

Onpattro

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How to access Onpattro from Egypt, the named-patient import pathway, 2026

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An Egyptian patient with polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (hATTR-PN) in adults may receive a prescription for Onpattro (patisiran) from their treating neurologist with amyloidosis experience. Onpattro is FDA-approved in the United States and manufactured by Alnylam Pharmaceuticals. It is a transthyretin-directed small interfering RNA in a lipid nanoparticle administered by intravenous infusion. Local availability of Onpattro in Egypt can be inconsistent: the drug may not be on every specialty pharmacy's standing formulary, the specific indication may not match what is locally registered, or the strength required may be back-ordered. When that happens, a named-patient import pathway through EDA remains a legitimate route for the patient whose physician has already prescribed the drug.

This guide explains the pathway, the documentation your physician needs, typical costs and indicative timing, and where Reserve Meds fits in.

The clinical situation

Onpattro is a transthyretin-directed small interfering RNA in a lipid nanoparticle. Mechanism: a lipid-nanoparticle-formulated siRNA that targets transthyretin mRNA in the liver and reduces serum TTR. Dosing: 0.3 mg/kg by intravenous infusion every three weeks, with premedication including a corticosteroid, antihistamines, and acetaminophen, per FDA labeling. Baseline workup per FDA labeling includes baseline neurologic assessment (NIS+7), liver function, vitamin A status with supplementation plan, and infusion-reaction risk assessment. Other important warnings include infusion-related reactions including flushing, dyspnea, and back pain that respond to slower infusion and premedication, and reduced vitamin A levels. Your specialist will discuss the risk-benefit profile and schedule monitoring before initiating therapy.

Is Onpattro legally importable into Egypt?

Yes, through the Egyptian Drug Authority (EDA) named-patient and personal-use import framework, coordinated with the treating facility's pharmacy. Egypt has an established pathway for specialty medicines approved by reference authorities (US FDA, EMA, MHRA) but not stocked or registered for the specific indication locally.

The EDA named-patient route allows an Egyptian-licensed physician to request import of a medicine when: (a) the medicine is approved by a recognised reference authority, (b) no clinically equivalent locally registered alternative is suitable for the patient's indication and history, (c) the treating physician takes clinical responsibility for use, and (d) chain of custody is documented from the US source to the administering facility. Applications are typically filed through the dispensing institution's import pharmacy on the physician's behalf, with approval issued on a per-patient, per-cycle quantity basis.

How the pathway works, step by step

1. **Consultation with your treating specialist.** The prescribing decision is clinical. Your specialist documents the indication, prior therapies where relevant, and rationale for Onpattro.
2. **Baseline screening.** Baseline neurologic assessment (NIS+7), liver function, vitamin A status with supplementation plan, and infusion-reaction risk assessment are confirmed and documented.
3. **EDA named-patient application.** Your specialist or the facility's import pharmacy files the application with clinical rationale, patient reference, product strength, quantity requested, and chain-of-custody plan.
4. **US-side sourcing.** Reserve Meds coordinates with our US-licensed specialty wholesale partner to secure product from Alnylam Pharmaceuticals's authorised distribution under DSCSA chain-of-custody.
5. **Cold-chain shipment.** Onpattro requires refrigerated transport at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius. Shipments include temperature-monitored packaging with continuous loggers and tamper-evident seals.
6. **Arrival and first dose.** The dispensing pharmacy releases product against the physician's prescription, and your specialist initiates therapy.

What documentation your physician needs

Your physician will typically need to provide:

- A clinical rationale letter confirming diagnosis, prior therapies where relevant, and Onpattro as the indicated next step
- Verification of their Egyptian medical licence
- A patient identifier, anonymised reference where privacy is preferred
- Documented pre-treatment screening consistent with FDA labeling (see above)
- The planned dosing regimen (0.3 mg/kg by intravenous infusion every three weeks, with premedication including a corticosteroid, antihistamines, and acetaminophen, per FDA labeling)
- A monitoring plan covering infusion premedication protocol, NIS+7 baseline, and vitamin A supplementation plan

Reserve Meds provides a physician documentation kit tailored for hATTR-PN ASO/siRNA therapies, including the templates EDA reviewers commonly request.

Typical costs and indicative timing

Reserve Meds gives you a drug-only reference range plus a transparent delivered quote at intake. As an illustrative composite case, the US cash-pay reference range for a typical month of every-3-week infusions of Onpattro sits in an indicative 2026 band of approximately USD 35,000 to 45,000. International logistics, EDA documentation handling, cold-chain shipping, and concierge coordination add incremental cost. The delivered quote we issue at intake shows each line separately.

Indicative timing for first dose after cohort intake opens is approximately 4 to 8 weeks from the moment a complete application is submitted, assuming the documentation package is clean on first pass. Refills ship on a rolling cadence aligned to the dosing schedule.

Service availability is limited to our first cohort. All timelines are indicative, not guarantees.

Where Reserve Meds fits in

Reserve Meds is a US-based concierge coordinator for cross-border specialty medicine. For Onpattro specifically, we provide:

- **Sourcing.** Through our US-licensed specialty wholesale partner, operating under DSCSA chain-of-custody from manufacturer to export.
- **Documentation.** Regulatory package tailored for your physician and for EDA review, including hATTR-PN ASO/siRNA class templates.
- **Cold-chain logistics.** Temperature-monitored, internationally tracked shipment to your named dispensing facility with continuous temperature loggers.
- **Concierge case lead.** A named point of contact for your family and your physician across the full case arc.

We are a coordinator. We are not the prescriber, not a pharmacy, and not a dispensing facility. All clinical decisions remain with your treating specialist, and dispensing sits with the licensed Egyptian pharmacy of record. Reserve Meds operates on cash-pay only and does not bill insurance.

Frequently asked

Is this legal in Egypt? Yes, when executed through the EDA named-patient and personal-use framework with appropriate documentation, clinical rationale, and a licensed dispensing facility. The pathway is routinely used across oncology, rare disease, and immunology at Egyptian tertiary centers.

Will my private health insurance cover this? Cash-pay is the default posture. Some Egyptian private insurers reimburse named-patient imports on a case-by-case basis; many patients pay cash. We supply documentation for your submission but do not process insurance claims.

How does cold-chain affect timing? Onpattro ships refrigerated. We use validated packaging with continuous temperature monitoring, and arrival temperature data is logged on every shipment.

What if my physician has not filed a named-patient request before? Named-patient import is an institutional process most major Egyptian tertiary centers (Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt 57357, the National Cancer Institute Cairo, and Cairo University teaching hospitals) have encountered. Our documentation kit is written for first-time applicants and tracks what EDA reviewers commonly ask for.

Reserve Meds's role

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Composite case examples. This document is for general information only and does not constitute medical advice. Please consult your treating physician.

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