

Ferinject[®]

(ferric carboxymaltose) Intravenous Iron

What is Ferinject?

Ferinject is a medicine that contains iron.

Why am I having Ferinject?

Ferinject is used to treat iron deficiency when:

- oral iron is not effective enough.
- you cannot tolerate oral iron.
- your doctor decides you need iron very quickly to build up your iron stores.

What dose will I have?

You will need to be weighed and have a blood test before being given Ferinject. We will use your weight and haemoglobin blood test result to calculate the dose you need.

To get the correct dose you usually need to come in for two intravenous infusions, at least a week apart.

How is Ferinject given?

You will receive ferinject on ward 4C – phone number **01422 224925**.

You will receive the iron as a drip infusion through a vein in your arm. It may have a volume of up to 250ml and appear as a brown solution.

It is usually given over a period of 15 minutes.

You must stay for 30 minutes after the infusion to make sure you do not have any reaction or symptoms of allergy.

Are there any reasons why I should not receive Ferinject?

Your doctor will need to discuss with you whether you can have Ferinject if:

- you have a liver problem
- you have an infection
- you have rheumatoid arthritis
- you have asthma, eczema or other allergies

Are there any reasons why I should not receive Ferinject?

You must not receive Ferinject if:

- you are allergic to ferric carboxymaltose or any of the other ingredients in the infusion
- your anaemia is not due to a shortage of iron
- you have too much iron in your body
- in the first 12 weeks of your pregnancy

Ferinject is safe in breastfeeding.

What are the common side effects?

Like all medicines, Ferinject may cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Side effects that you may experience include:

- Headache
- Feeling hot (flushing)
- High blood pressure
- Nausea
- Infusion site reactions*
- Dizziness

* There is a risk that the Ferinject may leak from the infusion site (where it enters your arm) into the surrounding tissue in your skin. This can cause pain, inflammation and potentially long-lasting brown discolouration on your arm. If leakage occurs, the infusion will be stopped. Please tell a nurse or doctor if you experience any pain or swelling at the infusion site during the infusion.

Rarely, Ferinject can cause an allergic reaction which may present as:

- rash (e.g. hives)
- itching
- difficulty breathing
- wheezing
- swelling of the lips, tongue, throat or body
- chest pain

Can Ferinject interfere with my other medicines?

Ferinject should not be given at the same time as other iron preparations taken by mouth, as it may stop them from being absorbed.

If you experience problems with Ferinject, contact Maternity Assessment Centre on 01422 224419 or call 999 in an emergency.

For further information; please refer to the Ferinject patient information leaflet found on www.medicines.org.uk

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

Antenatal Clinic

Telephone: 01422 224125

www.cht.nhs.uk

If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

Potřebujete-li tyto informace v jiném formátu nebo jazyce, obraťte se prosím na výše uvedené oddělení

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