



CERTOLIZUMAB Generic Name



Brand Names: Cimzia Injection

WHAT IS IT?

Certolizumab 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, active ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis, and Crohn's disease. Certolizumab suppresses the immune system by interfering with a biologic response mediator called tumor necrosis factor alpha, or TNF- α , that causes inflammation.

Certolizumab 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 Certolizumab 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 or irritation at the injection site; headache; back pain.

DOSING

200 mg injected subcutaneously once every 2 weeks. Certolizumab can be administered subcutaneously (in the fatty tissue just under the skin) once every 2 weeks.

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: _____