

Ipamorelin

Patient Education Guide — What It Does, Why a Physician Would Prescribe It, and What the Evidence Says

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Ipamorelin Compounded

Category: Growth Hormone Support — Selective Growth Hormone Secretagogue

How it works. Ipamorelin is a pentapeptide growth hormone secretagogue that works through the ghrelin receptor (GHS-R) in the pituitary, triggering a pulse of growth hormone release. What makes it the most-prescribed secretagogue in this class is its selectivity: unlike older GHRP compounds such as GHRP-2 and GHRP-6, ipamorelin produces a clean GH pulse with minimal stimulation of cortisol, prolactin, or appetite. That is the entire reason it displaced its predecessors in clinical practice—the same GH signal without the hormonal collateral damage.

Why a physician prescribes it. Ipamorelin is most commonly prescribed alongside a GHRH analog—CJC-1295, sermorelin, or tesamorelin—because the two mechanisms are complementary: the GHRH analog provides the background signal while ipamorelin adds the pulse, producing greater GH release than either alone. It is defensibly used for patients seeking improved sleep quality, recovery, lean-mass support, and gradual body-composition change. Because it does not meaningfully raise cortisol or appetite, it is often the better-tolerated half of the stack, and it is sometimes used on its own for patients who want the gentlest entry point into GH-axis support.

What to expect, and what to watch. Deeper sleep is the most consistently reported early effect, often within the first one to two weeks—a reproducible finding, because GH pulsatility is tightly linked to slow-wave sleep. Recovery, energy, skin texture, and body-composition shifts may follow over one to three months. Realistic expectations matter: this is physiologic stimulation, not exogenous growth hormone. Cautions mirror the class—active or recent cancer, pituitary disorders, diabetes or insulin resistance, edema, carpal tunnel symptoms, and untreated sleep apnea. Possible effects include head rush or flushing after injection, vivid dreams, mild water retention, and injection-site irritation.

Published Evidence: Human pharmacology studies have shown ipamorelin induces GH secretion at biologically effective levels with peak concentration within roughly one hour of administration. The foundational work (Raun et al., *Eur J Endocrinol*, 1998) established ipamorelin as the first GHRP-class compound with GH-releasing potency comparable to GHRP-6 but without the accompanying ACTH and cortisol release—the selectivity that defines its clinical role today.

Key Study: Raun K, et al. "Ipamorelin, the first selective growth hormone secretagogue." *Eur J Endocrinol*. 1998;139(5):552-61.

Recommended Videos (educational, independent sources)

► **Dr. Ashley Froese — This Is Not Covered** — Muscle Builder or More? Dr Reviews Ipamorelin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssrWsibV5fi>

► **TRT and Hormone Optimization** — Ipamorelin Explained

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-embtcan8E>

► **Dr. Jones, DC** — Dr. Explains Why CJC/IPA is KING of Growth Hormone Peptides

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErI8SQgVKcU>

