How this drug is given: by vein (IV)

Purpose: To help keep red blood cells from breaking apart in your body (occurs in some blood diseases)

Things that may occur during or within hours of each treatment

- Facial flushing (warmth or redness of the face), itching, or a skin rash could occur during or after taking eculizumab. These symptoms are due to an allergic response and should be reported to your doctor or nurse right away.

Things that may occur a few days to weeks later

1. Headache and backache may occur. You may take acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or ibuprofen (Motrin®/Advil®) to help treat these symptoms.

2. Some patients may have mild nausea. You may be given medicine to help with this.

3. Some patients may feel very tired, also known as fatigue. You may need to rest or take naps. Mild to moderate exercise may also help you maintain your energy.

4. You may have a cough or stuffy nose. You can ask your doctor or nurse what drugs you might take to help these symptoms.

Things that may occur after treatment ends (even months to years later)

1. If you have an ongoing fever of 100.5 F (38C) or higher, be sure to drink plenty of fluids. If you become dizzy or lightheaded, call your doctor or nurse right away.

2. Fertility and Related Precautions:
   - It is very important to use birth control if you are having sex, because this drug could be harmful to an unborn baby.
   - Women should not breast-feed while receiving this drug.
   - If you are concerned about any of this, please talk with your doctor or nurse.

The above information includes some, but not necessarily all, of the possible side effects of this medication. The side effects in this teaching sheet may not be the same ones you experience. Your side effects may be different, depending on how often you receive treatment (your schedule) and how much
you receive each time (your dosage). Side effects may also vary if you take other medications. Please talk with your doctor or nurse if you have questions about possible side effects you may experience. This document should not take the place of conversations with members of your health care team.

If you experience any significant change in your health during or after treatment, contact a member of your health care team right away.

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