

Fass – Electronic product information in Sweden



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Fass - the source of knowledge on medicines for more than 50 years



- 1966** Fass started as a service to distribute product information from the pharma companies to prescribers: **One book instead of catalogues from each company**
- 1983** Product information adapted for patients: Short texts, with the most important information
- 2001** The website fass.se was launched
- 2013** Modernisation of digital platform and interfaces
- 2015** The last printed edition of Fass
- 2018** Basic information for all approved medicinal products in Sweden available on Fass via websites, apps and web integrations. SmPC and PIL in XML format for the majority of marketed medicines in Sweden

More than 4 million sessions/month

Electronic product information available in health care and pharmacy systems



- ~Half of all Fass sessions use Fass for HCPs.
- ~Half of all Fass sessions use Fass for the public.

Fass content and functionality

1. Search functionality
2. Basic product information.
3. Package leaflet
4. Summary of Product Characteristics.
5. Fass-text (version of the SmPC adapted to HCP).
6. Images of tablets and capsules.
7. Information on medication management for capsules and tablets (i.e. whether they are to be swallowed without splitting, swallowed without crushing, may be split in two etc.).
8. Information on which generic products are classified as interchangeable by the Swedish Medical Products Agency (MPA).
9. Information if the company participates in the [Swedish Pharmaceutical Insurance](#) (insurance system for injuries related to medicinal products).
10. DHPC (Direct Healthcare Professional Communications), from the MPA.
11. Contact information to the companies.
12. Pharmacies' inventory status (to check if a specific medication is in stock in a certain pharmacy).
13. Packages and prices within the Swedish reimbursement system, and conditions in the reimbursement.
14. Swedish environmental classification of pharmaceuticals.
15. Safety information for work environmental purposes.
16. Text-to-speech, print, print in large text.

Alerts on changes of product information

The screenshot shows the FASS Vårdpersonal website interface. The header includes the FASS logo and navigation tabs for 'Allmänhet', 'Vårdpersonal', and 'Djurläkemedel'. A search bar at the top allows users to search by 'Sök på läkemedel, substans, ATC eller vnr'. On the right, there are links to 'ATC-register', 'Substans A-Ö', 'Överdoserings', 'Företag A-Ö', 'Läkemedel A-Ö', and 'Tablettidentifiering'. The main content area displays information for 'GILENYA®' (Novartis), including its description as capsules, dosage (0.5 mg), and a detailed description of the capsules. It also lists 'Aktiv substans: Fingolimod' and 'ATC-kod: L04AA27'. A section titled 'Utbytbarhet: Utbytbara förpackningar' is present. A 'Receptbelagd' section provides instructions on how to use the symbols. A 'Kontakt och länkar' section includes a link to 'Fråga om läkemedlet'. A 'Sök apotek med läkemedlet i lager' section allows users to search for the medication in pharmacies. A 'Vad är viktig säkerhetsinformation?' section provides information on safety. A 'Välj läkemedelstext' section allows users to select the text they want to view, including 'Förpackningar, förmån och priser', 'Miljöinfo', and 'Skyddsinfo'. At the bottom, there are links for 'Läs upp', 'Skriv ut', and 'Skriv ut förstorat'.

1 Sök på läkemedel, substans, ATC eller vnr

2 **GILENYA®**
Novartis
Kapsel, hård 0,5 mg
(16 mm kapsel med klargul, ogenomskinlig överdel och vit, ogenomskinlig underdel; märkt med "FTY0.5 mg" tryckt med svart färg på överdelen och med två ränder tryckta radiellt med gul färg på underdelen.)

Selektiva immunsuppressiva medel

3 Aktiv substans: Fingolimod

4 ATC-kod: L04AA27

5 Utbytbarhet: Utbytbara förpackningar

6 Receptbelagd
Peka på symbolerna och beteckningarna till vänster för en förklaring.

7 Delbarhetsinformation

8 Kontakt och länkar
Fråga om läkemedlet

9 Företaget omfattas av [Läkemedelsförsäkringen](#)

10 Vad är viktig säkerhetsinformation?
2017-11-16: [Viktig säkerhetsinformation](#)
Kontraindikationer hos patienter med hjärtbesvär

11 Sök apotek med läkemedlet i lager
Sök lagerstatus

12 Vad är en FASS-text?

13 Välj läkemedelstext
Förpackningar, förmån och priser

14 Miljöinfo

15 Skyddsinfo

16 Läs upp | Skriv ut | Skriv ut förstorat

Fass for the public



Fass for mobile devices

1. Search product or substance
2. Basic information
3. Package leaflet
4. Expand selected text section
5. Pharmacies' inventory status (to check if a specific medication is in stock in a certain pharmacy). Check for pharmacies nearby.

Evolution of electronic product information

