

Bring good treatment for cystinosis patients in France



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Are you able to give the optimum treatment to cystinosis patients in France?



- Yes!
- One of the best Public heath care system in the world
- No private complementary health insurance needed
- Treatment available and reimbursed in full:
 - All cysteamine treatment: Procysbi®/Cystagon®/Cystadrops®
 - Growth Hormon
 - Immunosuppressive treatment
 - Extrarenal diseases as hypothyroïdism, diabete
- Electrolytic supplementation for patients with native kidneys: sometimes not reimbursed in full



In what sense do you think treatment of cystinosis in France differs from other countries?

- Available and reimbursed in full
- → Long and hard price negociation!

Procysbi[®]: Marketing authorisation 09/2013
Patient availability: 06/2018

- Freedom of medical prescription
 - No financial authority
 - « Off-label » drug use based on consensus expert, litterature
- Early access authorization of new treatment in rare disease



« Without this treatment, this is hell » Newspaper « Le Parisien » 30/05/2017

What do you think about the availability of medicines and care to **all** cystinosis patients in France?

- Good availability
- 2 places of treatment delivery
 - Procysbi®/Cystagon®: hospital delivery only, far from home
 - Cystadrops[®]: drugstore delivery
- → Limitation of compliance
- Good health care organisation: pediatric/adult medical experts
 - Rare diseases centers
 - Rare diases Network
 - Patients can travel to the center of their choice
 - French Protocol
- However knowledge about cystinosis is limited in adults departments outside of the reference centers





How would you describe the transition from paediatric to adult care in France?

- Which one? Transition as "a transplanted patient" or "a cystinosis patient"
 - Transplanted patient: transition protocol in all centers
 - Cystinosis:
 - Only 2 centers: Necker hospital Paris and Lyon
 - Dedicated transition program, multidisciplinary consultations
- Difficulties to identify adult nephrologists involved in cystinosis in all centers: limited expertise in adult units
- Joint transition visit: paediatrician and adult nephrologist
 - less patients lost to follow up
- Problems of adhesion to treatment during that period : role of education nurses?

What improvements in cystinosis treatment are required in France? What do expect for the future?

More suitable packaging depending on the patient age:

Procysbi® 75 mg: 250 capsules/bottle – can be used 1 month after the first opening

A 5 yrs old girl: 6 pills/d of 75mg capsules of Procysbi = 180/months + 130 capsules (1300 euros) in the trash/month...

Adult patients: 20 capsules per day!

Capsule blue pigment: long-term impact?

New packaging of cysteamine Less expensive

Emerging approaches: when will hematopoietic stem cell transplantation be available?

