



TOCILIZUMAB Generic Name



Brand Names: Actemra Injection

WHAT IS IT?

Tocilizumab is a drug that can be administered subcutaneously to treat certain autoimmune conditions (diseases where the body's natural defense system attacks itself), such as rheumatoid arthritis. Tocilizumab blocks the activity of interleukin-6, a substance in the body that causes inflammation.

Tocilizumab is a liquid drug that comes in prefilled syringes and dosing pens. Each syringe/pen will be used only once, injecting all the solution. Syringes/pens should be disposed in a puncture-resistant container.

DO's

- Store Tocilizumab injection in the refrigerator away from light; but do not freeze.
- Keep all appointments with your doctor and lab.
- Drink plenty of fluids daily
- Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medications (prescription and non-prescription) including: over-the-counter drugs and natural remedies.

DON'Ts

- Do not use if you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or are trying to become pregnant
- Do not use if your body is fighting off an infection
- Do not use if you are having surgery, including dental surgery
- Do not receive any vaccinations without talking to your doctor first.
- Do not use if you are experiencing an allergic reaction to the drug

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

Redness, itching, pain, or swelling at the injection site; headache; runny nose, sneezing.

DOSING

162 mg injected subcutaneously once every 2 weeks, or weekly (depending on individual's weight). Tocilizumab can be administered subcutaneously (in the fatty tissue just under the skin) once every 2 weeks, or weekly depending on the individual's weight.

MY LOADING DOSE: _____ mg

_____ will inject _____ mg subcutaneously _____ times every week until this date: _____.

MY DOSE: _____ mg once every 2 weeks.

_____ will inject _____ mg subcutaneously _____ every _____ weeks, beginning on this date: _____.
My next injection will be on this date: _____