



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 may occur. **Tell your care team right away** if you have fever, chills, chest pain, trouble breathing, itching, rash, or dizziness.
2. You may get a headache. Please talk to your care team about what you can take for this.
3. You may have nausea and vomiting. You may be given medicine to help with this.
4. Loose stools or diarrhea may 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 drink more fluids (water, juice, sports drinks). If these do not help within 24 hours, call your care team.

Things that may occur after treatment

1. 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.
2. Immune globulins may reduce the therapeutic effect of live vaccines. Talk with your care team before getting any vaccines.
3. Fertility and Related Precautions:
 - It is very important to use birth control if you are having sex, because this drug may be harmful to an unborn baby.
 - Women should not breastfeed while receiving this drug.
 - If you are concerned about any of this, please talk with your care team.

The above information includes some, but not necessarily all, of the possible side effects of this medication. The side effects listed 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 are taking other

medications. Please speak with your care team if you have questions about possible side effects you may experience. This document should not take the place of conversations with members of your care team.

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

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