



Zepbound (tirzepatide), the most prescribed weight management medication in 2025, now available in multi-dose KwikPen

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Used by millions of patients worldwide, the KwikPen® for single-patient use provides patients with a new option to receive Zepbound®

*Zepbound patients can access all doses in either multi-dose KwikPen or single-dose vial at the same self-pay price, starting at \$299, available by prescription now through LillyDirect**

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 23, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) today announced the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a label expansion for Zepbound® (tirzepatide) to include the four-dose single-patient use KwikPen® that delivers a full month of treatment in one device. With the Zepbound KwikPen, Lilly is expanding choice and helping ensure patients and healthcare providers can select the option that best fits individual needs, preferences, and circumstances. Patients, with a valid prescription, opting for self-pay through LillyDirect®, can receive all doses of Zepbound in a KwikPen or single dose vial, starting at \$299 per month for the 2.5 mg dose.^{1,2}

"Zepbound is the #1 prescribed injectable obesity-management medication,³ helping adults achieve meaningful and clinically proven weight loss, on average, up to 50 pounds as seen in SURMOUNT-5," said Ilya Yuffa, executive vice president and president of Lilly USA and Global Customer Capabilities. "As part of our commitment to supporting people living with obesity in their weight management journey, we are introducing a new option with the Zepbound KwikPen, a device trusted by patients globally and in the United States for other Lilly medicines."

In 2025, over 1 million patients accessed Lilly treatments through LillyDirect,⁴ which offers self-pay pricing at a 50% or greater discount compared to the list price of other incretin (GLP-1) medicines for obesity. One out of every three new patients starting a branded weight management medication was prescribed Zepbound self-pay vials in 2025,⁵ reflecting strong demand for this innovative access model and Lilly's commitment to supporting patients with obesity.

"After trying so many times to lose weight over the years, I'm grateful I talked to my doctor about Zepbound," said Jacob M., Zepbound patient and LillyDirect customer. "Along with diet and exercise, Zepbound has helped me make real, lasting progress. And LillyDirect made getting the medicine simple, from filling my prescription to home delivery. I feel supported at every step of my weight loss journey."

The demand for Zepbound highlights its strong efficacy profile. In the SURMOUNT-1 trial, adults taking Zepbound 15 mg lost an average of 20.9% of their body weight over 72 weeks, compared to 3.1% with placebo. In the SURMOUNT-5 open-label study, people who took Zepbound on average lost 50 lbs (20.2% weight loss) compared to people who took injectable Wegovy and on average lost 33 lbs (13.7% weight loss). See additional data below. To learn more about Zepbound and KwikPen, visit lilly.com/lillydirect/medicines/zepbound?device=kwikpen.

Zepbound is an injectable prescription medicine that may help adults with obesity, or some adults with overweight who also have weight-related medical problems, to lose excess body weight and keep the weight off. Zepbound may also help adults with moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and obesity to improve their OSA. Zepbound contains tirzepatide and should not be used with other tirzepatide-containing products or any GLP-1 receptor agonist medicines. It is not known whether Zepbound is safe and effective for use in children.

Zepbound is available in 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 7.5 mg, 10 mg, 12.5 mg, or 15 mg doses. The 2.5 mg is a starting dose and not an approved maintenance dose. The recommended maintenance doses are 5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg injected subcutaneously once per week for weight reduction and long-term maintenance. The recommended maintenance doses are 10 mg or 15 mg for OSA.

Individual results vary. **Zepbound is not for cosmetic weight loss.** Zepbound may cause tumors in the thyroid, including thyroid cancer. Watch for possible symptoms, such as a lump or swelling in the neck, hoarseness, trouble swallowing or shortness of breath. If you have any of these symptoms, tell your health care provider. Do not use Zepbound if you or any of your family have ever had a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC). Do not use Zepbound if you have Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2). Do not use Zepbound if you have had a serious allergic reaction to tirzepatide or any of the ingredients in Zepbound.

About Zepbound (tirzepatide) injection

Zepbound is the first and only dual GIP (glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide) and GLP-1 (glucagon-like peptide-1) receptor agonist obesity medication. Zepbound tackles an underlying cause of excess weight. It reduces appetite and how much you eat. Zepbound is indicated for adults with obesity, or some adults who are overweight and also have at least one weight-related medical problem, to lose weight and keep it off. Additionally, Zepbound is FDA-approved to treat adults with moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea and obesity. Zepbound should be used with a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity. Zepbound contains tirzepatide and should not be used with other tirzepatide-containing products or any GLP-1 receptor agonist medicines. It is not known if Zepbound is safe and effective for use in children.

