

## Immunoglobulin SC, Cuvitru®

Cuvitru® dosing may be weight based; ensure accuracy of documented weight before administration

### Caution High Risk rating

<b>Form &amp; Storage</b>	<p>Vials containing Normal Human Immunoglobulin (SCIg) <b>200 mg/mL</b> solution for subcutaneous injection            1g in 5mL, 2g in 10mL, 4g in 20mL, 8g in 40mL or 10g in 50mL of solution in a vial</p> <p>Store at <b>room temperature</b>.</p> <p>In case the product is stored in a refrigerator, the unopened vials must be placed at room temperature for a minimum of 90 minutes prior to use and kept at room temperature during administration.</p>
<b>Reconstitution</b>	<p>Already in solution.  <b>Do not dilute</b></p>
<b>Compatibility &amp; Stability</b>	<p>Cuvitru® should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use if particulate matter and/or discoloration is observed.</p> <p>The infusion must be started immediately upon transfer of Cuvitru® into the syringe</p>
<b>Administration</b>	<p><b>Subcutaneous Infusion</b></p> <p>The dose and dose regimen is dependent on the indication and Consultant instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dose regimen should achieve a trough level of IgG (measured before the next infusion) of at least 5 to 6 g/L and aim to be within the reference interval of serum IgG for age.</li> <li>• A loading dose of at least 0.2 to 0.5g/kg (1 to 2.5mL/kg) body weight may be required. This may need to be divided over several days, with a maximum daily dose of 0.1 to 0.15 g/kg. After steady state IgG levels have been attained, maintenance doses are administered at repeated intervals to reach a cumulative monthly dose of the order of 0.3 to 1.0 g/kg.</li> <li>• Sub cutaneous via specific infusion pump, multiple sites can be used</li> <li>• Infusions are carried out in the infusion unit to assess patient suitability for home therapy. It is recommended to use an initial administration speed of 10 mL/h/infusion site. If well tolerated, the rate of administration may be increased at intervals of at least 10 minutes to a maximum of 20 mL/h/infusion site for the initial two infusions.</li> </ul>

*This information has been summarised to act as a guide for those administering IV medication. The monograph should be used in conjunction with the drug data sheet and BNF for information on dose, adverse effects, cautions and contra-indications. Further information is available from Pharmacy on 22146 or 22542*

<b>Documentation Requirements</b>	This is a blood product, therefore batch and expiry should be recorded in patient's notes.
<b>Monitoring</b>	<p>Vital signs pre and post infusion.</p> <p>SC injection site/s.</p> <p>Plasma IgG levels</p> <p>Patients naive to human normal immunoglobulin, patients switched from an alternative immunoglobulin product or when there has been a long interval since the previous infusion should be monitored during the first infusion and for the first hour after the first infusion</p> <p>All other patients should be observed for at least 20 minutes after administration</p>
<b>Adverse Drug Reactions</b>	<p>Infusion related reactions, localised or systemic</p> <p>Avoid potential complications by injecting the product slowly</p>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>The administration is foreseen to take up to two hours. Should an administration shorter than two hours not be possible due to required dose or administration rate of Cuvitru<sup>®</sup>, the required dose is to be portioned and administered at different infusion sites. If Cuvitru<sup>®</sup> remains in siliconized syringes for more than two hours, visible particles may form.</p> <p>Assess level of understanding and compliance with treatment</p> <p>Ensure that the patient and family member are educated and proficient in carrying on this treatment at home</p> <p>Usually, three SC infusions in the Infusion Unit.</p>

### Information provided relates to Cuvitru<sup>®</sup> (Takeda)