What is ferinject?  
  
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<strong>What FERINJECT is given for:</strong>

FERINJECT is given for the treatment of patients with iron deficiency, when oral iron preparations are ineffective or cannot be used. The aim of the therapy is to replenish the body iron stores and to remedy anaemia, a reduced level of haemoglobin due to iron deficiency. It is also used when there is a clinical need to deliver iron rapidly.<br><br>

Before administration, your doctor will perform a blood test to calculate the dose of FERINJECT you require.<br><br>

<strong>Before you are given FERINJECT</strong><br><br>

When you must not be given FERINJECT:<br>

* If you are hypersensitive (allergic) to ferric carboxymaltose or any of the other ingredients in FERINJECT,<br>
* If you have anaemia <strong>not</strong> caused by iron deficiency,<br>
* If you have iron overload (too much iron in your body) or disturbances in utilization of iron.<br><br>

<strong>You must tell your doctor if:</strong><br>

* If you are under the age of 14 years, <br>
* You have an infection, asthma, eczemas, allergies or liver disorders.<br>
* You are pregnant or breastfeeding.<br>
* If you have or have had low levels of phosphate in the blood. <br><br>

<strong>You should be aware that:</strong><br><br>

Intravenous iron preparations can cause severe allergic reactions. These allergic reactions may include chest pain. Tell your doctor immediately if you experience it.<br><br>

<strong>How FERINJECT is given</strong>

Your doctor can administer FERINJECT by three possible routes: <br>

Undiluted by injection, <br>

During haemodialyis, <br>

Or diluted by infusion. <br><br>

By injection, you may receive up to 20 mL of FERINJECT, corresponding to 1000mg of iron, once a week directly into the vein. <br><br>

Your doctorwill take responsibility for determining the appropriate dose and choosing the method, frequency, and duration of your treatment. <br>

You may be re-assessed after 4 weeks to determine whether you need more FERINJECT injections. <br>

FERINJECT will be administered in a setting where possible allergic reactions can receive appropriate and prompt treatment. <br><br>

You will be observed for about 30 minutes by your doctor or nurse after each administration. <br><br>

<strong>Possible Unwated Effects</strong><br><br>

Like all medicines, FERINJECT can cause unwanted effects, although not everybody gets them. <br>

Clinical studies experience reported sude effects are either common (occurring in less than 1 in 10 and more than 1 in 100 patients) or uncommon (occurring in less than 1 in 100 and more than 1 in 1000 patients). <br>

The following symptoms were common:<br>

* Headache<br>
* Dizziness<br>
* High blood pressure<br>
* Nausea<br>
* Injection/infusion site reactions<br>
* Low blood phosphate levels.

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