

PATIENT PACKAGE INSERT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PHARMACISTS' REGULATIONS (PREPARATIONS) – 1986
The medicine is dispensed with a doctor’s prescription only

For adults:

Remsima 100 mg IV is a biosimilar preparation. For further information on biosimilars, refer to the Ministry of Health website: https://www.health.gov.il/UnitsOffice/HD/MTI/Drugs/Registration/Pages/Biosimilars.aspx

Please note that the Ministry of Health has approved a once-only substitution between an original and a biosimilar medicine, and the reverse.

The doctor will provide you with an explanation about the medicine and the significance of the substitution. Any substitution of a biological medicine must be done by the attending doctor. The trade name of the medicine that appears in the prescription must be identical to the trade name that appears on the medicine package supplied to you at the pharmacy. In any case of doubt, refer to the pharmacist or the attending doctor.

For children:

Please note that it is important that every time you receive the medicine at the pharmacy, you ascertain that you are receiving the same medicine that was prescribed for you by the specialist doctor who treats you. If the medicine that you received appears different from that which you usually receive or if the instructions for use have changed, please refer immediately to the pharmacist to ensure that you have received the correct medicine. Any substitution or dosage change of a medicine containing infliximab (the active ingredient in the medicine) must only be done by the patient’s specialist doctor.

Please check that the trade name of the preparation that the specialist doctor wrote for you in the prescription is identical to the name of the medicine that you received from the pharmacist.

Name of the preparation, its form and strength

Remsima 100 mg IV

100 mg powder for preparation of concentrated solution for infusion

Active ingredient and its quantity

Infliximab 100 mg powder

Inactive and allergenic ingredients in the preparation – see section 6 “Further information”.

Read the leaflet carefully in its entirety before using the medicine. This leaflet contains concise information about the medicine. If you have further questions, refer to the doctor or pharmacist. In addition to the leaflet, Remsima 100 mg IV has a Patient Safety Information Card. This card contains important safety information, which you need to know before commencing and during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, and to act accordingly. Read the Patient Safety Information Card and the patient leaflet before beginning to use the preparation. Keep the card for further reference if needed.

This medicine has been prescribed for the treatment of your ailment. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if it seems to you that their ailment is similar.

1. WHAT IS THE MEDICINE INTENDED FOR?

Rheumatoid arthritis:

Remsima 100 mg IV, in combination with methotrexate, is intended to reduce signs and symptoms and to improve physical function in adult patients with active disease who did not respond adequately to DMARDs (**disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs**) including methotrexate. For adult patients with advanced, active and severe disease, who had not been previously treated with methotrexate or other DMARDs, a reduction was demonstrated in the rate of progression of joint damage, measured by x-ray in these populations.

Adult Crohn’s disease:

For the treatment of active moderate to severe Crohn’s disease in adult patients who did not respond to full and adequate therapy with corticosteroids and/or immunosuppressants; or who have an intolerance or contraindications to these therapies. For the treatment of active Crohn’s disease expressing with an abnormal connection between two organs that are not usually connected (fistulizing Crohn’s disease), in adult patients who did not respond to full and adequate conventional therapy (including antibiotics, drainage and immunosuppressive therapies).

Crohn’s disease in children:

For the treatment of severe active Crohn’s disease in children and adolescents aged 6-17 who did not respond to conventional therapy that includes corticosteroids, immunomodulators and primary nutrition therapy, or who have an intolerance or have a contraindication to these therapies. Infliximab has been assessed only in combination with conventional immunosuppressive therapy.

Ulcerative colitis:

For the treatment of active moderate to severe disease in adult patients with ulcerative colitis who did not respond adequately or who have intolerance or a contraindication to conventional therapy, including corticosteroids, 6-MP or AZA.

Ulcerative colitis in children:

For the treatment of active severe ulcerative colitis in children and adolescents aged 6-17 years who did not respond adequately or who have an intolerance or a contraindication to conventional therapy, including corticosteroids, 6-MP or AZA.

Ankylosing spondylitis:

For the treatment of active and severe ankylosing spondylitis in adult patients who did not respond adequately to conventional therapy.

Psoriatic arthritis:

For the treatment of active and advanced psoriatic arthritis in adults whose response to the previous DMARD (**disease-modifying antirheumatic drug**) treatment was inadequate. Remsima 100 mg IV is given in combination with methotrexate, or alone in patients who cannot tolerate methotrexate or who have a contraindication to this medicine. Infliximab showed an improvement in physical function in patients with psoriatic arthritis and reduced the rate of progression of the peripheral joint damage, measured by x-ray, in patients with the symmetrical polyarticular subtype of the disease.

