**ELIGIBLE PATIENTS** MAY PAY AS LITTLE AS \$3 FOR THEIR PRESCRIPTION' GET HYPOTHYROIDISM TREATMENT THAT'S **EVERY TURN** Learn about hypothyroidism and why you may want to turn to UNITHROID. \*See back for details.

# APPROVED USE FOR UNITHROID

UNITHROID® (levothyroxine sodium) tablets is an oral prescription medicine used:

- To replace a hormone usually made by the thyroid gland in adults and children with hypothyroidism
- Along with surgery and radioiodine therapy to manage a certain type of thyroid cancer

UNITHROID should not be used to treat noncancerous enlargement of the thyroid in patients with normal iodine levels, or temporary hypothyroidism due to inflammation of the thyroid (thyroiditis).

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Do not use UNITHROID alone or in combination with other drugs for the treatment of obesity or weight loss.

- If your thyroid levels are normal, doses of UNITHROID used daily for hormone replacement are not helpful for weight loss.
- Larger doses may result in serious or even life-threatening events, especially when used in combination with certain other drugs used to reduce appetite.

Please see Important Safety Information throughout this piece and enclosed <u>Prescribing Information</u>. (Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets, USP)

A STEP BEYOND

# WHY MORE PATIENTS ARE TURNING TO UNITHROID<sup>1</sup>

There are other levothyroxine products like UNITHROID, so it's important to work with your doctor to find one that's right for you. With UNITHROID, you get:

# HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCT

that's been made in the same state-ofthe-art facility for more than 2 decades<sup>1</sup>



# **BRANDED MEDICATION**

you can consistently depend on with every refill

Tablet shown not actual size.



# AFFORDABLE TREATMENT

with a \$3 co-pay on 30-day prescriptions\*

\*See back for details



UNITHROID is a synthetic version of thyroxine, called levothyroxine, that can get your thyroxine (T4) levels where they need to be.<sup>2</sup>



# 1ST FDA-APPROVED

levothyroxine treatment for hypothyroidism<sup>2,3</sup>



# NO HISTORY OF RECALLS

or gaps in availability<sup>1</sup>



# **GLUTEN-FREE**

UNITHROID contains no ingredient made from a glutencontaining grain (wheat, barley, or rye)<sup>1</sup>

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** (continued)

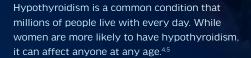
**Do not** take UNITHROID if you have a problem with your adrenal gland that has not been corrected. Starting thyroid hormone therapy before initiating treatment for adrenal insufficiency may cause a life-threatening condition.

**Do not** take UNITHROID as the first therapy or additional therapy in a weight control program.

Too much levothyroxine may affect your heart, especially if you are elderly or have cardiovascular disease. When starting UNITHROID, contact your healthcare provider immediately if you have any signs of increased heart rate, chest pain, or an irregular heart-beat.

Too much levothyroxine has been associated with increased bone loss, especially in women after menopause.

# COVERING THE BASICS OF HYPOTHYROIDISM



If you have hypothyroidism, it means your thyroid gland doesn't make enough T4, a hormone your body needs to function properly.<sup>5</sup>

Doctors diagnose hypothyroidism by testing thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) levels, and follow with a thyroid hormone test, if needed. High TSH levels can cause your body's systems to slow down, which can lead to symptoms including, but not limited to<sup>5</sup>:

- dry skin
- fatigue
- depression

- feeling cold
- thinning hair
- weight gain

#### A TURN FOR THE BETTER

Managing hypothyroidism means achieving normal TSH levels. With a treatment like UNITHROID, hypothyroidism can be managed successfully.<sup>2,5</sup>

# KEEP IN MIND

Since you will always need a replacement for the thyroxine your body is lacking, you will likely need treatment your entire life.<sup>5</sup> That's why it's important to find a treatment that best fits your needs, no matter which direction life takes you.

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** (continued)

Take UNITHROID exactly as prescribed.

Take UNITHROID as a single dose, preferably on an empty stomach,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 hour before breakfast with a full glass of water to avoid choking or gagging.

