

What do I need to know about Belimumab?

(say "be-LIM-yoo-mab") Other names for this medicine include: BENLYSTA®

Medicine is one of the tools your doctor has to treat your lupus. Taking medicine as your doctor suggests will improve your lupus and may prevent more serious health problems in the future. If you don't take your medicines correctly, you may be putting your health, and perhaps your life, at risk.

Why am I taking this medicine?

This medicine can help control your serious lupus symptoms so you feel better. And it helps to prevent flares. Belimumab works to help stop your immune system from attacking your joints and other parts of your body.

How do I take this medicine?

- We will give you this medicine through a vein in your arm (IV) in the doctor's office.
- Your doctor wants you to take Belimumab _____mg every _____ weeks.

How fast does it work?

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Most side effects are not serious and go away on their own. Others can be more bothersome and even serious. Keep track of side effects. **Tell your doctor right away about any unexpected signs or changes in the way you feel.**

- A small number of people may have a reaction to the medicine. We'll stay with you and watch you closely while you're getting this medicine.
- You should not get this medicine if you have an infection. Signs of infection include: fever or chills; pain or burning when peeing or peeing often; coughing up mucus; having warm, red, or painful skin; having sores on your body.
- Before getting this medicine, talk with your doctor if you think you might have an infection.
- Let your doctor know right away if you have any mood changes such as depression or anxiety.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this medicine?

- Tell your doctor about all medicines you use. This includes prescriptions, medicines you buy off the shelf at the store, vitamins, and herbal products. Do not start a new medicine without telling your doctor.
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