Psoriasis:

For the treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in adults for whom other systemic therapy, including ciclosporin, methotrexate or PUVA, has failed, or who are intolerant or have a contraindication to these therapies. The active ingredient, infliximab, belongs to the group of immunosuppressants called TNF inhibitors. ATC code: L04AB02. Remsima 100 mg IV contains the active ingredient infliximab. Infliximab is a monoclonal antibody, a type of protein that attaches to a specific target in the body called TNF-α (tumour necrosis factor). Remsima 100 mg IV works by selectively attaching to TNF-α and blocking its action. TNF-α is involved in inflammatory processes of the body, so blocking it causes a reduction in the body’s inflammatory state.

Rheumatoid arthritis

Rheumatoid arthritis is an inflammatory disease of the joints. If you suffer from active rheumatoid arthritis, you will first be treated with other medicines. If these medicines do not work well enough, you will be given Remsima 100 mg IV, in combination with another medicine called methotrexate to:

- Reduce the signs and symptoms of the disease.
- Slow down the damage to joints.
- Improve physical function.

Crohn’s disease

Crohn’s disease is an inflammatory disease of the bowel. If you suffer from Crohn’s disease, you will first be treated with other medicines. If these medicines do not work well enough, you will be given Remsima 100 mg IV to:

- Treat active Crohn’s disease.
- Reduce the number of fistulae between the bowel and the skin that have not been successfully treated with other medicines or surgery.

Ulcerative colitis

Ulcerative colitis is an inflammatory disease of the bowel. If you suffer from ulcerative colitis, you will first be treated with other medicines. If these medicines do not work well enough, you will be given Remsima 100 mg IV to treat the disease.

Ankylosing spondylitis

Ankylosing spondylitis is an inflammatory disease of the spine. If you suffer from ankylosing spondylitis, you will first be treated with other medicines. If these medicines do not work well enough, you will be given Remsima 100 mg IV to:

- Reduce the signs and symptoms of the disease.
- Improve physical function.

Psoriatic arthritis

Psoriatic arthritis is an inflammatory disease of the joints, usually accompanied by psoriasis. If you suffer from active psoriatic arthritis, you will first be treated with other medicines. If these medicines do not work well enough, you will be given Remsima 100 mg IV to:

- Reduce the signs and symptoms of the disease.
- Slow down the damage to joints.
- Improve physical function.

psoriasis

Psoriasis is an inflammatory disease of the skin. If you suffer from moderate to severe psoriasis, you will first be treated with other medicines or treatment such as phototherapy. If these medicines or treatments do not work well enough, you will be given Remsima 100 mg IV to reduce the signs and symptoms of the disease.

2. BEFORE USING THE MEDICINE

Do not use the medicine if:

- You are allergic to infliximab or to any of the additional ingredients contained in the medicine. For the list of additional ingredients, see section 6 “Further information”.
- You are allergic to proteins that come from mice.
- You suffer from tuberculosis or another severe infection, such as pneumonia or sepsis.
- You suffer from moderate to severe heart failure.
- Do not use Remsima 100 mg IV if you suffer from any of the conditions detailed above. If you are uncertain, refer to the doctor before you receive Remsima 100 mg IV.

Special warnings regarding use of the medicine:

Before starting treatment with the Remsima 100 mg IV, tell the doctor if you are suffering from the following conditions:

You were treated in the past with any medicine that contains infliximab Tell your doctor if you have received treatment with medicines containing infliximab in the past and are now starting Remsima 100 mg IV treatment again.

If you have had a break of more than 16 weeks in your treatment with medicines containing infliximab, there is a higher risk for allergic reactions when you start the treatment again.

Infections

- Before starting treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, tell the doctor if you suffer from any infection, even if the infection is very mild.
- Before starting treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, tell the doctor if you have ever lived or travelled in an area where the following infections are common: histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, or blastomycosis. These infections are caused by specific types of fungi that may harm the lungs or other parts of the body.
- You may get infections more easily while under treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV. If you are 65 years of age or older, you are at higher risk.
- These infections may be serious and include tuberculosis, infections caused by viruses, fungi, bacteria, or other organisms in the environment, and sepsis that may be life-threatening.

