Rabies Immune Globulin, human RIG solution for injection

MEDICATION GUIDE

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What is this medicine?

RABIES IMMUNE GLOBULIN (ray BEES im MYOON GLOB yoo lin) is used to prevent rabies infection. Rabies is mostly a disease of animals. Humans may get rabies if they are bitten by animals that have rabies. This medicine is given to someone after they have been exposed.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?

This medicine is for injection into the area around a wound or into a muscle. It is given by a health care professional in a hospital or clinic setting.

A copy of Vaccine Information Statements will be given. Read this sheet carefully each time. The sheet may change frequently.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. While this drug may be prescribed for children and infants, precautions do apply.

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NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What if I miss a dose?

This does not apply.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions:

• Bleeding disorder
• IgA deficiency
• Recently received or scheduled to receive a vaccine
• Take medicines that treat or prevent blood clots
• An unusual or allergic reaction to immune globulin, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?

• Live virus vaccines

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:

• Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (Report these to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome.):

• Fever
• Headache
• Pain, redness, swelling, or irritation at site where injected

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.
What should I watch for while using this medicine?

This medicine can decrease the response to a vaccine. If you need to get vaccinated, tell your healthcare professional if you have received this medicine within the last 4 months. Extra booster doses may be needed. Talk to your doctor to see if a different vaccination schedule is needed.

This medicine contains products from human blood. It may be possible to pass an infection in this medicine, but no cases have been reported. Talk to your doctor about the risks and benefits of this medicine.

Your condition will be monitored carefully while you are receiving this medicine.

Where should I keep my medicine?

This drug is given in a hospital or clinic and will not be stored at home.

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