

Medication Travel Letter

To Whom It May Concern

Please be advised that I have prescribed Cosentyx® (secukinumab) for medical reasons to:

(insert patient name)

Cosentyx is supplied in the form of a single-use pre-filled pen for subcutaneous administration. Each Cosentyx pen contains 1 mL of solution and a needle for injection.

Cosentyx needs to be refrigerated at all times

Cosentyx is a cold-chain medication, which means that it must be stored between 2°C to 8°C at all times. The medication is damaged by temperature outside of this range (2°C to 8°C). It should never be stored with luggage in the cargo hold. Consequently, my patient's **Cosentyx supplies need to be kept as carry-on luggage and kept cool during the flight** in the insulated Cosentyx travel bag.

Cosentyx travel packs

Insulated Cosentyx travel bags are designed to keep the product cool for a period of up to 8 hours. For longer flights, I have advised my patient to contact the airline about whether refrigeration space may be available on the flight.

If you would like me to confirm this information, please contact my office directly.

Yours sincerely

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Physician details

Complete details or use the box on the right hand side for your stamp:

Title:

First name:

Last name:

Phone:

Please insert practice stamp

COSENTYX® (secukinumab) 150mg/mL solution for injection is a prescription medicine. Cosentyx® is used and funded for the treatment of the following inflammatory diseases: Plaque Psoriasis; Psoriatic Arthritis; Ankylosing Spondylitis. Special Authority Criteria apply, please refer to www.pharmac.govt.nz. Cosentyx® is registered but not funded for Hidradenitis Suppurativa, a prescription charge may apply. Normal doctor visit fees and prescription charges apply. Cosentyx® is not recommended during pregnancy. It is important not to stop taking the medicine without your doctor's advice. Cosentyx® has risks and benefits. Cautions are infections, vaccinations, allergic reactions. Side effects can include cold sores (oral herpes), diarrhoea, runny nose (rhinorrhoea), hives, headache, nausea, itchy rash (urticaria). Talk to your doctor right away if you experience any of these. For further information about Cosentyx® and/or its risks and benefits, refer to the Consumer Medicine Information available at www.medsafe.govt.nz. Ask your doctor if Cosentyx® is right for you. Use strictly as directed. If symptoms continue, you need further information, or you have side effects see your doctor.

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