Tell the doctor immediately if you suffer from signs of infection during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, such as fever, cough, flu-like signs, general unwell feeling, hot or red skin, sores or dental problems. The doctor may recommend temporarily stopping treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV.

Tuberculosis

It is very important that you tell your doctor if you have ever suffered from tuberculosis, or if you have been in close contact with someone who has or has had tuberculosis.

The doctor will check you to see if you have tuberculosis. Cases of tuberculosis have been reported in patients treated with infliximab, even in patients who have already been treated with medicines for tuberculosis. The doctor will record the results of the tests on your Patient Safety Information Card.

- If your doctor suspects that you are at risk for tuberculosis, you may be treated with anti-tuberculosis medicines before you start using Remsima 100 mg IV.

Report to the doctor immediately if you get signs of tuberculosis during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV. These signs include persistent cough, weight loss, tiredness, fever, night sweats.

Hepatitis B virus

- Before starting treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, tell your doctor if you are a carrier of hepatitis B or if you have ever had it in the past.
- Tell your doctor if you think you might be at risk of contracting hepatitis B.
- Your doctor should test you for the presence of hepatitis B.
- Treatment with TNF blockers such as Remsima 100 mg IV may result in reactivation of hepatitis B virus in patients who carry this virus, which may be life-threatening in some cases.

Heart problems

- Tell the doctor if you suffer from any heart problems, such as mild heart failure.
- The doctor will want to closely monitor your heart function.

Report to the doctor immediately if you experience new symptoms or worsening of existing symptoms of heart failure during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV. These symptoms include shortness of breath or swelling of the legs.

Cancer and lymphoma

- Before starting treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, tell your doctor if you have or have ever had lymphoma (a type of blood cancer) or any other type of cancer.
- Patients suffering from severe rheumatoid arthritis, who have suffered from it for a long time, may be at higher risk for developing lymphoma.
- Children and adults taking Remsima 100 mg IV may be at an increased risk of developing lymphoma or another type of cancer.
- Some patients who received TNF blockers, including infliximab, developed a rare type of cancer called hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma. Of these patients, most were teenage boys or young men and most had either Crohn’s disease or ulcerative colitis. This type of cancer has usually resulted in death. Almost all patients had also received medicines containing azathioprine or 6-mercaptopurine in addition to the TNF blockers.
- Some patients treated with infliximab developed certain kinds of skin cancer. If you notice any changes of the skin or growths on the skin during or after the treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, report to your doctor.
- Some female patients who were treated for rheumatoid arthritis with infliximab developed cervical cancer. For women taking Remsima 100 mg IV, including those over 60 years of age, the doctor may recommend being examined regularly for cervical cancer.

Lung diseases or heavy smoking

- Before starting treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, tell your doctor if you suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or if you are a heavy smoker.
- Patients suffering from COPD or who are heavy smokers have a higher risk of developing cancer with Remsima 100 mg IV treatment.

Diseases of the nervous system

- Before starting treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, tell your doctor if you are suffering, or have suffered in the past, from problems that affect the nervous system. These problems include multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, if you suffer from seizures or have been diagnosed with optic neuritis.

Tell the doctor immediately if you develop symptoms of neurological disease during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV. Signs include vision change, weakness in the arms and legs, numbness or tingling in any part of the body.

Fistulae in the skin

Before starting treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, tell the doctor if you are suffering from fistulae in the skin.

Vaccinations

- Tell your doctor if you have recently had or are due to get a vaccination.
- You should receive recommended vaccinations before starting Remsima 100 mg IV treatment. You can receive some vaccines during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV, but you should not receive live vaccines (vaccines that contain a living but weakened infectious agent) while using Remsima 100 mg IV, because they can cause infection.
- If you received Remsima 100 mg IV during pregnancy, your baby may also be at higher risk for getting an infection resulting from a live vaccine up to six months after birth. It is important that you tell your baby’s doctor and other healthcare professionals that you used Remsima 100 mg IV during pregnancy so they can decide when your baby should receive any vaccine, including live vaccines such as BCG (used to prevent tuberculosis).
- If you are breastfeeding, it is important that you tell your baby’s doctor and other healthcare professionals before your baby receives any vaccination that you are being treated with Remsima 100 mg IV. For more information, see section “Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility”.

Treatment with infectious agents

Talk to your doctor if you have recently received or are scheduled to receive treatment with an infectious agent (such as Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) for the treatment of cancer).

