



Dear Healthcare Provider,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding IGALMI™ (dexmedetomidine) sublingual film and somnolence.

IGALMI is an alpha-2 adrenergic receptor agonist indicated in adults for the acute treatment of agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I or II disorder.

IGALMI is an orally dissolving film formulation for sublingual or buccal use under the supervision of a health care provider.

Limitations of Use: The safety and effectiveness of IGALMI has not been established beyond 24 hours from the first dose.

The approved IGALMI package insert/prescribing information contains the following information:

- IGALMI can cause somnolence. In placebo-controlled clinical studies in adults with agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I or II disorder, somnolence (including fatigue and sluggishness) was reported in 23% and 22% of patients treated with IGALMI 180 mcg and 120 mcg, respectively, compared to 6% of placebo-treated patients. Patients should not perform activities requiring mental alertness, such as operating a motor vehicle or operating hazardous machinery, for at least eight hours after taking IGALMI.

Additional published information may be available for intravenous (IV) dexmedetomidine. Please refer to the bibliography below. This bibliography is not comprehensive but may provide additional information relevant to your query. These references were identified from the National Library of Medicine (PubMed) on 22 June 2023 using search terms [dexmedetomidine] and [somnolence] and may include information outside the FDA approved indication for IGALMI. They are included as a professional courtesy and are not intended to recommend use of IGALMI outside the FDA approved indication.

#### **Important Information**

BioXcel Therapeutics does not recommend the use of IGALMI outside of the FDA approved prescribing information. Please refer to the IGALMI FDA approved package insert for important safety information and full prescribing information at <https://www.igalmihcp.com/igalmi-pi.pdf>

If you have any additional questions and would like to speak with our Medical Affairs team, please contact [medicalaffairs@bioxcels therapeutics.com](mailto:medicalaffairs@bioxcels therapeutics.com).

**Reference:** IGALMI [Prescribing Information]. New Haven, CT: BioXcel Therapeutics, Inc; April 2022

#### **Selected Dexmedetomidine Bibliography:**

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