

Remicade® (Infliximab) is the newest medication in the treatment against Crohn's disease and Ulcerative Colitis. It is given as an IV infusion and is very effective at directly suppressing inflammation in the gut.

Remicade® works to block a protein in your body that leads to inflammation and the painful symptoms of Crohn's disease or Ulcerative Colitis. It requires as few as six treatments a year after three starter doses. It is given via intravenous (IV) infusion by a healthcare professional over a two hour period. Some patients may need medication before starting Remicade® to prevent or reduce potential side effects of administration.

What to Expect During Your Treatment

- Before each infusion, your doctor will calculate the right amount of medication for you, based on your weight.
- You will be given Remicade® through a needle placed in a vein (IV or intravenous infusion) in your arm.
- Your doctor may decide to give you medicine before starting Remicade® infusions to prevent or lessen side effects.
- Only a healthcare professional should prepare the medicine and administer it to you.

Monitoring for Side Effects

Your doctor will determine the right dose of Remicade® for you and how often you should receive it. Make sure to discuss with your doctor when you will receive infusions and to come in for all your infusions and follow-up appointments.

A healthcare professional will monitor you during the Remicade® infusion and for a period of time afterward for side effects. Your doctor may do certain tests while you are taking Remicade® to monitor you for side effects and to see how well you respond to the treatment. If you begin to experience side effects from Remicade®, the infusion may need to be adjusted or stopped. Your healthcare professional may decide to treat your symptoms.

Remember: *If you have any questions or changes in your health status at any point during the infusion process, be sure to discuss them with the healthcare professional overseeing your treatment. This summary is a general example of how infusion treatments may occur. Your infusion treatment may differ based on your healthcare provider.*

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