aluetta pen injector.
- Refer to the Saizen Patient Information Leaflet for contraindications or undesirable effects of Saizen (somatropin) for injection.

### **Step 1: Gather your supplies**

- **1.1** a. Gather a needle and the aluetta pen injector carton. Take a new Saizen cartridge (Figure 1.1a).
  - b. When using the aluetta pen injector for the first time, write the date you first use it and the expiration date on the label on the back of the storage box (Figure 1.1b).



Important: Your aluetta pen injector should be replaced 3 years after you use it for the first time time and no later than the "Use by" date (☑) you can find on the storage box label. You can get a new aluetta pen injector by contacting your healthcare professional. Follow your local guidelines to dispose of your aluetta pen injector.

**1.2** If stored in the refrigerator, open the storage box and wait five minutes for the medicine to warm up.

Caution: Do not use a microwave or other heating element to warm up the aluetta pen injector or cartridge.

- **1.3** Prepare a clean flat surface, such as a table or counter-top, in a well-lit area.
- **1.4** You will also need: Alcohol pads and a sharps container. See Step 10.3 "Disposing of your used needles and empty cartridges" for disposal instructions.



# Step 2: Select your aluetta pen injector and cartridge

**2.1** Wash your hands with soap and water then dry them well.

**2.2** Remove the aluetta pen injector from the storage box.

**Note:** All pen injectors allow dosing in increments of 0.1 mg across a range from 0.0 to 5.5 mg.



**2.3** Confirm the label says Saizen.

2.4 The aluetta pen injector and cartridge are available in 3 presentations:6 mg, 12 mg and 20 mg.

**Caution:** Always make sure the Saizen amount (in milligrams) on the cartridge label matches the number printed on the aluetta pen injector, and that this is the combination your healthcare professional prescribed to you.

Saizen 5.83 mg/ml 6 6 solution for injection somatropis subcutaneous use For illustration purposes only



## **Step 3: Inspect your cartridge**

- **3.1** Confirm the cartridge is not damaged or cracked.
- **3.2** Confirm that medicine:
  - is clear
  - is colourless
  - does not contain particles.



**3.3** Confirm the expiration date on the cartridge has not passed.

#### Warning:

- Do not use the cartridge if it is damaged, or if the medicine is discoloured or cloudy.
- **Do not** use the cartridge if the expiration date on the cartridge has passed.

Doing so could cause an illness. Call your healthcare professional for questions.

Figure 3.3 Check the expiration date on the label Sample date

## **Step 4: Insert your cartridge**

#### When to insert a new cartridge:

- the first time you use the aluetta pen injector
- the cartridge is empty
- the cartridge has expired

- **4.1** Pull the cap off the aluetta pen injector.
- **4.2** Twist and remove cartridge holder from pen injector body.



**4.3** If the cartridge holder contains an empty or expired cartridge, remove and throw it away in a sharps disposal container.

**4.4** For information on proper sharps disposal instructions, see Step 10.3 "Disposing of your used needles and empty cartridges".

Figure 4.3

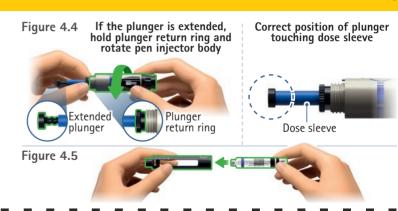


### Step 4: Insert your cartridge (continued)

**4.4** If the plunger is extended, hold plunger return ring and rotate the pen injector body until you cannot turn anymore. Make sure the plunger touches the dose sleeve.

Caution: Do not force or push plunger.

**4.5** Hold cartridge holder and push a new cartridge in with metal cap first.



**4.6** Line up pen injector body with cartridge holder and twist cartridge holder back onto pen injector body until you cannot twist anymore.

The number (6, 12 or 20) printed on cartridge holder and pen injector body should line up.

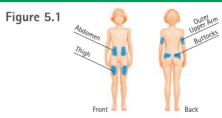
Figure 4.6



### Step 5: Choose and prepare your injection site

**Note:** Your healthcare professional should show you the injection sites to use.

- **5.1** Select a different injection site each time you inject to reduce redness, irritation or other skin problems.
- **5.2** Prepare your injection site by wiping it with an alcohol pad; allow your skin to dry.



Examples of common injection sites include:

- AbdomenThigh
- Outer Upper Arm
- Buttocks

Figure 5.2



5: Injection site

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### Step 6: Attach your needle

Note: Applies to Pencylcap, Ultra-Fine and AutoShield DUO needles.

