Retevmo

Saudi Arabia · access guide

How to access Retevmo from Saudi Arabia, the named-patient import pathway, 2026

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A Saudi Arabiai patient diagnosed with a RET-altered cancer, most commonly RET-fusion non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) or RET-mutant medullary thyroid cancer, may receive a prescription for Retevmo (selpercatinib) from their treating oncologist after molecular testing confirms the alteration. Retevmo is FDA-approved in the United States and is the leading selective RET inhibitor with activity across multiple RET-altered cancer types. In Saudi Arabia, Retevmo may not yet be routinely stocked in hospital pharmacies because of the relatively low incidence of RET-altered disease, which is why your oncologist may be coordinating a named-patient import pathway on your behalf.

This guide explains the legal pathway, what documentation your physician needs, typical timing and cost bands, and where Reserve Meds fits in.

The clinical situation

Retevmo is a selective oral RET kinase inhibitor with activity in both RET-fusion cancers (NSCLC, thyroid) and RET-mutant medullary thyroid cancer. Eligibility requires molecular confirmation of the RET alteration. The manufacturer is Eli Lilly. Dosing is typically 160 mg orally twice daily (weight-based at lower weights), with monitoring for hypertension, QTc prolongation, liver enzymes, haemorrhage, and allergic reactions. Your oncologist will confirm the alteration and sequencing against your overall treatment plan.

Is Retevmo legally importable into Saudi Arabia?

Yes, through the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) named-patient import framework, administered via the administering hospital's importing pharmacy and the SFDA Pharmacy and Drug Control Department. The Saudi Arabia has a mature named-patient mechanism that supports cross-border access to specialised oncology products.

The framework rests on four anchors: (a) the medicine is approved by a recognised reference authority (FDA qualifies), (b) no clinically equivalent locally registered alternative is suitable for the patient, (c) the treating physician takes clinical responsibility for use, and (d) the importing party documents chain of custody from the US source to the administering facility. Applications are typically filed by the tertiary centre's importing pharmacy on the physician's behalf.

How the pathway works, step by step

1. **Consultation with your treating oncologist.** The decision to prescribe Retevmo is a clinical one, based on RET alteration status and treatment line. Your oncologist documents the rationale.
2. **Administering facility identification.** A Saudi Arabiai tertiary oncology centre with an importing pharmacy files on behalf of the physician.
3. **SFDA named-patient application.** Your physician or the hospital's importing pharmacy files an application with SFDA including clinical rationale, patient identifier, product details, and chain-of-custody plan.
4. **US-side sourcing.** Reserve Meds coordinates with our US-licensed specialty wholesale partner to secure product from the manufacturer's authorised distribution chain under DSCSA.
5. **Temperature-controlled shipment.** Retevmo is a stable oral capsule; shipments travel with tamper-evident packaging and end-to-end documentation.
6. **Arrival and dispensing support.** Your oncologist remains the treating clinician. Reserve Meds coordinates re-supply ahead of cycle end to avoid treatment gaps.

What documentation your physician needs

Your physician will typically need to provide:

- A clinical rationale letter confirming the RET alteration, tumour type, prior therapies, and Retevmo as the indicated treatment
- Verification of their Saudi Arabia medical licence (SFDA / QCHP)
- A current prescription naming the product, strength, and quantity
- Patient identifier (anonymised reference preferred)
- The planned treatment cadence (continuous daily therapy with monthly re-supply)

Reserve Meds provides a physician documentation kit that bundles the templates SFDA reviewers expect to see for oncology oral therapies under named-patient import.

Costs and timing

Retevmo's US cash-pay drug-only reference price for a 30-day supply sits in an indicative 2026 drug-only range (delivered quote issued at intake) of roughly USD 21,000-24,000. Logistics, SFDA documentation handling, and concierge coordination add incremental cost; Reserve Meds issues a full transparent quote at the start of intake.

Indicative timing for first shipment arrival after cohort intake opens is 7-14 days from the moment a complete SFDA application is submitted. Subsequent re-supply cycles are generally faster once the pathway is established.

Fulfillment availability is limited to our first cohort, and all timelines published on this site are indicative. If your clinical situation is time-sensitive, tell us at intake. We triage accordingly.

Reserve Meds's role

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

- **Sourcing.** Through our US-licensed specialty wholesale partner, operating under DSCSA chain-of-custody.
- **Documentation.** Regulatory documentation package for your physician and for SFDA review.
- **Logistics.** Temperature-stable shipment and chain-of-custody coordination.
- **Concierge case lead.** A named point of contact for your family and your physician throughout the process.

What we do not do: we are not the prescriber, we do not practise medicine, and we are not the dispensing pharmacy. All clinical decisions remain with your treating oncologist.

Frequently asked

Is this legal in Saudi Arabia? Yes, when executed through the SFDA named-patient framework with appropriate documentation. The pathway has been used routinely across oncology for many years. See our trust and compliance page.

Is RET testing reliable? RET fusion testing is typically performed by next-generation sequencing of tumour tissue or plasma. Your oncologist will confirm the lab and method used for your report.

What if my oncologist has not done this before? Named-patient import is an institutional process your oncologist's hospital will have encountered. Our documentation kit closes the gap for first-time applicants.

Will private insurance cover this? Cash-pay is the default. Some Saudi Arabiai private insurers reimburse named-patient imports on case-by-case approval; we supply documentation for your submission but do not process insurance claims directly.

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