

### Meet Elijah\*

**Age: 11** 

**Diagnosis:** Epilepsy with partial-onset seizures

Current Treatment: Carbamazepine 200 mg QID

### **Challenges:**

- Initially started on carbamazepine BID, but continued to experience periodic breakthrough partial-onset seizures
- Is a middle school student whose parents are concerned about the frequency with which Elijah must take his medication
- His parents are also worried about the impact of his treatment during the school day

Does Elijah sound similar to patients in your practice?

\*Not actual patient. Used for illustrative purposes.

Abbreviations: BID, twice a day; QID, 4 times a day.

### **INDICATION**

Oxtellar  $XR^{\oplus}$  is indicated for the treatment of partial-onset seizures in patients 6 years of age and older.

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

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#### Oxtellar XR (oxcarbazepine) extended-release tablets for oral use

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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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#### **WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS**

- Clinically significant hyponatremia (sodium <125 mmol/L) may develop during treatment. Measurement and laboratory tests of serum sodium concentrations should be considered for patients during maintenance treatment with Oxtellar XR, particularly if the patient is receiving other medications known to decrease serum sodium levels. Discontinuation of oxcarbazepine treatment may be clinically required.
- Rare cases of anaphylaxis and angioedema involving the larynx, glottis, lips, and eyelids have been reported in patients after
  taking the first or subsequent doses of oxcarbazepine. Angioedema associated with laryngeal edema can be fatal. If a patient
  develops any of these reactions after treatment with Oxtellar XR, the drug should be discontinued and an alternative treatment
  started. Do not rechallenge these patients with Oxtellar XR.
- Approximately 25% to 30% of patients who have had hypersensitivity reactions to carbamazepine will experience
  hypersensitivity reactions with Oxtellar XR. Patients with a history of hypersensitivity reactions to carbamazepine should
  ordinarily be treated with Oxtellar XR only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk. Discontinue Oxtellar XR immediately
  if signs or symptoms of hypersensitivity develop.
- Serious dermatological reactions, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis, have been reported in
  association with oxcarbazepine use. Should a patient develop a skin reaction while using Oxtellar XR, consideration should be
  given to discontinuing its use. (Please see WARNINGS section of complete prescribing information.)
- Anyone considering prescribing Oxtellar XR must balance the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior with the risk of untreated
  illness. Epilepsy and many other illnesses for which antiepileptic drugs are prescribed are themselves associated with morbidity
  and mortality and an increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior. Should suicidal thoughts and behavior emerge during
  Oxtellar XR treatment, the prescriber needs to consider whether the emergence of these symptoms in any given patient may be
  related to the illness being treated.
- Withdrawal of Oxtellar XR should be done gradually to minimize the potential of increased seizure frequency and status epilepticus.
- Multi-organ hypersensitivity reactions have occurred in patients on oxcarbazepine therapy. Some of these cases resulted in
  hospitalization and some were life-threatening. Signs and symptoms of this disorder were diverse; however, patients typically,
  although not exclusively, presented with fever and rash associated with other organ system involvement disorders. If an
  alternative etiology cannot be established, discontinue Oxtellar XR.
- Rare reports of hematologic events such as pancytopenia, agranulocytosis, and leukopenia have been seen in patients treated
  with oxcarbazepine and discontinuation of therapy should be considered if any evidence of these hematologic events develop.
- Due to physiological changes during pregnancy, plasma concentrations of the active metabolite of oxcarbazepine may gradually
  decrease throughout pregnancy. An increase in seizure frequency may occur. Monitor patients carefully during pregnancy
  and through the postpartum period.
- Exacerbation of or new onset primary generalized seizures has been reported with immediate-release oxcarbazepine. The risk is seen especially in children, but may also occur in adults. Discontinue Oxtellar XR if it occurs.
- Data on a limited number of pregnancies from pregnancy registries suggest that oral clefts and ventricular septal defects are associated with oxcarbazepine monotherapy use.

### **DOSING CONSIDERATIONS**

- Enzyme inducing antiepileptic drugs such as carbamazepine, phenobarbital, and phenytoin decrease the exposure to MHD, the
  active metabolite of Oxtellar XR. Dosage increases or discontinuation of enzyme inducers may be necessary.
- In adult patients with severe renal impairment, initiate Oxtellar XR at a lower starting dose and increase, if necessary, at a slower than usual rate until the desired clinical response is achieved.
- Use of Oxtellar XR with certain hormonal contraceptives may decrease hormone plasma levels and render these contraceptives less effective. Additional or alternative non-hormonal forms of contraception are recommended.

#### **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The most commonly observed adverse reactions ( $\geq$  5% and more frequent than placebo) seen in adults were (1200 mg, 2400 mg, v placebo): dizziness (20%, 41%, v 15%), somnolence (12%, 14%, v 9%), headache (8%, 15%, v 7%), balance disorder (5%, 7%, v 5%), tremor (5%, 1%, v 2%), vomiting (6%, 15%, v 9%), diplopia (10%, 13%, v 4%), asthenia (3%, 7%, v 1%), and fatigue (6%, 3%, v 1%). Adverse reactions in pediatric patients are similar to those seen in adults.

