

immunosuppression, neoplastic disease, respiratory infection

DOSAGE AND ROUTES

Rheumatoid arthritis/psoriatic arthritis

• **Adult:** **SUBCUT** 125 mg within 1 day after single IV loading dose, then 125 mg weekly; weekly subcut dose may be initiated without an IV loading dose for those unable to receive an infusion

• **Adult >100 kg (220 lb): IV INFUSION** 1 g over 30 min, give at 2, 4 wk after first infusion, then q4wk

• **Adult 60-100 kg (132-220 lb): IV INFUSION** 750 mg over 30 min, give at 2, 4 wk after first infusion, then q4wk

• **Adult <60 kg (132 lb): IV INFUSION** 500 mg over 30 min, give at 2, 4 wk after first infusion, then q4wk

Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA)/juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)

• **Adolescent and child ≥ 6 yr and >100 kg:** **IV INFUSION** 1 g given over 30 min q2wk \times 3 doses, then 1 g given over 30 min q4wk starting at wk 8

• **Adolescent and child ≥ 6 yr and 75-100 kg:** **IV INFUSION** 750 mg over 30 min q2wk \times 2 doses, then 750 mg given over 30 min q4wk starting at wk 8

• **Adolescent and child ≥ 6 yr and <75 kg:** **IV INFUSION** 10 mg/kg given over 30 min q2wk \times 3 doses, then 10 mg/kg q4wk starting at wk 8

Moderate/severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis as monotherapy with or without methotrexate

• **Child/adolescent ≥ 2 yr and ≥ 50 kg:** **SUBCUT** 125 mg q1wk

• **Child/adolescent ≥ 2 yr and 25-50 kg:** **SUBCUT** 87.5 mg q1wk

• **Child/adolescent ≥ 2 yr and 10-25 kg:** **SUBCUT** 50 mg q1wk

Available forms: Lyophilized powder, single-use vials 250 mg; sol for subcut inj 125 mg/mL

Administer:

- Storage in refrigerator; do not use expired vials, protect from light, do not freeze

Intermittent IV INFUSION route

- **To reconstitute**, use 10 mL sterile water for injection; insert syringe needle into vial and direct stream of sterile water for inj on the wall of vial; rotate vial until mixed; vent with needle to rid foam after reconstitution (25 mg/mL); **further dilute** in 100 mL NS from a 100-mL infusion bag/bottle; withdraw the needed volume (2 vials remove 20 mL, 3 vials remove 30 mL, 4 vials remove 40 mL); slowly add the reconstituted sol from each vial into the infusion bag/bottle using the same disposable syringe supplied; mix gently; discard unused portions of vials; do not use if particulate is present or discolored; **give** over 30 min; use non-protein-binding filter (0.2-1.2 microns); protect from light

- Do not admix with other sol or medications

SUBCUT route

- Use prefilled syringe for subcut only (do not use for IV); allow to warm to room temperature (30-60 min); do not speed up warming process; the amount of liquid should be between the 2 lines on the barrel; do not use the syringe if there is more or less liquid; inject into fronts of thighs, outer area of upper arm, or abdomen except for 2-inch area around the navel; do not inject into tender, bruised area

- Gently pinch skin and hold firmly; insert needle at 45-degree angle; inject full amount in 125-mg syringe

- Rotate injection sites

- Use ClickJet for subcut only; let warm for 30 min after removal from refrigerator; do not use if damaged or past expiration date, pull cap straight off, push down on skin to unlock, push button and hold for 15 sec, a click will be heard, keep