



Velphoro® (sucroferric oxyhydroxide)
controls phosphorus with fewer pills
and more ways to take them.

**Lighten up some of the burden
of treatment—here's how!**

lighten your day

THE VELPHORO WAY

 **VELPHORO®**
(sucroferric oxyhydroxide)
chewable tablets



Velphoro® (sucroferric oxyhydroxide)
helps people with chronic kidney
disease on dialysis control the
phosphate in their blood.



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page and accompanying full Prescribing Information.**

WHY DO PEOPLE ON DIALYSIS NEED A PHOSPHATE BINDER?

Many foods contain phosphorus. Dialysis filters out some of it, but not all, so people on dialysis can end up with too much. While your body needs phosphorus to stay healthy, too much can affect your overall health.



INGREDIENTS: POTATOES, SUNFLOWER OIL, AND/OR CORN OIL, SALT, SODIUM DIACETATE, CHEESE CULTURES, SALT, ENZYMES), BUTTER, MILK POWDER, SUGAR, SOYBEAN OIL, WHEY, CITRIC ACID, DISODIUM PHOSPHATE, OLIVE OIL.

Be sure to read food labels, look for the word “phos”. There is hidden phosphorus in many foods.

Diet and dialysis are two ways to control phosphorus levels. When diet and dialysis aren't enough, your doctor may prescribe a phosphate binder like Velphoro. Velphoro captures phosphate in the food you've eaten, and helps remove it from your body.



Velphoro has been used for years with thousands of people on dialysis like you.

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Velphoro works like a magnet that pulls the phosphates out of the food you eat, after you eat it. That's why **Velphoro only works if you take it with food.**



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LIGHTEN UP WITH VELPHORO

Your doctor and dialysis healthcare team have recommended Velphoro to help you control your phosphate levels.

Velphoro is a stronger phosphate binder. Because it's stronger, you can take fewer pills. One tablet locks up more phosphorus than other binders.

When people switched to Velphoro, twice as many were able to control their phosphate levels than with the phosphate binder they took before. And with only half the number of pills.



Most people take only **3 or 4 Velphoro tablets per day as compared to 9-12 tablets per day** with other phosphate binders.

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TAKE VELPHORO WHEN YOU EAT

Velphoro lightens up mealtime because you can take it different ways. It's easy to break, chew, or crush, so it's not obvious to others that you're taking medicine.

Velphoro is not meant to be swallowed whole. Just "break and take." Take it just before, during, or just after a meal or snack.



BREAK

OR



CHEW

OR



CRUSH

What if you forget?

If you forget to take your Velphoro, take the usual dose with the next meal. Remember, it only works if you take it with food!

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The starting dose is light, too:
1 tablet per meal.



Tablet is actual size.

Take Velphoro as prescribed by your doctor.
You will probably start on Velphoro with 1 pill every time you eat a meal.

Your dose may be adjusted after a while, based on how your phosphate levels are tracking.

After a year or two, most people still only take about **4 Velphoro tablets per day...not per meal...** like some other phosphate binders.

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WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN TAKING VELPHORO?

There are a few things you should know when starting Velphoro, because there's no substitute for being prepared.

Most side effects of Velphoro were mild.

The most common was diarrhea, which usually went away all by itself. Make sure that you tell your healthcare team if you're currently taking a laxative or stool softener.

Velphoro is made from iron, which binds to phosphate, and is removed from your body in your stool. The result is less phosphate in your blood. Dark-colored stools are normal with Velphoro, since it contains iron.

In real-world use, some patients have experienced teeth staining or a rash while taking Velphoro.

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Very few people stopped taking Velphoro because of side effects. But make sure you tell your healthcare team if you have any concerns or questions while taking Velphoro.





Use a Velphoro pill container so you always have a few Velphoro tablets with you. Stash extra tablets in a purse, a bag, or a coat pocket—wherever you think might be handy.* Be creative!



***Keep the bottle or pill container of Velphoro tightly closed. Store at room temperature, and below 87° F.**

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REMEMBERING TO TAKE VELPHORO: A HOW-TO

Taking Velphoro with every meal is the best way to make sure it works.

Here are some ways to help you remember:



Put a sticky note or **reminder on your refrigerator door** to keep Velphoro front and center in your kitchen, or stick a note on the inside of your front door, to remind you to take your Velphoro with you when you go out



Keep Velphoro on your kitchen table, or on the counter



Program your phone to remind you 3 times a day at mealtime with a dedicated ringtone that means only “Take Velphoro!”



Talk to your healthcare team. They can suggest other ways to help you take your Velphoro and what to expect from taking it

HOW TO PAY FOR VELPHORO:

Most people pay less
than \$10 per prescription
for Velphoro.



**Talk to your healthcare team
about programs that can help
you save on your monthly
Velphoro prescription.**

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INDICATION

Velphoro® (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) is a phosphate binder indicated for the control of serum phosphorus levels in patients with chronic kidney disease on dialysis.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Velphoro chewable tablets must be taken with meals. Velphoro should be chewed or crushed. Do not swallow whole. Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and other supplements. Velphoro can interact with other medicines.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any of the following: peritonitis (an infection) during peritoneal dialysis, significant gastric or liver disorder, recent major gastrointestinal (GI) surgery, a history of hemochromatosis or other disease that results in iron build-up in the body. People with these conditions were not included in clinical studies with Velphoro, and your healthcare provider will monitor your iron levels while you are taking Velphoro.

Velphoro can cause side effects. The most common side effects are discolored feces, diarrhea, and nausea. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. To report negative side effects associated with taking Velphoro, contact Fresenius Medical Care North America (FMCNA) at 1-800-323-5188. You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or visit www.fda.gov/medwatch.

Before taking Velphoro, tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or breast-feeding.

For more information please see full Prescribing Information enclosed in pocket or visit www.velphoro.com.



Lighten your day with Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide)



- Velphoro is a different kind of phosphate binder. It's stronger, so you can take fewer pills at each meal
- Most people take just 3 or 4 Velphoro tablets a day—not up to 3 or 4 per meal like some other phosphate binders
- Velphoro is easy to take. You can break it, chew it, or crush it
- Take as prescribed and make it part of your daily meal plan

My phosphorus goal is:

Talk to your healthcare team for more information how about Velphoro can help you control your phosphorus

For more information visit www.Velphoro.com.



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