

Information Discussion Awareness

YOUR IDA QUESTION STARTER

Are you asking the right questions? No matter where you are in your journey of either learning more about iron deficiency anemia (IDA) or talking to your doctor about treating and managing IDA, it's important to make sure all of your questions are answered. Only your doctor can diagnose IDA, so use this IDA Question Starter to get the conversation going.

What is iron deficiency anemia (IDA)?

What is causing me to have IDA?

What am I likely to experience if I have IDA?

What are blood tests and lab values?

Two common treatment options are oral iron and intravenous (IV) iron. Here are some potential questions to start the conversation with your doctor.

ORAL IRON

How is oral iron taken?

What are some potential side effects of oral iron?

How will I know oral iron treatment is working for me?

If you're already taking oral iron, discuss with your doctor:

Your oral iron regimen

Any side effects you may be experiencing

IV IRON

Why would my doctor prescribe an IV iron?

When receiving IV iron, how should I expect to feel?

How often will I need to go to receive treatment?

How will I know IV iron treatment is working for me?

What is an infusion center?

What should I bring with me to my infusion center appointment?

What will I experience before, during, and after an injection or infusion?

What side effects may I experience with IV iron?

How often will my doctor follow up with me for appointments and blood work?

If you have any questions about IDA, talk to your doctor. Only your doctor can diagnose IDA, and determine what treatment option is right for you.

Injectafer® (ferric carboxymaltose injection) is available by prescription only. Ask your doctor or healthcare provider if Injectafer is right for you.

What is Injectafer?

Injectafer is a prescription medicine given by your healthcare provider. Injectafer is injected into your vein to treat iron deficiency anemia in adults. Iron deficiency anemia is a condition where the body is not getting enough iron and not producing the number of normal red blood cells needed to keep you in good health. Injectafer should be used only when oral iron treatments haven't worked, or if you are unable to tolerate the side effects related to oral iron treatment. It is also used to treat iron deficiency anemia in adults with chronic kidney disease who are not receiving dialysis.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Who should not take Injectafer?

You should not take Injectafer if you have experienced hypersensitivity to it or any of its ingredients.

Please see additional Important Safety Information on pages 2-3.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

Who should not take Injectafer?

You should not take Injectafer if you have experienced hypersensitivity to it or any of its ingredients. You should not be given Injectafer if you do not have iron deficiency anemia, or if you have iron overload, which is a build up of iron. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, please notify your doctor or healthcare provider. They will decide whether it is safe for you to receive Injectafer.

What is the most important information I should know before taking Injectafer?

Injectafer is an injectable iron administered only by or under the supervision of your healthcare provider.

- **Injectafer can cause serious allergic reactions** that may be life-threatening, including shock, low blood pressure, loss of consciousness, and death. Your doctor or healthcare provider will monitor you for signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction during and after each dose of Injectafer for at least 30 minutes. Other serious allergic reactions include itching, rash, hives, wheezing, or a temporary drop in blood pressure. Patients should report to their healthcare professional any signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction to Injectafer, in particular rashes, shortness of breath and wheezing.
- **A temporary increase in blood pressure**, sometimes with facial redness, dizziness, or nausea, has been seen immediately after the use of Injectafer. This increase in blood pressure typically resolves within 30 minutes. Your doctor or healthcare provider will monitor you for signs and symptoms of an increase in blood pressure following each use of Injectafer.
- **Lab test alterations:** For 24 hours after receiving Injectafer, laboratory tests may incorrectly measure the amount of iron in your blood.
- **Drug interactions:** No formal drug interaction studies have been performed with Injectafer. You should not take iron supplements by mouth if you are receiving iron injections. Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

What should I tell my doctor or healthcare provider before receiving Injectafer?

- Your full medical history, including any history of reactions to intravenous iron products or other non-oral iron treatments;
- If you have an allergy to Injectafer or any of its ingredients;
- If you do not have iron deficiency anemia;
- If you have, or previously have experienced iron overload, or if your body has difficulty using iron appropriately. Certain medical conditions such as liver disease may also make you more likely to develop iron overload;
- About all the medications you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements;
- If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Please notify your doctor or healthcare provider. They will decide if it is safe for you to take Injectafer;
- Iron may pass into your breast milk. Please tell your doctor if you breast feed or plan to breast feed

Please see additional Important Safety Information on pages 1 and 3.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

What are the possible side effects of Injectafer?

The side effects of Injectafer are infrequent, usually mild, and generally do not cause people receiving Injectafer to stop treatment. Common side effects include nausea, vomiting, pain, or bruising at the injection site, reddening of the skin, headache, dizziness, or a temporary rise in blood pressure. Injectafer may also cause a temporary decrease in phosphorus in your blood and an increase of certain liver enzymes. Potentially long-lasting brown staining of skin near the injection site may occur if Injectafer leaks out of the vein.

Serious side effects include rash, difficulty breathing, itching, rapid heartbeat, fever, chest discomfort, chills, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue, back pain, muscle aches, and fainting.

You should report any signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction to Injectafer. In particular, rashes, shortness of breath, and wheezing.

Iron is not easily eliminated from the body, and its build up may lead to a condition called iron overload, which may be harmful.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

To report side effects, contact American Regent at 1-800-734-9236 or E-mail: pv@luitpold.com or Fax: 1-610-650-0170.

You may also report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-332-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

The risk information provided here is not comprehensive. To learn more about Injectafer, talk with your healthcare provider or pharmacist. The FDA-approved product labeling can be found at www.injectafer.com/pdf/pi.pdf or call 1-800-645-1706.

Please see [Full Prescribing Information for Injectafer](#), including the bolded WARNING regarding hypersensitivity.



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