

Vertex Pharmaceuticals has introduced Journavx™ (suzetrigine)—a non-opioid medication for moderate-to-severe acute pain in adults. Unlike opioids, it works by blocking pain signals at the source through the NaV1.8 sodium channel.

What You Need to Know

- **Treatment** - Journavx™ is used to treat adults with short-term (acute) pain only. It is not known if Journavx™ is safe and effective in children.
- **Availability** - Journavx™ is expected to be available in mid-March at major retail pharmacies and through the Carlisle Medical Home Delivery Pharmacy service
- **Higher Cost** – As a new drug with no generics, Journavx™ will be expensive, which may affect how widely it's adopted in workers' compensation.
- **Effectiveness** – While promising, it did not outperform hydrocodone + acetaminophen in all clinical measures. However, reducing opioid use is a major consideration.
- **Drug Therapy Value** – As a non-opioid alternative, Journavx™ is a step forward in safer pain management.

Stay Informed

Carlisle Medical will continue to monitor Journavx™ and its impact on pain management in workers' compensation and provide updates on cost and usage trends. Feel free to contact us at 800-553-1783 or pharmacy@carlislemedical.com for more information.