About SURMOUNT-1

Throughout the 72 week clinical trial, people who took Zepbound sustained weight loss—whether taking the 5 mg, 10 mg, or 15 mg dose along with diet and exercise. In a 72-week study of adults without diabetes, average weight loss was 15.0% (34 lbs) for 5 mg, 19.5% (44 lbs) for 10 mg, 20.9% (48 lbs) for 15 mg, and 3.1% (7 lbs) for placebo. Average starting weights were 226.8 lbs for 5 mg, 233.3 lbs for 10 mg, 232.8 lbs for 15 mg, and 231.0 lbs for placebo.

About SURMOUNT-5

SURMOUNT-5 was a 72-week, multi-center, randomized, open-label, Phase 3b trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of Zepbound (tirzepatide)

compared with injectable Wegovy (semaglutide) in adults with obesity, or overweight with at least one of the following comorbidities: hypertension, dyslipidemia, obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) or cardiovascular disease, who did not have diabetes. Data collected in a less rigorous study so findings are less certain. Factors beyond studied medications may have contributed to weight loss. In the 72-week study participants on Zepbound Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) (10 mg or 15 mg, the max dose a participant could tolerate) experienced on average a 20.2% (50 lbs) weight loss compared to an average of 13.7% (33 lbs) weight loss for participants on Wegovy MTD (1.7 mg or 2.4 mg, the max dose a participant could tolerate). Average starting weights were 248.4 lbs for Zepbound MTD and 250 lbs for Wegovy MTD. Wegovy® is a registered trademark of Novo Nordisk A/S.

About LillyDirect

LillyDirect is a digital health platform designed to connect people living with chronic conditions to the care, support, and prescribed medicines they need. The platform brings together disease specific resources, access to independent healthcare providers, and convenient pharmacy services to help patients navigate their care. Prescription fulfillment through LillyDirect is open to all U.S. healthcare providers licensed to prescribe Lilly medicines and is listed as a pharmacy option in all major electronic health records (EHR) systems. To learn more about LillyDirect, please visit: [LillyDirect.lilly.com](https://lillydirect.lilly.com).

INDICATIONS AND SAFETY SUMMARY WITH WARNINGS

Zepbound® (ZEHP-bownd) is an injectable prescription medicine used with a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity to help adults with:

- obesity, or some adults with overweight who also have weight-related medical problems, to lose excess body weight and keep the weight off.
- moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and obesity to improve their OSA.

Zepbound contains tirzepatide and should not be used with other tirzepatide-containing products or any GLP-1 receptor agonist medicines. It is not known if Zepbound is safe and effective for use in children.

Warnings - Zepbound may cause tumors in the thyroid, including thyroid cancer. Watch for possible symptoms, such as a lump or swelling in the neck, hoarseness, trouble swallowing, or shortness of breath. If you have any of these symptoms, tell your healthcare provider.

- Do not use Zepbound if you or any of your family have ever had a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC).
- Do not use Zepbound if you have Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2).
- Do not use Zepbound if you have had a serious allergic reaction to tirzepatide or any of the ingredients in Zepbound.

KwikPen®: Do not share your KwikPen with other people, even if the pen needle has been changed. You may give other people a serious infection or get a serious infection from them.

Zepbound may cause serious side effects, including:

Severe stomach problems. Stomach problems, sometimes severe, have been reported in people who use Zepbound. Tell your healthcare provider if you have stomach problems that are severe or will not go away.

Dehydration leading to kidney problems. Diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting may cause a loss of fluids (dehydration), which may cause kidney problems. It is important for you to drink fluids to help reduce your chance of dehydration.

Gallbladder problems. Gallbladder problems have happened in some people who use Zepbound. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get symptoms of gallbladder problems, which may include pain in your upper stomach (abdomen), fever, yellowing of skin or eyes (jaundice), or clay-colored stools.

Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis). Stop using Zepbound and call your healthcare provider right away if you have severe pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that will not go away, with or without vomiting. You may feel the pain from your abdomen to your back.

Serious allergic reactions. Stop using Zepbound and get medical help right away if you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat, problems breathing or swallowing, severe rash or itching, fainting or feeling dizzy, or very rapid heartbeat.

Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia). Your risk for getting low blood sugar may be higher if you use Zepbound with medicines that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin. **Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar** may include dizziness or light-headedness, sweating, confusion or drowsiness, headache, blurred vision, slurred speech, shakiness, fast heartbeat, anxiety, irritability, mood changes, hunger, weakness or feeling jittery.

Changes in vision in patients with type 2 diabetes. Tell your healthcare provider if you have changes in vision during treatment with Zepbound.

Depression or thoughts of suicide. You should pay attention to changes in your mood, behaviors, feelings or thoughts. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any mental changes that are new, worse, or worry you.

