

Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I being given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)?

Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) contains the active ingredient human tetanus immunoglobulin. Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) is used for the treatment of tetanus infection.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I being given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF \(For Intravenous Use\)?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I am given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I am given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF \(For Intravenous Use\)?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) and affect how it works.

For more information, see Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How will I be given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)?

- Your doctor will determine the dose(s) of Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) that you are to receive. Your doctor will give it to you as an infusion, that is, an injection given slowly into the vein.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How will I be given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF \(For Intravenous use\)?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know after I am given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)?

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| Things you should do | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use). |
| Driving or using machines | <ul style="list-style-type: none">No effects on ability to drive and use machines have been observed. |
| Looking after your medicine | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Store at 2°C to 8°C (Refrigerate. Do not freeze). Keep the vial in the outer carton in order to protect from light.Do not use this medicine after the expiry date. |

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know after I am given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF \(For Intravenous Use\)?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention. Severe allergic reactions to immunoglobulins are rare. Should a severe allergic reaction occur, the doctor will stop the infusion. Unwanted effects which may occur include: headache, chest tightness, flushed or pale face, feeling hot, non-itchy skin rash, itching, faintness, nausea or vomiting, or a hot feeling or redness at the site of injection. Aseptic Meningitis Syndrome has been reported to occur infrequently in association with similar infusions. The signs include severe headache, neck stiffness, drowsiness, fever, inability to stand bright light, painful eye movements, and nausea and vomiting. The more serious side effects include fever, loss of appetite, extreme tiredness, stomach pain, jaundice, dark urine, joint pains and skin rashes.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)

Active ingredient: *Human tetanus immunoglobulin*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use). **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use).**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I being given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF \(For Intravenous Use\)?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF \(For Intravenous Use\)?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
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Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) is made from human plasma (the liquid component of blood) collected by Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. Donations are selected on the basis that they contain high levels of antibodies against the poison produced by bacteria which cause tetanus.

2. What should I know before I am given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)?

Warnings

Do not use Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) if:

- you are allergic to human tetanus immunoglobulin, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you have a history of allergy to human immunoglobulin products (allergic reactions may include skin rash, face swelling, wheezing or breathing difficulties).

Check with your doctor if you:

- have previously been advised that you have immunoglobulin A (IgA) deficiency
- have previously been advised that you have kidney disease
- have previously been advised that you have diabetes
- have any other medical conditions.

Vaccinations:

Please inform your doctor if you have had any vaccinations within the last two weeks or are planning to have a vaccination. Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) may impair the effect of some virus vaccines such as measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox for a period of at least 6 weeks, and up to 3 months. After receiving this medicine, a period of 3 months should be allowed before vaccination with some virus vaccines. In the case of measles vaccine, this effect may last for up to 1 year. Therefore, your vaccinating doctor should check the effectiveness of the measles vaccination.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Virus safety

When products are made from human blood and injected into you, it is possible that viruses or other substances could be present in the product and cause an illness. These could be viruses such as hepatitis, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or human parvovirus B19 and theoretically the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) agent. There could also be other infectious agents some of which may not yet have been discovered.

To reduce the risk of this happening, extra steps are taken when manufacturing this product. Strict controls are applied when selecting blood donors and donations. The product is specially treated to remove and kill certain viruses. These special treatments are considered effective against viruses known as enveloped viruses such as HIV, hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus and non-enveloped viruses, such as hepatitis A virus and human parvovirus B19. Despite these measures, the risk of viral and other agent's infectivity cannot be totally eliminated.

Vaccines are available against some of these viruses and your doctor will be able to help you decide whether it is worthwhile having any of those vaccines.

Interference with glucose estimations

The maltose present in Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) may interfere with some blood glucose measurements, resulting in the overestimation of blood glucose results. If this glucose measurement is used to guide treatment, hypoglycaemia may occur. Only certain glucose tests have been implicated, so when monitoring glucose levels consult your doctor to ensure that maltose does not interfere with the blood glucose reading of the test you are using.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) and affect how it works.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use).

4. How will I be given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)?

How much will I be given

Your doctor will determine the dose(s) of Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) that you are to receive. Your doctor will give you Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) as an infusion, that is, an injection given slowly into the vein.

When will Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) be given

Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) is given to you under the supervision of your doctor or trained medical professional.

Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) should be used if you have a tetanus infection.

If too much Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) is given

Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) is administered under medical supervision only. An overdosage is therefore very unlikely to occur.

The consequences of overdosage are not known.

5. What should I know after I am given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)?

Things you should do

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- have any concerns about being given this medicine.

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have been given Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use).

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) affects you.

No effects on ability to drive and use machines have been observed.

Looking after your medicine

You will probably not need to keep any vials of Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) at home. However, if you have to keep this medicine at home:

- Store at 2°C to 8°C (Refrigerate. Do not freeze).
- Keep the vial in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Severe allergic reactions to immunoglobulins are rare.

Should a severe allergic reaction occur, the doctor will stop the infusion.

Less serious side effects

| Less serious side effects | What to do |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• headache• chest-tightness• flushed or pale face• feeling hot• non-itchy skin rash• itching• faintness• nausea or vomiting• a hot feeling or redness at the site of injection. | Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you. |

Some patients may develop delayed unwanted effects such as nausea, vomiting, chest pain, chills or shivering, dizziness or aching legs. These effects may occur after the infusion has stopped but usually within 24 hours.

A condition called Aseptic Meningitis Syndrome (AMS) has been reported to occur infrequently in association with infusions similar to Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use). It usually begins within several hours to two days following treatment.

The signs include severe headache, neck stiffness, drowsiness, fever, inability to stand bright light, painful eye movements, and nausea and vomiting.

The condition reverses without ill effects when treatment is stopped.

There have been reports that the kidneys may be affected with infusions similar to Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use). These occurrences are extremely rare.

If you experience any of the mentioned effects or any other abnormal signs after treatment, contact your doctor immediately.

Serious side effects

| Serious side effects | What to do |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fever• loss of appetite• extreme tiredness• stomach pain• jaundice (yellow skin and eyes)• dark urine• joint pains• skin rashes | Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects. |

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) contains

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| Active ingredient (main ingredient) | Human tetanus immunoglobulin |
| Other ingredients (inactive ingredients) | Maltose (a sugar) |

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) looks like

Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) is a clear, colourless, non-viscous (not thick) solution. It is available in glass vials.

Each vial of Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) is a sterile solution containing 6% blood proteins of which at least 98% is immunoglobulins with a tetanus antitoxin activity of 4000 IU. It also contains 10% maltose (a sugar).

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Who distributes Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use)

Manufacturer

Tetanus Immunoglobulin-VF (For Intravenous Use) is
manufactured in Australia by:

CSL Behring (Australia) Pty Ltd

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Distributor

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood

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