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Home Healthcare

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Why is Bupa Home Healthcare providing my treatment at home?

Bupa Home Healthcare has been caring for patients since 1975, which makes us the most experienced provider of out-of-hospital healthcare in the UK. Our commitment is to ensure patients receive high quality care in the convenience of their own home.

Your consultant or hospital team has arranged for us to provide your treatment at home. As part of the referral, your consultant will have asked you to sign a consent form to allow us to see your medical records.

Our aim is to give you the highest quality of service and support and remove as much stress and worry from you and your family as possible. Your patient co-ordinator is on hand to answer any queries you have concerning our service.

Also, please remember that your consultant or GP will continue to have overall clinical responsibility for your care. With this in mind, you should continue to contact them with questions about your treatment, or to discuss any health problems.

Your patient co-ordinator

Our dedicated co-ordination team is there to answer any questions you may have about your home treatment and will contact you shortly to schedule the delivery of your medication and your nurse visits on a convenient day and time for you.

What to do when your medication arrives

Your medication has been prescribed specifically for you and will be delivered to you by a Bupa Home Healthcare delivery driver on an agreed date.

- Once you have received your delivery, please store your medication in your fridge immediately
- Please ensure that you keep your medication out of sight and reach of children and animals
- A sharps bin will be provided to you with your first delivery for the disposal of your syringes
- A patient support information pack relating to your medication will be provided with your first delivery

Your treatment

Your medication Orenzia®, also known as abatacept is administered by subcutaneous injection (an injection under the skin).

It is a weekly injection and your deliveries will contain enough supply for 4 weeks use or administration. The deliveries will be arranged between you and your co-ordinator. **Please ensure that you keep your medication refrigerated and out of sight and reach of children and animals.**

Your consultant or GP may decide that a nurse training visit is necessary for you to be able to self-administer. If this is the case, your co-ordinator will schedule the nurse training visit(s) in conjunction with your first homecare delivery. This training can also be provided to anyone who will help you with your injections. You should not attempt to inject your medication until you have received this training and feel confident about the procedure.

After your treatment

You will need to dispose of the pre-filled syringe in the sharps bin provided. When your next monthly delivery takes place the Bupa Home Healthcare driver will collect your sharps bin and will replace it.

If you feel unwell at any time, please contact us on: 0845 8888 235.

Side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The most common side effects with Orenzia (abatacept) are infections of the upper airway (including infections of the nose and throat), headache and nausea. Orenzia (abatacept) can cause serious side effects, which may need treatment, which include serious infections, malignancies (cancer) and allergic reactions.

For further information on possible side effects please refer to the patient information within your pack.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Your primary contact is your patient co-ordinator, who can help you with any queries about Bupa Home Healthcare's service. They can be contacted on: **0845 8888 235**

Email: biologics@bupahomehealthcare.com

Web: www.bupahomehealthcare.com

Our office hours are Monday to Friday from 9am - 5.30pm.

For urgent enquiries outside office hours please contact our Out-of-hours advice line on: 0800 326 5465

If you have any health related questions or urgent concerns, please speak to your hospital consultant or GP responsible for your care.

