



ETANERCEPT Generic Name



Brand Names: Enbrel Injection

WHAT IS IT?

Etanercept is an injectable drug used to treat certain autoimmune conditions (diseases where the body's natural defense system attacks itself), such as rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis, and chronic plaque psoriasis. Etanercept suppresses the immune system by interfering with a biologic response mediator called tumor necrosis factor alpha, or TNF- α , that causes inflammation.

Etanercept is a liquid drug that comes in prefilled syringes and dosing pens. Each syringe/pen will be used only once, injecting all the solution. Syringes/pens should be disposed in a puncture-resistant container.

DO's

- Store Etanercept injection in the refrigerator away from light; but do not freeze.
- Keep all appointments with your doctor and lab.
- Drink plenty of fluids daily
- Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medications (prescription and non-prescription) including: over-the-counter drugs and natural remedies.

DON'Ts

- Do not use if you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or are trying to become pregnant
- Do not use if your body is fighting off an infection
- Do not use if you are having surgery, including dental surgery
- Do not receive any vaccinations without talking to your doctor first.
- Do not use if you are experiencing an allergic reaction to the drug

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

Redness, itching, bruising, pain, or swelling at the injection site; nausea; headache; vomiting; heartburn; stomach pain; weakness; cough.



DOSING

50 mg injected subcutaneously once every week. Etanercept is administered subcutaneously (in the fatty tissue just under the skin) once every week.

MY DOSE: _____ mg once every week.

_____ will inject _____ mg subcutaneously _____ times every week.