# Mixing, Dosing & Administration Guide

For tirzepatide 7.5 mg vials with 0.5 mL solvent each

# **Step 1: Mixing Instructions**

#### What You'll Need:

- 1 vial of tirzepatide 7.5 mg (powder)
- 1 mL (100-unit) insulin syringe
- Sterile solvent (provided in the kit)
- Alcohol prep pad
- Clean surface with good lighting

## Step-by-Step Instructions:

- 1. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- 2. Prepare your materials:
  - a. Place the vial, syringe, and solvent vial on a clean surface.
  - b. Open an alcohol pad, but don't use it yet.
- 3. **Remove the plastic cap** (flip-off rubber cap) from the top of the tirzepatide vial. You'll see a rubber stopper underneath do not remove the stopper.
- 4. **Wipe the top of the vial** (rubber stopper) with the alcohol pad. Let it air dry for a few seconds this keeps it sterile.
- 5. Do the same with the **solvent vial** remove its cap and wipe the rubber top with a new alcohol pad.

#### 6. Draw 0.5 mL (50 units) of solvent:

- a. Uncap your insulin syringe.
- b. Pull back the plunger to draw in 0.5 mL (50 units) of air.
- c. Insert the needle into the solvent vial and push the air in (this equalizes pressure).
- d. Turn the vial upside down and draw out exactly 0.5 mL (50 units) of solvent.
- 7. Inject the solvent into the tirzepatide vial:
  - a. Insert the needle through the rubber stopper of the tirzepatide vial.
  - b. Slowly inject the solvent down the inner wall of the vial, not directly onto the powder this helps it dissolve gently.
  - c. Remove the needle once all solvent is in.

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#### 8. Mix the solution:

- a. Do not shake the vial.
- b. Gently swirl the vial in small circles until the solution becomes clear and fully dissolved (this may take a few minutes).
- c. If foam forms, let it settle in the fridge before use.
- 9. Label the vial with the date you mixed it.
- 10. Store the mixed vial in the refrigerator  $(36-46^{\circ}F)$ .

Final concentration: 7.5 mg per 0.5 mL = 15 mg/mL That's 0.15 mg per unit

## **Step 2: Dosing Guide**

Weekly Dose (mg)	Syringe Units (approx)
2.5 mg	17 units
5 mg	34 units
7.5 mg	50 units
10 mg	67 units
12.5 mg	84 units
15 mg	100 units

🔽 All doses up to 15 mg fit in a single injection.

# **Step 3: Inject Tirzepatide**

- 1. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Take the tirzepatide vial out of the refrigerator and let it sit for a few minutes at room temperature – this makes the injection more comfortable.
- 3. Wipe the rubber top of the vial with an alcohol prep pad. Let it dry fully.

#### 4. **Draw the dose into the syringe:**

- 4.1. Remove the cap from the insulin syringe.
- 4.2. Pull the plunger back to the number of units that matches your dose. Example: For 7.5 mg, draw to 50 units — this draws in air.
- 4.3. Insert the needle into the vial. Push the air into the vial (this helps equalize pressure).
- 4.4. Flip the vial upside down and slowly draw your dose (e.g. 50 units = 7.5 mg).
- 4.5. Check for air bubbles if there are any, tap the syringe gently and push the air out.
- 4.6. Confirm you're at the correct unit mark for your dose.

#### 5. **Choose an injection site:**

- 5.1. Common areas: stomach (at least 2 inches away from the belly button), front of the thigh, or outer upper arm.
- 5.2. Rotate sites weekly to avoid irritation.
- 6. **Clean the skin at the injection site** with a new alcohol prep pad. Let it dry.

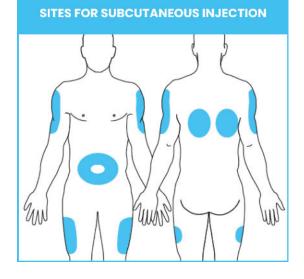
#### 7. Inject the medication:

- 7.1. Hold the syringe like a pencil at a 90° angle (or 45° if very lean).
- 7.2. Pinch the skin if needed.
- 7.3. Insert the needle in one smooth motion.
- 7.4. Slowly push the plunger all the way down.
- 7.5. Hold for 5–10 seconds, then gently remove the needle.
- 8. **Dispose of the used syringe** in a sharps container.

## 📌 Tips for a Comfortable

### **Injection:**

- Inject at room temperature (cold solution can sting)
- Use a fresh needle every time
- Apply light pressure to the site if there's a small drop of blood
- Use a different injection site each week when injecting in the same body region.



## Frequency of Injections

- Tirzepatide is injected **once per week**.
- You should take your dose on the **same day each week**, at a time that's convenient for you (morning or evening).
- You do not need to fast before or after the injection.
- Set a weekly reminder or alarm to stay on schedule.

**Example:** If you take your first dose on a Monday, all future doses should also be on Mondays.

## X Missed Dose

If you miss a dose, here's what to do:

- If it's within 4 days (96 hours) of your scheduled injection, take the missed dose as soon as possible.
- If it has been more than 4 days, skip the missed dose and wait until your next scheduled injection day.
- Do not double up on doses to "catch up."

**Example:** You usually inject on Monday but forgot. You remember on Thursday (3 days later) – it's okay to take it then and continue with your usual Monday schedule next week.

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### How to Calculate How Long the Kit Will Last

Your kit contains 37.5 mg total tirzepatide.

Use this formula:

37.5 mg ÷ your weekly dose (in mg) = how many weeks it will last

#### **Examples:**

2.5 mg/week  $\rightarrow$  15 weeks 5 mg/week  $\rightarrow$  7.5 weeks 7.5 mg/week  $\rightarrow$  5 weeks 10 mg/week  $\rightarrow$  3.75 weeks 12.5 mg/week  $\rightarrow$  3 weeks 15 mg/week  $\rightarrow$  2.5 weeks

If using a titration plan (e.g. 4 weeks at 2.5 mg, 4 weeks at 5 mg, then increase to 7.5 mg), the kit will last 9 full weeks.

## 🐝 Storage & Safety Tips

- Unmixed vials: Store at room temperature, away from light
- Mixed vials: Store in the refrigerator (36-46°F)
- Do not freeze
- Always use sterile technique
- Dispose of used syringes in a sharps container