Products such as iron and calcium supplements and antacids can decrease the absorption of levothyroxine, so UNITHROID should be taken 4 hours before or after taking these products.

It may take several weeks before you notice an improvement in symptoms. Once your healthcare provider has found your specific dose of UNITHROID, it is important to have periodic lab tests and clinical evaluations to assess your response.

Treatment with thyroid hormone replacement will likely be lifelong.

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# CONSISTENCY

# **MATTERS**

When managing hypothyroidism, it's important to stay consistent. Your doctor should write "UNITHROID" on your prescription, but your pharmacy could substitute another treatment (usually a generic version).

### MAKE SURE IT'S UNITHROID

If your doctor wants you to receive UNITHROID, he or she may need to write "Dispense as Written" (or DAW') on your prescription.

This means substitutions are not permitted.

# To make sure you get UNITHROID, take these steps:

- 1. Tell your pharmacist you want "UNITHROID only."
- 2. Check that the medication bottle says UNITHROID.
- Make sure your tablets are round with a JSP stamp on one side and an ID number on the other side that matches your dosage strength.
- Ask your pharmacist to note that all refills should be for UNITHROID only.

<sup>†</sup>Or alternative language required by your state. *Tablet shown not actual size.* 

# ASK ABOUT UNITHROID SAMPLES

# To start UNITHROID right away:

Ask your doctor about receiving a 2-week sample supply. This can give your pharmacy time to get your specific dosage of UNITHROID.



# TAKE UNITHROID

# THE RIGHT WAY

Consistency is also important when you take UNITHROID. Remember to<sup>2</sup>:



Take your UNITHROID every morning before breakfast



Wait 30 to 60 minutes before you eat or drink (water is 0K)



Wait at least 4 hours before or after taking other medicine that may affect UNITHROID

#### KEEP IN MIND

If you have just started UNITHROID, it may take 4 to 6 weeks before you notice an improvement in symptoms.<sup>2</sup>

For foods and medicines you should be mindful of while taking UNITHROID, talk to your doctor and see the enclosed <u>Prescribing Information</u>.

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** (continued)

# Before taking UNITHROID, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have diabetes. UNITHROID may worsen control of blood sugar levels. After starting, stopping, or changing UNITHROID, closely monitor your blood sugar levels and contact your healthcare provider if there are any abnormal changes.
- are taking oral blood thinners. UNITHROID may increase your response to oral blood thinners.
- are pregnant, plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.
   Your dose of UNITHROID may need to be adjusted if you become pregnant.
- have any other medical conditions, particularly: heart disease, adrenal or pituitary gland problems, or depression.

# Talk to your healthcare provider about:

- all other medications you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.
   Do not change or stop any of your medicines or start any new medicines before you talk to your healthcare provider.
- your diet. Certain foods such as soybean flour, cottonseed meal, walnuts, dietary fiber, and grapefruit juice may cause your body to absorb less levothyroxine and may reduce its effect.
- · taking UNITHROID before any surgery.
- hair loss. Partial hair loss may occur infrequently during the first few months of UNITHROID therapy which is usually temporary.

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(Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets, USP)

# MORE THAN 90% OF COMMERCIALLY INSURED PATIENTS PAY AS LITTLE AS

# \$3 FOR A 30-DAY PRESCRIPTION1\*

Subject to eligibility. Individual out-of-pocket costs may vary. Not valid for patients covered under Medicare, Medicaid, or other federal or state programs. Not valid in California or Massachusetts. See full terms, conditions, and eligibility criteria at UNITHROID.com/savings.

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\*Of commercially insured UNITHROID patients, 90% paid a \$3 co-pay for a 30-day supply from December 2019–November 2020.



# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** (continued)

**Tell your healthcare provider if you develop any of the following symptoms:** rapid or irregular heartbeat, chest pain, shortness of breath, muscle spasm, headache, nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, tremors, muscle weakness, increased appetite, weight loss, diarrhea, heat intolerance, changes in menstrual periods, skin rash or any other unusual medical event.

These are not all the possible side effects of UNITHROID. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about your health or medicines, including side effects. To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS contact Amneal Specialty, a division of Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC at 1-877-835-5472 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

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