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Patient Education for ENBREL 50 MG/ML SURECLICK

Physician must know patient's complete medical history Lab tests may be ordered to monitor therapy Follow instructions on aseptic technique preparing/administering Avoid immunization with live vaccines due to immunosuppression Dispense & explain patient package insert and medication guide. This drug may increase your risk of getting cancer. TB skin test or chest X-ray should be done before/during treatment Immediately report signs of infection to the doctor.

Tell doctor your complete medical history Lab tests may be ordered to monitor therapy Prepare carefully as you have been shown Some vaccines pose a risk Ask Dr. before injection Important to read patient package insert& med guide The drug may increase the risk of getting cancer. Check for TB before and during treatment Call MD now for fever, chills, cough or fatigue.

.....Education Section.....

IMPORTANT:

HOW TO USE THIS INFORMATION: This is a summary and

does NOT have all possible information about this product. This information does not assure that this product is safe, effective, or appropriate for you. This information is not individual medical advice and does not substitute for the advice of your health care professional. Always ask your health care professional for complete information about this product and your specific health needs.

ETANERCEPT - INJECTION

(ee-TAN-er-sept)

COMMON BRAND NAME(S):

Enbrel

WARNING:

Because etanercept works by blocking the immune system,

it may lower your ability to fight infections. This may make you more likely to get a serious (rarely fatal) infection (such as fungal infections, bacterial infections including tuberculosis) or make any infection you have worse. Tell your doctor your medical history, especially of past/recent/current infections. Also, tell your doctor if you have lived or traveled in areas where certain fungal infections (such as coccidioidomycosis, histoplasmosis) are common or if you have been near someone with tuberculosis. Areas where these types of fungal infections are commonly found include the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys and the southwestern United States. You should be tested for tuberculosis (TB skin test or chest X-ray) before and during treatment with etanercept. See Side Effects section for symptoms of infections to watch out for, and get medical help right away if you develop any of these symptoms.

The immune system is also important in preventing and controlling cancer. Though it is very unlikely to happen, there is a risk (especially in children/teens/young adults) of developing cancer (such as lymphoma, skin) due to this medication or due to your medical condition. Discuss the risks and benefits of treatment with your doctor. Tell your doctor right away if you develop symptoms such as fever that doesn't go away, unusual

lumps/growths, swollen or painful abdomen, unexplained weight loss, or night sweats.

USES:

This medication is used alone or in combination with an

immunosuppressant (such as methotrexate) to treat certain types of arthritis (such as rheumatoid, psoriatic, juvenile idiopathic, and ankylosing spondylitis). Some brands of this medication are also used to treat a skin condition called psoriasis. These conditions are caused by an overactive immune system (autoimmune disease). The immune system attacks the body's own healthy cells, causing inflammation in the joints and skin.

Etanercept controls your body's defensive response by blocking the action of a certain natural substance (TNF) that is used by the immune system. Treatment decreases redness, itching and scaly patches in psoriasis as well as the pain, swelling and stiffness of joints in arthritis. This medication can stop the progression of disease and joint damage, resulting in improved daily functioning and quality of life.

This medication treats but does not cure autoimmune diseases. Symptoms usually return within 1 month of stopping the medication.

HOW TO USE:

Read the Medication Guide and Instructions for Use

provided by your pharmacist before you start using this drug and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Inject this medication under the skin of the thigh, abdomen, or upper arm as directed by your doctor, usually once or twice a week.

The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to treatment. Children's dosage is also based on weight. Do not change your dose without consulting your doctor.

Use this medication regularly to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, use it on the same day(s) each week.

If you are using this medication at home, learn all preparation and usage instructions from your health care professional and the product package. Your doctor may give your first injection in the medical office.

If your medication has been refrigerated, leave it at room temperature for at least 15 to 30 minutes before injecting. Do not warm up this medication any other way. For example, do not heat it in the microwave or place it in hot water. Do not shake this medication. Before using, check this product visually for particles, cloudiness, or discoloration. The prefilled syringe, cartridge, or pen injector may have small white particles in the liquid. This is normal. If you see other particles, cloudiness, or discoloration, do not use the liquid.

