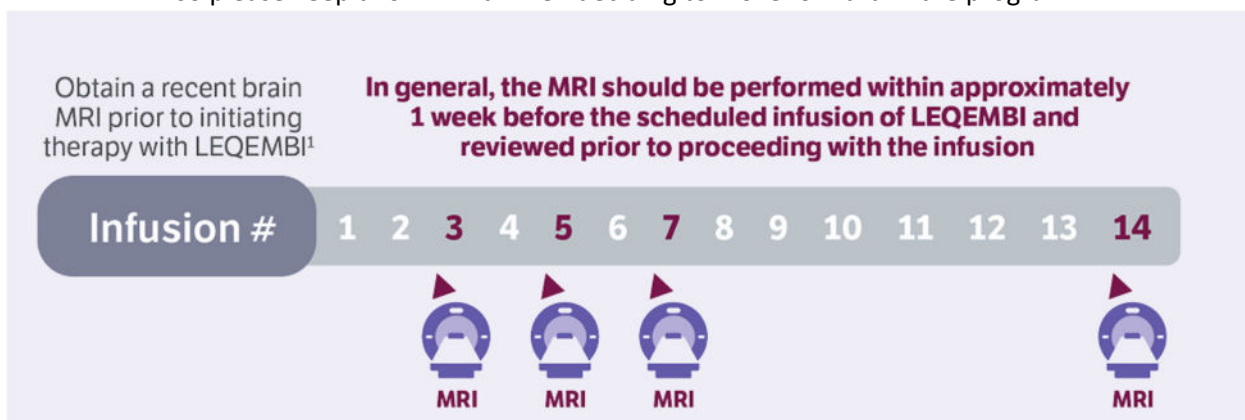


## Lecanemab FAQs

### MRIs:

#### 1. How often will I get MRIs through this process?

- After your baseline MRI, it is mandatory you get an MRI BEFORE your 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> infusions. Our team will schedule these appointments
- Please understand due to timing, MRIs will be scheduled a few days after your infusion, so please keep this in mind when deciding to move forward in the program



#### 2. What do the MRIs look for?

- The MRIs look for any side effects like ARIA (Anti-Amyloid Imaging Abnormalities)

#### 3. What is ARIA?

- ARIA can present as microscopic hemorrhages (small bleeds) and/or edema (swelling) in the brain. These are abnormalities caused by inflammation around the small blood vessels in the brain
- While most patients who have ARIA on imaging will not have symptoms, patients who do have symptoms can present with any of the following:
  - Headache, confusion, dizziness, vision changes, nausea, difficulty speaking, weakness, or seizure. Please notify your neurology provider if these symptoms occur

#### 4. Can I schedule my own MRI appointments?

- No, someone will be in contact with you to schedule the MRIs
- If you need to cancel or reschedule your MRI appointment for an *urgent, or emergent* issue, please contact our team as radiology will not be able to cancel or reschedule your MRIs once you are in the program. Please be mindful when requesting to reschedule or cancel MRI appointments as they can be difficult to reschedule last minute.

#### 5. How long will it take for the provider and radiologist to read my MRI so I can continue with my infusions?

- Once the MRI report is finalized and read by the radiologist and your provider, a member from our team will reach out to you to confirm the results and help you move forward as indicated – this process may take a few days

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### 6. How long will the MRI take?

- a. The baseline MRI scan takes about 40 minutes
- b. Once you begin the infusions, the MRI scan itself will take about 10-20 minutes

### 7. Can I get my MRI outside of the Penn Medicine network?

- a. No, at this time, all MRIs must be completed at one of the Penn Medicine (PM) locations and will be completed on the same scanner for continuity and to limit variation. This is because PM locations are equipped with the specific MRI protocol that is needed for this program
- b. The accepted PM locations include:
  - i. Pennsylvania Hospital (PAH)\*
  - ii. Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (PPMC)
  - iii. Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine (PCAM)
  - iv. Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP)
  - v. Radnor\*
  - vi. Chester County Hospital (CCH)\* – Main and Kennett Square locations
  - vii. Cherry Hill\*

\*Please keep in mind PAH, Radnor, Cherry Hill and CCH have limited MRI machines and will require date and time flexibility when scheduling at these sites – which may include weekends, early mornings, and late evenings\*

## **LAB WORK:**

### 1. How often do I need lab work?

- a. At this time, you will need up-to-date lab work within 3 months prior to your first infusion. This ensures your safety prior to receiving the first infusion. We will reach out to you if there is something you may need to have drawn
- b. You will also need lab work every 6 months while in the program along with seeing your neurology provider every 6 months as well. Labs can be drawn during this visit

### 2. Can I get my lab work done at an outside facility?

- a. Yes, you may get your lab work completed wherever you wish. We will provide you with the orders you need

### 3. Do I need to fast prior to having my labs drawn?

- a. No, you do not need to fast for your lab draw

## **INFUSIONS:**

### 1. How long will I be receiving infusions?

- a. The program can be anywhere from 18 months to 2+ years in length with infusions every 2 weeks. This varies patient by patient and depends on when you are amyloid negative which will be determined by your provider with repeat testing

### 2. Do I need to fast from food and drink before/during my appointment?

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- a. No, there is no need to fast for this infusion. It is encouraged to drink plenty of fluids the day prior to the infusion
- 3. How long are the infusions?**
    - a. The infusion itself is about 1 hour plus additional prep time once you are checked in. The infusions are every two weeks
  - 4. Who can come with me?**
    - a. Due to the potential side effects that could potentially occur, please bring one person with you to your appointment – two people are allowed in the room with you. They must be 18+ years old
  - 5. Where can I park?**
    - a. Complimentary valet parking will be available for your infusion dates
    - b. The infusion center will validate your parking at no charge
  - 6. What do I bring the day of infusion?**
    - a. You may bring anything with you to occupy your time (computers, books, iPad, etc. & there is a TV in each room). You may also bring snacks – please keep in mind food options are limited in the Rhoads building
  - 7. Can I take my medication?**
    - a. You can take all your normally scheduled medications you typically take
  - 8. What happens if I start to experience signs and symptoms after my infusion and/or the days following the infusions?**
    - a. If at any time you experience any side effects while on Lecanemab, please reach out to your doctor through My Penn Medicine, or call **215-662-3606**. If it is an **emergency**, please go to your closest emergency room

### **GENERAL:**

- 1. What happens if I need to switch my insurance mid program?**
  - a. If you plan on switching your insurance at any point, please let us know immediately as to not interrupt your infusions
- 2. What if I need to cancel my upcoming appointment due to inclement weather, sickness, emergency, etc.?**
  - a. If you need to move an appointment due to an **urgent/emergent** issue, we will schedule you for the next available appointment time. **Once your appointments are scheduled, please do not schedule vacations during MRI and/or infusion times.** Please keep in mind all infusions and MRIs need to occur in chronological order, meaning you cannot skip an infusion or MRI and move on to the next appointment. Additionally, MRI appointments can be difficult to reschedule last minute so please be mindful when cancelling