Operations or dental procedures

- Tell your doctor if you are due to undergo any operation or dental procedure.
- Tell the surgeon or dentist that you are being treated with Remsima 100 mg IV and show them the Remsima 100 mg IV Patient Safety Information Card.

Liver problems

Some patients receiving infliximab developed serious liver problems. Tell your doctor immediately if you notice symptoms of liver problems during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV. These symptoms include yellowing of the skin and eyes, dark brown-colored urine, pain or swelling in the upper right side of the abdominal area, joint pain, skin rash or fever.

Low blood count

In some patients receiving infliximab, the body may not produce enough of the blood cells that help fight infections or stop bleeding.

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice symptoms of low blood count during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV. Signs include persistent fever, bleeding, a tendency to bruise more easily, small red or purple spots caused by bleeding under the skin or pallor.

Problems in the immune system

Some patients receiving infliximab developed symptoms of an immune system problem called lupus.

Tell your doctor immediately if you develop symptoms of lupus during treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV. These signs include joint pain, rash on the cheeks or arms that is sensitive to the sun.

Children and adolescents

The information above also applies to children and adolescents. In addition:

- There have been cases of children and adolescents who received TNF blockers such as infliximab and developed types of cancer, including unusual types, which sometimes resulted in death.
- As compared to adults, more children being treated with infliximab developed infections.

- Children should be given recommended vaccinations before starting treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV.

Children may receive some vaccines during the course of treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV but may not receive live vaccines during the treatment. If you are not sure whether one or more of the above-described applies to you, speak with your doctor before using Remsima 100 mg IV.

Drug interactions

If you are taking, or have recently taken, other medicines, including non-prescription medicines and nutritional supplements, tell the doctor or pharmacist. In particular, inform the doctor or pharmacist if you are taking:

Other medicines that you use or have recently used to treat Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis or psoriasis, and particularly if you are taking:

- Medicines that affect the immune system.
- Kineret (anakinra). Do not use Remsima 100 mg IV together with Kineret.
- Orencia (abatacept). Do not use Remsima 100 mg IV together with Orencia.

While using Remsima 100 mg IV, you should not receive live vaccines. If you were using Remsima 100 mg IV during pregnancy or if you are being treated with Remsima 100 mg IV while breastfeeding, inform the baby’s doctor or other healthcare professionals caring for your baby about your Remsima 100 mg IV use before the baby receives any vaccine. If you are not sure whether the above applies to you, consult with a doctor or pharmacist before using Remsima 100 mg IV.

Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility

- Consult with a doctor before using Remsima 100 mg IV if you are pregnant, breastfeeding, think you are pregnant or are planning pregnancy. Remsima 100 mg IV may only be used during pregnancy or when breastfeeding if the doctor considers that it is necessary for you.
- You should avoid getting pregnant while using Remsima 100 mg IV and for 6 months after stopping the treatment. Consult with your doctor regarding the use of contraception during this time.
- If you received Remsima 100 mg IV during pregnancy, your baby may be at higher risk for getting an infection.
- It is important that you tell your baby’s doctor and other healthcare professionals that you used Remsima 100 mg IV during pregnancy before your baby receives any vaccine. If you received Remsima 100 mg IV while you were pregnant, giving your baby BCG vaccine (used to prevent tuberculosis) within 6 months of birth may cause an infection with serious complications, including death. Live vaccines such as BCG should not be given to your baby within 6 months of birth (for more information see section “Vaccinations”).
- If you are breastfeeding, tell your baby’s doctor and other healthcare professionals that you are being treated with Remsima 100 mg IV before your baby receives any vaccine.
- Severely decreased numbers of white blood cells have been reported in infants born to mothers who were treated with infliximab during pregnancy. If your baby suffers from persistent fever or persistent infections, contact your baby’s attending doctor immediately.

Driving and operating machinery

It is unlikely that Remsima 100 mg IV will affect the ability to drive, use tools or operate machinery. If you feel tired, dizzy or do not feel well after receiving Remsima 100 mg IV, do not drive, do not use tools and do not operate machinery.

Important information about some of the ingredients of the medicine Remsima 100 mg IV contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, meaning that it is essentially “sodium-free”. However, before Remsima 100 mg IV is given to you, it is diluted in a solution that contains sodium. If you are on a low-sodium diet, consult with the doctor.

3. HOW SHOULD YOU USE THE MEDICINE?

Always use the preparation according to the doctor’s instructions. Check with the doctor or pharmacist if you are uncertain about the dosage and treatment regimen of the preparation.