Before injecting each dose, clean the injection site with rubbing alcohol. Change the injection site each time to lessen injury under the skin. Do not inject into areas that are sore, bruised, red, or hard.

Learn how to store and discard medical supplies safely.

You may notice improvement in your condition after 1 to 2 weeks, but it may take a few months to get the full benefit of this medication. Tell your doctor if your condition does not get better or if it gets worse.

SIDE EFFECTS:

See also Warning section.

Redness, itching, pain, or swelling at the injection site may occur. This usually starts 1-2 days after the injection and clears up in 3-5 days. Injection site reactions usually lessen after the first month. Headache may also occur. If any of these effects last or get worse, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly.

Remember that this medication has been prescribed because your doctor has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects.

Tell your doctor right away if you develop signs of infection while using this drug, such as: sore throat that doesn't go away, cough that doesn't go away, fever, chills, night sweats, trouble breathing, painful/frequent urination, unusual vaginal discharge, white patches in the mouth (oral thrush).

Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: nausea/vomiting that doesn't stop, a rash on nose and cheeks (butterfly rash), dizziness, extreme fatigue, looking pale, hair loss, swelling of the arms/legs, unusual bruising/bleeding, severe headache, mental/mood changes, seizures, unexplained muscle weakness, numbness/tingling of the hands/feet, unsteadiness, vision changes, severe stomach/abdominal pain, dark urine, yellowing eyes/skin.

A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), dizziness, trouble breathing.

This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

In the US -

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at www.fda.gov/medwatch.

In Canada - Call your doctor for medical advice about side

effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345.

PRECAUTIONS:

Before using etanercept, tell your doctor or

pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or to latex or natural dry rubber (found in some forms of etanercept); or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details.

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: active or recurrent infection (such as hepatitis B, HIV, tuberculosis), blood disorders (such as leukemia, anemia), weakened bone marrow, history of cancer (such as lymphoma), diabetes, heart failure, seizures, nervous system problems (such as multiple sclerosis), a certain liver problem (alcoholic hepatitis), blood vessel disorders (such as vasculitis).

Do not have immunizations/vaccinations without the consent of your doctor, and avoid contact with people who have recently received oral polio vaccine. Consult your doctor about risks of exposure to chickenpox and other infections.

Before having surgery, tell your doctor or dentist about all the products you use (including prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and herbal products).

Caution is advised when using this drug in the elderly because they may be more prone to infections.

It is recommended that children be up to date on all their childhood vaccinations before starting etanercept.

During pregnancy, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor.

This medication passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

Drug interactions may change how your

medications work or increase your risk for serious side effects. This document does not contain all possible drug interactions. Keep a list of all the products you use (including prescription/nonprescription drugs and herbal products) and share it with your doctor and pharmacist. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicines without your doctor's approval.

Some products that may interact with this drug include: abatacept, interleukin-1 blockers (such as anakinra, canakinumab, rilonacept), live vaccines (such as measles, mumps, polio, rubella, typhoid, varicella, yellow fever), other medications for autoimmune disease (such as azathioprine, cyclophosphamide).

OVERDOSE:

If someone has overdosed and has serious symptoms such

as passing out or trouble breathing, call 911. Otherwise, call a poison control center right away. US residents can call their local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. Canada residents can call a provincial poison control center.

NOTES:

Do not share this medication with others.

Laboratory and/or medical tests (such as complete blood count, liver function, TB test) should be performed periodically to monitor your progress or check for side effects. Consult your doctor for more details.

This medication may interfere with certain lab tests. Be sure to tell the lab personnel that you are on this medication.

MISSED DOSE:

It is important to get each dose of this medication

as scheduled. If you miss a dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist right away for a new dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

STORAGE:

Store unopened medication in the refrigerator away from

light. Do not freeze. Some dosage forms may also be stored at room temperature for a certain time (for example, up to 14 or 30 days). Consult your pharmacist or the manufacturer's package for details. If stored at room temperature, do not place this medication back in the refrigerator. Keep all medications away from children and pets.

Do not flush medications down the toilet or pour them into a drain unless instructed to do so. Properly discard this product when it is expired or no longer needed. Consult your pharmacist or local waste disposal company.

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