**6.1** Check the peel paper on the needle to make sure it is not broken and expiry date has not passed.

#### Warning:

- Do not use needle if peel paper is broken or expiry date has passed. Doing so may cause an infection. Discard in your sharps container and get a new needle.
- **6.2** Peel off the peel paper from a new needle and discard in trash.

Figure 6.2



**6.3** Hold needle straight and twist it onto the cartridge holder until you cannot twist anymore.

#### Warning:

• Do not remove the outer needle cover until ready to prime or inject.



## **Step 7: Prime your aluetta pen injector**

### **Important:** Only prime the aluetta pen injector when starting a **new** cartridge to remove air.

- **7.1** Turn the dose selection knob to 0.2 mg, the dose window will show "0.2".
- 7.2 If you use the Pencylcap or Ultra-Fine needles:
  - Pull off outer needle cover and place it in the well of the storage box. You might need this again for removing the needle after the injection.
  - Carefully pull off needle shield and dispose it.
  - **OR** If you use the AutoShield DUO Safety needle:

Pull off outer needle cover and discard in the trash.



- **7.3** With the needle pointing up, gently tap the cartridge with your finger so that any air bubbles rise to the top.
- **7.4** Continue holding the aluetta pen injector with needle pointing up. Push the dose injection button until it stops. A tiny drop(s) of liquid will appear at the tip of the needle.

#### Warning:

• Do not wipe the droplet from the needle after priming.

Important: If you do not see drop(s) of Saizen come out of the needle tip, repeat the priming steps up to 5 times. If the problem continues after trying 5 times, remove the

cartridge, call your healthcare professional.

Figure 7.3



Figure 7.4



### **Step 8: Dial your dose**

**Note:** Always set your dose according to your prescription. Call your healthcare professional if you are unsure of the prescribed dose.

**8.1** Turn the dose selection knob until your intended dose is visible in the dose window.

**Important:** If you cannot turn the dose selection knob to your prescribed dose, the cartridge does not contain enough medicine. You will need to use two cartridges.

See "Using multiple cartridges to complete your prescribed dose" on page 22 for instructions.

Figure 8.1



#### Step 8: Dial your dose (continued)

**Using multiple cartridges to complete your prescribed dose:** If the dose selection knob does not turn to your prescribed dose, the cartridge does not have enough Saizen left. A new cartridge is required to deliver your full dose.

- **8.2** Follow the Step 9 "Inject your dose" to inject the first part of your prescribed dose and empty the cartridge. Use the dose amount of your first injection to calculate the remaining dose.
- **8.3** Proceed to Step 11 "Maintain and store your aluetta pen injector" to clean the cartridge holder.
- 8.4 When ready for the second injection, wash your hands again and take a new cartridge.8.5 Follow the instructions starting with Step 3 "Inspect your cartridge" to replace the empty cartridge with a new cartridge and perform the priming as in Step 7 "Prime your aluetta pen injector".

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0.8 mg

| 8.6 | Calculate your remaining dose by subtracting the Prescribed dose minus the dose |
|-----|---|
|     | already injected – see sample calculation on the right.                         |

- **8.7** To dial your dose, turn the dose knob until your intended dose is visible in the dose window.
- **8.8** Rotate injection site as instructed in Step 5.
- **8.9** Proceed from Step 9 "Inject your dose" to inject the remaining dose.

Prescribed dose 1.5 mg

Minus amount already injected in first injection (0.7 mg)

Remaining dose to inject

Sample calculation of remaining dose:



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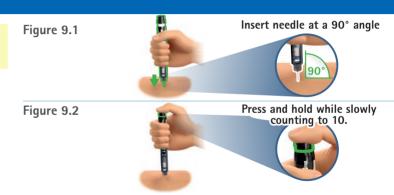
## **Step 9: Inject your dose**

**Caution:** To avoid accidently bending your needle, insert straight (90° angle) into the injection site.

9.1 Hold the aluetta pen injector at a 90° angle to the injection site.Face the dose window towards you and then push

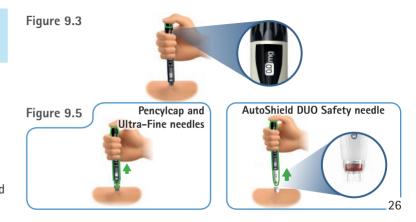
the needle into your skin.

