

## Intravenous (IV) Iron

This leaflet contains important information about the possible risk of serious allergic reactions with iron treatment given by injection or infusion into a vein.

Iron treatment includes ferric carboxymaltose iron dextran, iron isomaltoside 1000 and iron sucrose.

Please read this leaflet carefully and discuss any questions you may have with your Doctor or Midwife. You should also read the patient information leaflet that comes with the particular IV iron treatment that you have been prescribed.

IV iron is used to treat iron deficiency when iron preparations taken by mouth have not worked or cannot be used. The aim of iron treatment is to replenish the body's iron stores.

IV iron can cause allergic reactions. In a small number of cases these allergic reactions can become severe or life threatening (known as anaphylactic reactions) and can cause problems with your heart and blood pressure and/or can cause you to faint or lose consciousness.

### **You should not be prescribed or given IV iron if:**

- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to the product or any of the other ingredients
- You have experienced serious allergic (hypersensitive) reactions to other iron treatments in the past (It is important to know that a reaction can still happen even if you have not had any problems in the past with IV iron)
- You have iron overload (too much iron in your body)
- Your anaemia is not caused by iron deficiency.

### **You may have an increased risk of having an allergic reaction if you have:**

- Known allergies including drug allergies
- A history of severe asthma, eczema or other allergies (for example dust, pollen, pet dander) or
- Immune or inflammatory conditions (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis, lupus erythematosus).

### **You should tell your Doctor or Midwife before they prescribe or give you IV iron if you have any of these allergies or conditions.**

Your Doctor will decide whether IV iron is suitable for you.

### **You should let the Doctor or Midwife know immediately if you have any signs or symptoms of allergic reaction during or shortly after treatment with IV iron.**

Examples of reactions are:

- hives or rash
- itching
- dizziness
- light-headedness
- swelling of the lips, tongue, throat or body
- difficulty breathing
- shortness of breath or wheezing.

Your Doctor and Midwife are aware of the possible side effects and you will be monitored during and after you receive IV iron.

If you experience any side effects, either mentioned above or not listed, it helps manufacturers to produce safety information if they are reported. This can be done via the Yellow Card Scheme. Talk to your Doctor or Midwife or go directly to [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)

This information is available in audio, Braille, large print and other languages. To request a copy, please ask your Midwife.

