

## Soaanz® (torsemide) - New drug approval

- On June 14, 2021, the <u>FDA approved</u> Sarfez Pharmaceuticals' <u>Soaanz (torsemide)</u>, in adults for the treatment of edema associated with heart failure or renal disease.
- Torsemide is already available generically as a 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, and 100 mg tablet.
  - Generic torsemide is approved for treatment of edema associated with heart failure, renal disease or hepatic disease and the treatment of hypertension, to lower blood pressure.
- Soaanz is contraindicated in patients:
  - With known hypersensitivity to Soaanz
  - Who are anuric
  - With hepatic coma.
- Warnings and precautions for Soaanz include hypotension and worsening renal function, electrolyte and metabolic abnormalities, and ototoxicity.
- Discontinuation of therapy due to adverse reactions occurred in 6% of patients treated with Soaanz.
- The recommended initial dose for Soaanz is 20 mg orally once daily. If the diuretic response is inadequate, titrate upward by approximately doubling until the desired diuretic response is obtained. Doses higher than 200 mg have not been adequately studied.
- Sarfez Pharmaceuticals' launch plans for Soaanz are pending. Soaanz will be available as a 20 mg and 60 mg tablet.



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