**Consider making Oxtellar XR®** (oxcarbazepine) your sodium channel blocker of choice for patients like Elijah.



Elijah, age 11; middle school student Recurrent partial-onset seizures after a swimming accident

Temporal lobe epilepsy with partial-onset seizures

Currently taking carbamazepine 200 mg QID

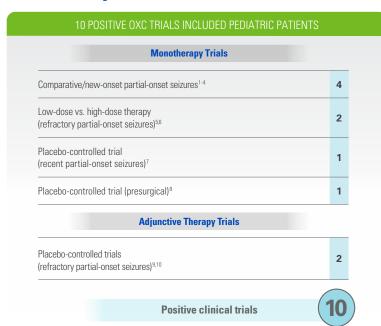
· Parents are having difficulty with timing administration of 4 pills throughout the day

Treatment Decision

Elijah would like control of his partial-onset seizures with a simplified Elijah's physician decides to treatment regimen that works for him and his parents

transition him to Oxtellar XR

### Powerful evidence in pediatric patients in a variety of treatment scenarios<sup>1-13</sup>



# A monotherapy with the power to improve partial-onset seizure control in pediatric patients<sup>3</sup>



Partial-onset seizure freedom\*

Of the 97 pediatric patients. 24 discontinued OXC treatment prematurely.3

Pediatric trial of 193 children, aged 5 to 17 years; 97 OXC and 96 PHT. A predominant proportion (75%) of the patients had partial-onset seizures as their main seizure type.3

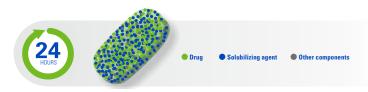
### Oxtellar XR is the only AED that provides 24-hour, controlled delivery of OXC. 11-13

A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, parallel group trial evaluated the efficacy and safety of OXC as monotherapy compared to phenytoin (PHT) in 193 patients ages 5 to 17 with partial-onset seizures or GTCS. Doses of OXC ranged from 450 to 2400 mg/day. The primary efficacy variable was proportion of seizure-free patients who had at least 1 seizure assessment during the maintenance period; the primary tolerability variable was a comparison of patients who prematurely discontinued due to AEs. Oxtellar XR is not indicated for treatment of GTCS.

Please refer to the Important Safety Information (page 2) and the full Prescribing Information for complete information on Oxtellar XR, or visit www.OxtellarXRhcp.com.

# Patented delivery offers Elijah an even and controlled rate of absorption<sup>11-13</sup>

Solutrol® extended-release technology uses a unique matrix including drug and solubilizing agent to release oxcarbazepine evenly and in a controlled manner to provide delivery over 24 hours<sup>11-13</sup>



### Convenient titration and once-daily dosing help Elijah start and stay on Oxtellar XR<sup>11</sup>



• Initiate with 8 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg once per day. Titrate to target dose over 2 to 3 weeks. Increase in weekly increments of 8 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg once daily, not to exceed 600 mg, to achieve target daily dose

TARGET DAILY DOSE	WEIGHT
900 mg/day	20 to 29 kg
1200 mg/day	> 29.1 to 39 kg
1800 mg/day	Greater than 39 kg

Abbreviations: AEs, adverse events; AEDs, antiepileptic drugs; GTCS, generalized tonic-clonic seizures; ITT, intent to treat; OLE, open-label extension; OXC, oxcarbazepine

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## Elijah wants a proven therapy with demonstrated tolerability

AEs occurring in ≥5% of patients receiving Oxtellar XR with concomitant AEDs and more frequent than with placebo<sup>11-14</sup>

	Oxtellar XR 2400 mg/day (n=123)	Oxtellar XR 1200 mg/day (n=122)	Placebo (n=121)	<b>Oxtellar XR</b> <b>600-2400 mg/da</b> (n=214)
Dizziness	41%	20%	15%	15%
Somnolence	14%	12%	9%	6%
Nausea	12%	12%	12%	8%
Diplopia	13%	10%	4%	9%
Headache	15%	8%	7%	11%
Fatigue	3%	6%	1%	0%
Vomiting	15%	6%	9%	6%
Tremor	1%	5%	2%	0%
Balance disorder	7%	5%	5%	5%
Asthenia	7%	3%	1%	0%
Upper respiratory tract infection	0%	0%	0%	5%

### In the phase 3 trial for Oxtellar XR, cognitive AEs were:



Similar to placebo<sup>12</sup> <1% for both 1200 and 2400 mg/day doses<sup>12</sup>

\*Oxtellar XR was studied in a multinational, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, 3-arm, parallel-group, phase 3 trial of 366 adult patients with epilepsy and uncontrolled partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalization, taking a stable regimen of 1 to 3 concomitant AEDs experiencing an average of 6 partial-onset seizures per 28 days. 11-13

<sup>†</sup>Oxtellar XR was studied in a blinded, open-label extension study with patients converted over 3 weeks to 12 months to once-daily Oxtellar XR 1200 mg/day. Subsequent dose adjustments were made as clinically indicated (increments/decrements, 300 mg/day to 600 mg/day; maximum dosage, 2400 mg/day).14

AED additions/withdrawals may influence partial-onset seizure control. Many patients entering OLEs have already demonstrated tolerability of study medication during double-blind treatment and, therefore, may be less likely to withdraw due to AEs. Patient retention may also be influenced by the intensive follow-up that occurs in a clinical study.14



# **Consider Oxtellar XR for your patients like Elijah.**



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