**9.2** Use your thumb to press the injection button all the way in and hold it down while slowly counting to 10.



- **9.3 Important:** Before removing the aluetta pen injector from the skin, make sure the number "0.0" appears in the dose window to ensure you injected the full dose.
- **9.4** If the number "0.0" does not appear, press the injection button again and continue pressing until the number "0.0" appears.
- **9.5** Remove the needle from your skin and then release the injection button.

If you use the AutoShield DUO Safety needle: After injection, the protective sleeve locks automatically and you should see the red locking indicator.



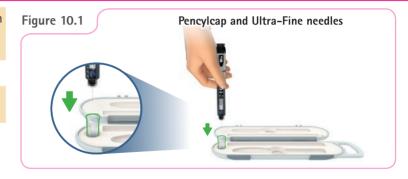
### **Step 10:** Remove and throw away your used needle and empty cartridge

Warning: You must remove the needle from the aluetta pen injector and throw it away after each injection to avoid risk of infection.

#### 10.1 If you use the Pencylcap or Ultra-Fine needles:

Warning: Do not recap the Pencylcap or Ultra-Fine needles with the needle shield as it can lead to needle stick injuries.

To help you recap the needle, push the aluetta pen injector into the outer needle cover in the well of the storage box until you cannot push it any more.



Warning: Do not place your fingers on either end of the needle as it can lead to a needle stick injury.

### 10.2 For the Pencylcap, Ultra-Fine and AutoShield DUO Safety needles:

Hold the needle at the sides and twist it off to remove it from the aluetta pen injector.

Figure 10.2





### Step 10: Remove and throw away your used needle and empty cartridge (continued)

- **10.3** Disposing of your used needles and empty cartridges
  - Put your used needles and empty cartridges in a sharps disposal container right away after use. Do not throw away (dispose of) cartridges or needles in your household trash unless your community guidelines permit this.
  - If you do not have a sharps disposal container, you may use a household container that is:
    - made of a heavy-duty plastic,
    - can be closed with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid, without sharps being able to come out,

Figure 10.3





- upright and stable during use,
- leak-resistant, and
- properly labelled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.
- When your sharps disposal container is almost full, you will need to follow your community guidelines for the right way to dispose of your sharps disposal container. There may be local laws about how you should throw away used needles and syringes.
- Do not recycle your used sharps disposal container.

**10.4** After removing the needle, recap the aluetta pen injector.

Figure 10.4

## Step 11: Store your aluetta pen injector

- **11.1** You can wipe the outside of aluetta pen injector with a clean damp cloth whenever needed.
- **11.2** You can also soak the empty cartridge holder in warm water for few minutes, and then allow it to dry fully before reassembling the pen.

Figure 11.1



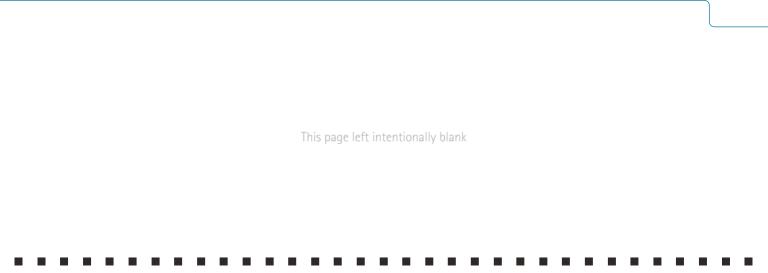
#### Caution:

- Do not immerse aluetta pen injector in water.
- Do not use any cleaning solutions, chemicals or alcohol wipes.

11.3 Place the aluetta pen injector containing the cartridge in the storage box and store it according to the Saizen Package Insert until next use.

Warning: Do not freeze Saizen.





| Explanation o | f symbols                    |            |   |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------|---|
| i             | Consult instructions for use |            | Indicates the date after which the medical device is not to be used |
|               | Manufacturer                 |            | Date of manufacture   |
| REF           | Catalogue Number             | LOT        | Batch Code  |
| MD            | Medical Device               | $\epsilon$ | CE marking of conformity  |

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### Support and Questions

Contact the MOMENTUM Patient Services program at 1-877-724-9361 for questions related to your aluetta pen injector, to Saizen (somatropin) solution for injection or in the event of device malfunction.

Report any serious incident involving your aluetta pen injector to the MOMENTUM Patient Services program at 1-877-724-9361 and your local competent authority.

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