- Remsima 100 mg IV will be given to you by a doctor or nurse, in a hospital or clinic.
- Your doctor or nurse will prepare the solution of the preparation for infusion.
- The Remsima 100 mg IV solution will be injected slowly by infusion (a drip) (over two hours) into one of your veins, usually in the arm. After the third treatment, the doctor may decide to administer the solution over one hour only.
- You will remain under medical supervision during administration of Remsima 100 mg IV and for one to two hours afterwards.
- Your doctor will determine the dosage (in mg) and the frequency of treatment in accordance with your illness, weight and response to Remsima 100 mg IV.

Do not exceed the recommended dose.

Do not swallow.

Adhere to the treatment regimen as recommended by the doctor. Even if there is an improvement in your health, do not stop treatment with the medicine without consulting the doctor.

Use in children

Remsima 100 mg IV may only be given to children for the treatment of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis. These children must be 6 years of age or older.

If you received too high a dosage of Remsima 100 mg IV

Since the medicine is given to you by a nurse or doctor, it is not likely that you will receive too high a dosage of the medicine. There are no known side effects associated with administration of too high a dosage of Remsima 100 mg IV.

If you forgot or missed a Remsima 100 mg IV infusion

If you forgot or missed an appointment scheduled for you to receive Remsima 100 mg IV, make a new appointment as soon as possible.

Do not take medicines in the dark! Check the label and the dose each time you take medicine. Wear glasses if you need them. **If you have further questions regarding use of the medicine, consult the doctor or pharmacist.**

4. SIDE EFFECTS

As with any medicine, use of Remsima 100 mg IV may cause side effects in some users. Do not be alarmed when reading the list of side effects. You may not suffer from any of them. Most of the side effects are mild to moderate. Some patients may suffer serious side effects and may need treatment. Side effects may occur even after discontinuation of treatment with Remsima 100 mg IV.

Refer to the doctor immediately if you notice any of the following:

- Signs of an allergic reaction:** such as swelling of the face, lips, mouth or throat that may cause difficulty swallowing or breathing, skin rash, hives (urticaria – a local itchy red skin rash), swelling of the hands, legs or ankles. Some of these reactions may be serious or life-threatening. An allergic reaction can occur within two hours of your injection or later. Additional symptoms of an allergic reaction that may occur up to 12 days after receiving the injection include muscle pain, fever, jaw or joint pain, sore throat or headache.
- Signs of heart problems:** such as chest discomfort or pain, arm pain, abdominal pain, shortness of breath, anxiety, lightheadedness, dizziness, fainting, sweating, nausea (feeling sick), vomiting, fluttering or pounding sensation in the chest, a slow or a fast heartbeat, and swelling of the legs.
- Signs of infection (including tuberculosis):** such as fever, tiredness, cough (which may be persistent), shortness of breath, flu-like symptoms, weight loss, night sweats, diarrhea, sores, collection of pus in the intestines or around the anus (abscess), dental problems or a burning sensation when passing urine.
- Possible signs of cancer:** including, but not limited to, swelling of lymph nodes, weight loss, fever, abnormal lumps on the skin, changes in moles or skin coloring, unusual vaginal bleeding.
- Signs of lung problems:** such as cough, breathing difficulties or tightness in the chest.
- Signs of nervous system problems (including eye problems):** such as signs of a stroke (sudden numbness or weakness of the face, hands or legs, especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, trouble seeing in one or both eyes, trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination or a severe headache), convulsions, tingling/numbness in various parts of the body or weakness in the arms or legs, changes in eyesight, such as double vision or other eye problems.
- Signs of liver problems (including hepatitis B, if you have had hepatitis B in the past):** such as yellowing of the skin and eyes, dark brown-colored urine, pain or swelling in the upper right side of the abdomen, joint pain, skin rash or fever.
- Signs of an immune system disorder:** such as joint pain or a rash on the cheeks or arms that is sensitive to the sun (lupus) or cough, shortness of breath, fever or skin rash (sarcoidosis).
- Signs of low blood counts:** such as persistent fever, bleeding and bruising more easily, red or purple spots caused by bleeding under the skin or pallor.
- Signs of serious skin problems:** such as reddish target-like spots or circular patches, often with central blisters on the body, large areas of peeling skin, ulcers of mouth, throat, nose, genitals and eyes or small pus-filled bumps that can be spread over the body. These skin reactions may be accompanied by fever.

