

Velphoro, the strongest phosphate binder, helps you manage your phosphorus levels—more control, fewer pills, more ways to take them.



#### INDICATION

Velphoro® (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) is a phosphate binder indicated for the control of serum phosphorus levels in adult and pediatric patients 9 years of age and older with chronic kidney disease on dialysis.



## Why phosphorus control is important

Phosphorus is a mineral found in your body and in foods you eat.

When you have chronic kidney disease and are on dialysis, your body cannot get rid of excess phosphorus.

Diet and dialysis are two ways to keep phosphorus from building up in your body. When diet and dialysis aren't enough, your doctor may prescribe a phosphate-lowering medicine like Velphoro.

Look for the letters "phos." There is hidden phosphorus (or phosphate) in many foods.



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

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# Why your doctor has prescribed Velphoro

Velphoro is a phosphate binder, which helps people with chronic kidney disease on dialysis control the level of phosphorus in their blood.

Velphoro only works if you take it with food.

Velphoro works like a magnet to pull the phosphorus out of the food you've eaten and help remove it from your body.





### Velphoro lightens the load with fewer pills

Velphoro is the strongest phosphate binder, so you can take fewer pills. In fact, **one tablet** of Velphoro locks up about twice as much phosphorus as other commonly used binders.



Because Velphoro is so strong, most people take only 3 or 4 Velphoro tablets per day compared with 9-12 tablets per day with other phosphate binders.



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## Velphoro helps more people get to and stay at goal

Real-world data show that when people switched to Velphoro from another phosphate binder, **double** the percentage of people were able to control their phosphorus levels with **half** the pills.







Real-world data from people who stayed on Velphoro for 2 years showed that 40% more of them stayed at their phosphorus goals compared with people who switched to another phosphate binder.



Taking Velphoro as prescribed may help you get to your phosphorus goal and stay there.



# Take Velphoro when you eat



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

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

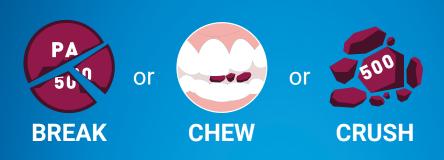
After a year or two, most people still only take about **4 Velphoro tablets per day**, **not per meal**, like with some other phosphate binders.

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### You choose how to take Velphoro

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.



### What if you forget?

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



# What you might expect when taking Velphoro

Side effects with Velphoro are mostly mild and go away on their own after a short time.

Most common is diarrhea, which usually resolves by itself. Make sure that you tell your healthcare team if you're currently taking a laxative or stool softener. Some people had nausea. Because Velphoro is made from iron, it may turn your stools black. This is normal—and expected—just as it is with other medicines that contain iron.

Some people have reported discoloration of their teeth, or a rash.

Most people reported no side effects with Velphoro, but some did. Very few people have stopped taking Velphoro because of side effects.







How to remember to take Velphoro



### Use these tips



- Keep Velphoro near where you eat<sup>†</sup>
- Put a note on your refrigerator
- Set an alarm on your phone to ring 3 times a day at mealtimes
- Mark your calendar to refill Velphoro a week before you run out

Ask your healthcare team for their favorite tips

\*Take Velphoro when you eat a meal or snack as prescribed by your doctor. <sup>†</sup>Always keep the bottle or pill container of Velphoro tightly closed. Store at room temperature, and below 87° F.

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### Visit the Velphoro Video Center

Hear people talk about their personal dialysis journeys and how they succeeded with Velphoro.



"I would recommend Velphoro because you can break it, crush it, chew it, and it tastes great."

-Anita



"I could take one phosphate binder instead of six with each meal."

-Antonio



"Velphoro helps me control my phosphorus and maintain it."

-Easter



"Ever since we switched my phosphate binder, my phosphorus has been spot on."

-Robert



Watch their stories at VelphoroVoices.com.

Scan the code with your cell phone camera

The paid testimonials provided are representative of that individual's experience, and not all patients may experience these benefits.

#### 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 buildup 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 stool, diarrhea, and nausea. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

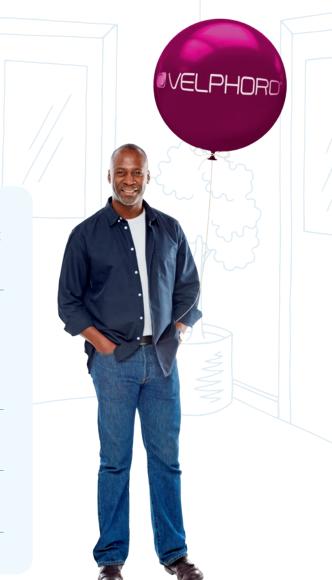
Discolored (black) stool is considered normal if you are taking an oral medication that contains iron, like Velphoro. Discolored stool may mask gastrointestinal bleeding, which was not a side effect of Velphoro in clinical studies.

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

Velphoro is available by prescription only. For additional Safety Information, please see full Prescribing Information.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Fresenius Medical Care Customer Service at 1-800-323-5188 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.





My phosphorus goal is:

Notes:



Velphoro has been used for more than 10 years with thousands of people on dialysis like you.



# lighten your day

- Velphoro is the strongest phosphate binder, so you can take fewer pills per meal
- Velphoro helps more people get to goal with fewer pills
- You can choose how to take Velphoro. You can break it, chew it, or crush it
- Take Velphoro as prescribed and make it part of your daily meal plan

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



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