

**ENBREL INFORMATION**

1. You need a recent TB skin test or chest X-ray within 3 months prior to starting therapy
2. Should you develop an infection requiring antibiotic treatment or should you develop the flu, you should not take your regular dose of Enbrel until your antibiotics are complete and your infection/flu is clear. (While Enbrel cannot cause an infection, it may take longer for your infection to clear while taking Enbrel).
3. You should not receive any live virus vaccines while on Enbrel.
4. If you routinely get a flu shot, skip your Enbrel injection the week that you receive your flu shot.
5. One of the most common side effects associated with Enbrel is a possible localized injection site reaction (redness, tenderness). Site reactions generally occur in the first month and tend to decrease in frequency over the next 2 months. Remember that it is important to rotate your injection sites and do not inject into a swollen, hard or red area. (Allowing medication to sit at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes prior to injection may help to minimize this as well.)
6. If you experience an injection site reaction, you may apply cold compresses to soothe the area and help relieve the inflammation. Report any persistent irritation or undue concerns to the office.
7. Immediately report the development of any visual disturbances/ changes, numbness or tingling in arms or legs, or the development of any type of malignancy while you are on the therapy.
8. You **MUST** keep your appointments for follow-up in order to keep receiving your Enbrel. Follow-up examinations and lab work will be monitored approximately every 3 months.
9. Do **NOT** wait until you have one vial/syringe left before you order your refill at the pharmacy. There are times your insurance company may require prior authorization and this may take a few days. Ordering refills when you have approximately 2-3 vials/syringes left prevents you from running out of your medication.
10. You have been advised of proper needle disposal. You will be provided with a needle container. You should **NOT** dispose of any biohazard (needles or needle containers) with your regular trash. Please call 1-866-4-ENBREL for information on proper disposal.
11. Please call our office at 303-526-1117 for any questions, problems or concerns.

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