

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) How is Sotradecol™ from Bioniche Pharma available? In what strengths and packages?

SOTRADECOL™ is available in two formats:

- 2ml vials of STS 1% (10 mg/mL) in 5-vial packs (NDC # 67457-162-02)
- 2ml vials of STS 3% (30 mg/mL) in 5-vial packs (NDC # 67457-163-02)

- 2) I'm a physician who has just started phlebology practice; should I use 1% or 3%?

The strength of solution required depends on the size and degree of varicosity. In general, the 1% solution will be found most useful, with the 3% solution preferred for larger varicosities. The dosage should be kept small, using 0.5 to 2 mL (preferably 1 mL maximum) for each injection, and the maximum single treatment should not exceed 10 mL (*please refer to the [prescribing information](#)*).

- 3) Does **SOTRADECOL™** come in a larger vial format?

No, it is only available in 2mL vials (for either strength) packaged in 5 vials per pack.

- 4) Is Sotradecol™ a single or multi-dose vial?

Single Dose

- 5) What is the “J” code?

J-Codes relate to Permanent codes used to reimburse injectable drugs that ordinarily cannot be self-administered; drugs and biologicals are usually covered by Medicare if;

- They cannot be self-administered
- They are not excluded e.g. immunizations
- They are reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of the illness or injury for which they are administered
- They have not been determined by the FDA to be less than effective

In addition they must meet all the general requirements for coverage of items as incident to a physician's services. Generally, prescription and non-prescription drugs and biologicals purchased by or dispensed to a patient are not covered.

[Ref.: www.reimbursementcodes.com]

- 6) Is a J-Code available for Sotradecol™ reimbursement? Can I now reimburse it from the Medicare and third party insurance carriers?

We are in the process of establishing a permanent **J-Code** for **SOTRADECOL™** and expect to have it within the next few weeks. Until that time, we recommend that you use the temporary drug code “**J3490** for unclassified drugs”.

As soon as we receive the new dedicated J-Code for **SOTRADECOL™**, we will inform you immediately. You need to use a “**CMS 1500 Claim Form**” for **SOTRADECOL™** reimbursement.

7) What are the other requirements for filling up the CMS 1500 Reimbursement Form?

Please refer to the [\[Reimbursement Info\] icon](#) on this website's home page, to **download the "CMS 1500 Reimbursement Form"** and follow the guidelines to complete this form. You need to supply some information including **J Code, Diagnosis Code & CPT Code**. We have also included in the attached "**Sotradecol™ Drug Reimbursement Coding and Pricing Advisory Guide**" some important (but nonexclusive) examples of the most common Diagnoses and CPT codes that you might require in order to complete the "CMS 1500 Form".

8) What is the Price of Sotradecol™?

- The Average Wholesaler Price (AWP) for a 2ml vial of Sotradecol™ 1% (10 mg/mL) is **\$37.25**
- The Average Wholesaler Price (AWP) for a 2ml vial of Sotradecol™ 3% (30 mg/mL) is **\$62.25**

9) Can a Physician get sodium tetradecyl sulfate injection (STS) from out of the country?

It is illegal to import other STS injectable formats into the USA. They are not FDA approved.

10) We are using Polidocanol from our pharmacy. Why would we use Sotradecol™?

Polidocanol has never been an FDA approved drug.

PS. For specific questions regarding Sotradecol™ description, contraindications, warnings, drug interactions, adverse reactions, precautions, dosage and administration, etc., please refer to the [prescribing information](#) in the "What is Sotradecol™?" page.