Food or liquid getting into the lungs during surgery or other procedures that use anesthesia or deep sleepiness (deep sedation). Zepbound may increase the chance of food getting into your lungs during surgery or other procedures. Tell all your healthcare providers that you are taking Zepbound before you are scheduled to have surgery or other procedures.

Common side effects

The most common side effects of Zepbound include nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, stomach (abdominal) pain, indigestion, injection site reactions, feeling tired, allergic reactions, belching, hair loss, and heartburn. These are not all the possible side effects of Zepbound. Talk to your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or doesn't go away.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effects. **You can report side effects at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.**

Before using Zepbound

- **Your healthcare provider should show you how to use Zepbound before you use it for the first time.**
- **Talk to your healthcare provider about low blood sugar and how to manage it. Tell your healthcare provider if you are taking medicines to treat diabetes including an insulin or sulfonylurea.**
- **If you take birth control pills by mouth, talk to your healthcare provider before you use Zepbound. Birth control pills may not work as well while using Zepbound.** Your healthcare provider may recommend another type of birth control for 4 weeks after you start Zepbound and for 4 weeks after each increase in your dose of Zepbound.

Review these questions with your healthcare provider:

- ☐ Do you have other medical conditions, including problems with your pancreas, or severe problems with your stomach, such as slowed emptying of your stomach (gastroparesis) or problems digesting food?
- ☐ Do you take diabetes medicines, such as insulin or sulfonylureas?
- ☐ Do you have a history of diabetic retinopathy?
- ☐ Are you scheduled to have surgery or other procedures that use anesthesia or deep sleepiness (deep sedation)?
- ☐ Do you take any other prescription medicines or over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, or herbal supplements?
- ☐ Are you pregnant, plan to become pregnant, breastfeeding, or plan to breastfeed? Zepbound may harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while using Zepbound. Zepbound may pass into your breast milk. You should talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby while using Zepbound.

- **Pregnancy Exposure Registry:** There will be a pregnancy exposure registry for women who have taken Zepbound during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry, or you may contact Lilly at 1-800-LillyRx (1-800-545-5979).

How to take

- Read the Instructions for Use that come with Zepbound.
- Use Zepbound exactly as your healthcare provider says.
- Use Zepbound with a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity.
- Inject Zepbound under the skin (subcutaneously) of your stomach (abdomen), thigh, or have another person inject in the back of the upper arm. **Do not** inject ZEPBOUND into a muscle (intramuscularly) or vein (intravenously).
- **Use Zepbound 1 time each week, at any time of the day.**
- Change (rotate) your injection site with each weekly injection. **Do not** use the same site for each injection.

If you take too much Zepbound, call your healthcare provider, call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

Zepbound is approved as a 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 7.5 mg, 10 mg, 12.5 mg, and 15 mg injection.

Learn more

Zepbound is a prescription medicine. For more information, call 1-800-LillyRx (1-800-545-5979) or go to www.zepbound.lilly.com.

This summary provides basic information about Zepbound but does not include all information known about this medicine. Read the information that comes with your prescription each time your prescription is filled. This information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider. Be sure to talk to your healthcare provider about Zepbound and how to take it. Your healthcare provider is the best person to help you decide if Zepbound is right for you.

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Endnotes and References

*Starting at \$299 per month for the 2.5 mg dose through LillyDirect

1. The price of Zepbound is the same for both KwikPen and single-dose vials with Zepbound Self Pay Journey Program. Terms apply. Taxes and fees may apply.
2. At this time, Zepbound KwikPen is only available through LillyDirect Pharmacy for new or existing self-pay patients.
3. Based on IQVIA® National Prescription Audit Data, representing 94% of US prescription data as of January 10, 2025.
4. Data on file.
5. Based on IQVIA® National Prescription Audit Data, representing 94% of US prescription data as of December 2025.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements (as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995), including statements about the supply and access of Zepbound (tirzepatide) as a treatment for adults with obesity or overweight and reflects Lilly's current belief and expectations. However, as with any pharmaceutical product, there are substantial risks and uncertainties in the process of drug research, development, and commercialization. Among other things, there can be no guarantee that future study results will be consistent with the results to date, that Zepbound will receive additional regulatory approvals, or that Lilly will execute its strategy as planned. For further discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties, see Lilly's most recent Form 10-K and Form 10-Q filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Except as required by law, Lilly undertakes no duty to update forward-looking statements to reflect events after the date of this release.

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The Lilly logo is rendered in a vibrant red, flowing script font. The letters are interconnected, with the 'L' being particularly large and stylized, leading into the 'i', 'l', 'l', 'e', and 'y'. The overall impression is one of elegance and brand identity.

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