



GLP-1 INJECTIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

- **Do semaglutide and tirzepatide require a prescription?**
 - Yes, you will need a prescription from your physician, physician's assistant, or family nurse practitioner. If you do not have one, we may be able to help! See below.
- **I would like to get started with semaglutide or tirzepatide, however I do not have a physician or my physician will not prescribe the medication. What do I do?**
 - Please contact our Compounding Team for more information:
 - E-mail: compounding@carolinapharmacy.com OR
 - Phone: 704-909-4700 ext 5
- **Can you ensure you will have my injection in stock each month, unlike other pharmacies?**
 - Absolutely! Our team works tirelessly to ensure your medication is always ready and in stock when you need it. As long product manufacturers we partner with are able to provide us with product, you will be the first to receive your injections monthly. We partner with several sources to ensure we have a back-up plan in case there is a shortage or delay in receiving injections from our primary vendors.
- **What if I don't want to administer my own shot?**
 - You don't have to! We offer weekly and monthly pricing for administration at our pharmacy.
- **What if I do not want an injection? Do you offer semaglutide or tirzepatide in other forms?**
 - **Yes!** We offer an oral disintegrating lozenge. We will mention that the lozenge is a micro-dose and you are likely to experience less weight loss than you would with the injection.
- **Can you provide these injections for residents of all 50 states or other countries?**
 - Unfortunately, we are only licensed to provide compounded products for those living in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- **What is the cost of compounded semaglutide/tirzepatide injections and are they covered by insurance?**
 - Compounded medications are generally not covered by insurance and are not FDA approved. When choosing to receive our compounded medications, you forego the insurance prior authorization process and can receive your medication without insurance barriers. Instead, we offer competitive self-pay pricing so you can begin therapy as soon as possible. To discuss if this therapy is right for you and pricing, please visit www.carolinapharmacy.com/weightloss.



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- **What best practices do you recommend for sustainable weight loss?**
 - We recommend setting attainable goals and being patient with yourself. Results will come but only if you remain disciplined and change some of your eating/exercise habits. Our Wellness ONE Program is highly recommended to achieve sustainable, long-lasting weight loss through better lifestyle habits and weight loss medications, if deemed necessary.
 - We also suggest having a partner or friend join you in this weight loss journey to motivate and challenge each other to keep going and celebrate your milestones! Ask us about group discounts!
- **Do you offer nutrition support, such as diet and exercise plans?**
 - Yes! Our Wellness ONE Program is a comprehensive weight loss program that combines exercise, nutrition, supplements, and weight loss medications., if needed.
 - Benefits include:
 - 15% off Nutritional Supplements and Over-the-Counter (OTC) Products
 - 10% off Weight Loss Medications
- **Where is your product sourced?**
 - The API (active pharmaceutical ingredient) comes from an FDA-registered manufacturer that has an active DMF (drug master file) listed with the US FDA.
- **How should semaglutide and tirzepatide be stored?**
 - Vials are intended to be stored under refrigeration between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F).
 - In addition to the above storage conditions, the product can be kept from 8°C to 35°C (46°F to 95°F) for up to 4 days, according to specific temperature studies conducted.
- **How are the semaglutide and tirzepatide injections supplied and administered?**
 - Both injections come in multi-dose vials, meaning the medication must be drawn out of the vial with a syringe for administration.
 - All patients will receive a free consultation to ensure they're comfortable drawing up the correct dose and administering the medication. We welcome any and all questions!
- **What is the Beyond Use Date (BUD)?**
 - A punctured vial is good for 28 days
 - Unpunctured vials are good for 1 year from date of manufacture



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- **What form of semaglutide/tirzepatide does your product use?**
 - Only the base form of each is used - no salt forms. The base does not contain sodium or acetate forms of semaglutide/tirzepatide. Products containing salt forms have not been shown to be safe nor effective. However, all compounded medications are considered non-FDA approved.
- **Are there any other ingredients added to your products?**
 - There are no additional ingredients in the injections. Many compounding pharmacies add vitamins or other medications, which have not been proven to be safe or effective.
- **What inactive ingredients are in your products?**
 - Disodium phosphate dehydrate, sodium chloride, benzyl alcohol and water for injection
- **What do you do to ensure your product is safe?**
 - Our supplier is an FDA registered drug manufacturer who produces commercial sterile products utilized throughout hospitals nationwide. They only uses DMF active ingredients along with validated inactive ingredients to ensure the purest materials are incorporated.
 - All ingredients are tested in-house upon arrival and must meet their strict standards and methods that are developed with their in-house quality control chemistry and microbiology labs.

FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

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Or fill out an inquiry form at
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