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Dear Shruti Konala:

I am responding to your Information Quality Request for Correction of Information (“the RfC”) dated March 10, 2026, pursuant to Section 515(a) of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001¹ (the Information Quality Act or IQA) and the guidelines issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Guidelines),² the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS Guidelines),³ and the National Institutes of Health (NIH Guidelines).⁴

In your request, you ask for the Huntington’s Disease (HD) webpage on the NIH National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) website (<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/health-information/disorders/huntingtons-disease>) to be updated to include valbenazine in the list with drugs tetrabenazine and deutetrabenazine used to treat chorea associated with HD in adults.

A subject matter expert has reviewed your request and found it valid. Consequently, the webpage was updated on March 27, 2026 as follows.

Treating HD

There is no treatment that can stop or reverse HD, but some of the symptoms can be treated:

¹ P.L. 106-554, 44 U.S.C. 3516 note.

² *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies*, 67 Fed. Reg. 8452 (February 22, 2002). Available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2002/02/22/R2-59/guidelines-for-ensuring-and-maximizing-the-quality-objectivity-utility-and-integrity-of-information>

³ *HHS Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated to the Public*, accessible at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/infoquality/Guidelines/part1.shtml>.

⁴ *HHS Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated to the Public*, Part II.I (National Institutes of Health), available at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/infoquality/Guidelines/NIHinfo2.shtml>.



- The drugs tetrabenazine, deuterabenazine, and valbenazine can treat chorea associated with HD
- Antipsychotic drugs may ease chorea and help to control hallucinations, delusions, and violent outbursts. Some antipsychotic medications can have side effects that make muscle contraction symptoms of HD worse. Individuals using antipsychotic drugs for Huntington's disease symptoms should be closely monitored for side effects.
- Drugs may be prescribed to treat depression and anxiety

Side effects of drugs used to treat the symptoms of HD may include fatigue, sedation, decreased concentration, restlessness, or hyperexcitability. These drugs should be only used when HD symptoms create problems for the person living with HD.

Thank you for your interest in the quality of information disseminated by the National Institutes of Health. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at OEPR_InfoQuality@mail.nih.gov.

Sincerely,

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