

# Vedolizumab

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## What this medication is used for

Widely used for children with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.



Health  
Canada

Health Canada also approved for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis in adults.



## How this medication works

Vedolizumab works by stopping white blood cells from entering the lining of the gut which drives inflammation.



## How to use this medication

The first three doses are usually given intravenously at weeks 0, 2 and 6.

-Subsequent doses may be given intravenously every 8 weeks. Often, individuals may require more frequent doses.

-Subcutaneous doses may be available as an option after the initial loading doses.

-Although some individuals receive benefit quite quickly, it can take a little longer in others. Keep taking your medication.



## Where treatment is administered

Intravenous doses will be administered at a hospital or infusion centre.

Subcutaneous doses can be administered at home.



## Special tests done prior to starting

Test to screen for infections including tuberculosis and immunity to various viruses.

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## How long to use this medication

This medication will be used to get your IBD under control and keep it under control long-term.



## Monitoring during treatment

Regular blood tests, stool tests, endoscopy and/or other imaging will be done to monitor for response and side-effects to medication.



## Side Effects

Infusion related reactions such as shortness of breath, fever, rash, changes in blood pressure or heart rate. Medications may be given to treat and/or prevent these side-effects.

-Medications that affect the immune system may be associated with developing infections.

-Headaches and joint pain can occur.

-Nasal congestion/upper respiratory tract infection.



## When I should call my doctor

Please call if:

-You want to or have already stopped the medicine

-If you are concerned about any side effects

Other reasons to call your doctor:

-If you have a fever or think you have an infection

-If you become pregnant

-If you develop headaches, seizures, confusion or vision trouble



## Vaccines



Live vaccines  
- Not safe



Inactivated vaccines  
- Safe