Immune Globulin (Gamunex® or Gammagard®)
(“iM-yoon” “GLOB-yoo-lin”)

**How drug is given:** by vein (IV), into the muscle (IM), or under the skin (SC)

**Purpose:** Immune globulin is used to boost the body’s natural immune system response. It is usually given to patients who have weak immune systems or immune-related diseases.

**Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment**

1. An allergic reaction can occur. Let your doctor or nurse know right away if you have fever, chills, chest pain, trouble breathing or facial flushing (warmth or redness of the face). This may require monitoring after your infusion.
   - Shortness of breath may be a symptom of a transfusion-related acute lung injury. While rare, this condition is potentially serious. **Call your doctor or nurse immediately if you have shortness of breath.**

2. You may get a headache. Please talk with your doctor or nurse about what you can take for this.

3. Mild to moderate nausea and vomiting may occur. You may be given medicine to help with this.

4. Loose stools or diarrhea can occur after the drug is given. You may take loperamide (Imodium A-D®) to help control diarrhea. You can buy this at most drug stores. Be sure to also drink more fluids (water, juice, sports drinks). If these do not help within 24-48 hours, **call your doctor or nurse.**

5. Some patients may feel very tired, also known as fatigue. You may need to rest or take naps more often. Mild to moderate exercise may also help you maintain your energy. (You may also be less interested in doing your usual activities.)

6. If you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are breast feeding, talk to your doctor.
Things to consider after treatment

- Immune globulins can reduce the therapeutic effect of live vaccines. You should avoid getting live vaccines for up to 6 months after you receive immune globulin.

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.