Very common side effects – effects that occur in more than 1 user in 10: Abdominal pain, nausea

Viral infection, such as herpes or flu
Upper respiratory tract infection, such as sinusitis
Headache
Side effects due to the infusion
Pain
Common side effects – effects that occur in 1-10 in 100 users: Changes in liver function, increase in liver enzymes (diagnosed in blood tests)

Lung or chest infection, such as bronchitis or pneumonia
Difficulty breathing or pain when breathing, chest pain
Bleeding in the stomach or intestine, diarrhea, digestive problems, heartburn, constipation
Hives, itchy rash or dry skin
Problems with balance or feeling dizzy
Fever, increased sweating
Blood flow problems, such as low or high blood pressure
Tendency to bruise, hot flashes or nosebleed, warm skin, red skin (flushing)
Feeling tired or weak
Bacterial infection, such as sepsis, abscess or skin infection (cellulitis)
Infection of the skin caused by fungi
Blood problems, such as anemia or low white blood cell count
Swelling of the lymph nodes
Depression, sleep problems
Eye problems, including red eyes and infections
Rapid heartbeat or palpitations
Joint, muscle and back pain
Urinary tract infection
Psoriasis, skin problems, such as eczema and hair loss
Reactions at the injection site, such as pain, swelling, redness and itching
Chills, accumulation of fluids under the skin causing swelling
Feeling numb or having a tingling feeling
Uncommon side effects – effects that occur in 1-10 in 1,000 users: Shortage of blood supply, swelling of the veins
Accumulation of blood outside of the blood vessels (hematoma), tendency to bruise

Skin problems, such as blisters, warts, unusual skin coloration or pigmentation, or swollen lips, or thickening of the skin, or red skin with hard scaling and soft scaling
Severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis), an immune system disorder called lupus, allergic reaction to foreign proteins
A longer wound healing time
Swelling of the liver (hepatitis) or gallbladder, liver damage
Forgetfulness, nervousness, irritability, confusion
Eye problems including blurred vision, reduced vision, puffy eyes or a stye
New heart failure or worsening of existing heart failure, slow heart rate
Fainting

Convulsions, neurological problems
A hole in the bowel or blockage of the intestine, abdominal pain or cramps
Swelling of the pancreas (pancreatitis)
Fungal infection, such as yeast or fungal infection of the nails
Lung problems (such as edema)
Fluid around the lung
Narrowed airways in the lungs causing breathing difficulties
Inflammation of the internal lung tissue, causing sharp chest pains that are aggravated with breathing (pleurisy)
Tuberculosis
Kidney infection
Low platelet count, too many white blood cells
Vaginal infection
Blood test results showing autoantibodies
Changes in blood cholesterol and fat levels

Rare side effects – effects that occur in 1-10 in 10,000 users:

A type of blood cancer (lymphoma)
Deficient or reduced oxygen supply to the body via the blood circulation, circulation problems, such as narrowing of blood vessels

Meningitis

Infection due to weakening of the immune system
Hepatitis B infection, if you have had such an inflammation in the past
Inflamed liver caused by a problem with the immune system (autoimmune hepatitis)

Liver problem that causes yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice)
Unusual tissue swelling or growth
Severe allergic reaction that may cause loss of consciousness and could be life-threatening (anaphylactic shock)
Swelling of small blood vessels (vasculitis)
Problems of the immune system that could affect the lungs, skin and lymph nodes (such as sarcoidosis)
Accumulation of immune cells resulting from an inflammatory response (granulomatous lesions)
Lack of interest or emotion
Severe skin problems, such as toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome and acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis

Other skin problems, such as erythema multiforme, lichenoid reactions (itchy reddish-purple skin rash and/or threadlike white-gray lines on mucous membranes), blisters and peeling skin or boils (furunculosis)
Serious nervous system problems, such as multiple sclerosis-like disease, transverse myelitis, optic neuritis, Guillain-Barré syndrome
Inflammation in the eyes that may cause changes in vision, including blindness

Fluid in the lining of the heart (pericardial effusion)
Serious lung problems (such as interstitial lung disease)
Melanoma (a type of skin cancer)
Cervical cancer

Low blood count, including a severely decreased number of white blood cells

Red or purple spots caused by bleeding under the skin
Abnormal values of blood proteins called ‘complement factor’, which is part of the immune system
Side effects of unknown frequency (effects whose