Venofer® Iron Sucrose Injection

Why do I need an iron sucrose injection?

• If your body is not getting enough oxygen because you don’t have enough iron, you may feel tired or short of breath. This is called anemia.

• Iron sucrose (Venofer®) is an injectable form of iron that helps your body make hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is found in your red blood cells. When there is not enough iron, red blood cells don’t have enough hemoglobin to carry oxygen throughout your body.

Do not take this medication if you have had an allergic reaction to iron sucrose. Please tell us if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you have low blood pressure.

How do I take Venofer®?

• Health care staff will give you Venofer® through an intravenous (IV) needle placed in a vein.

• You may have a little discomfort or a lump under your skin after the needle is placed, but this will go away soon.

• The injection will take approximately 1 hour.

• We will ask you to stay for about 30 minutes after your injection, so we can check for any side effects or signs of an allergic reaction to the medication.

• You may need to have a blood test to check your iron levels and to make sure the medication is working.

Are there any side effects?

Possible side effects include:

› headache
› dizziness or feeling faint
› feeling tired
› nausea (feeling sick to your stomach)
› throwing up
› diarrhea
› muscle cramps

Tell staff right away if you have any signs of an allergic reaction:

› itching or a rash
› swelling in your face, hands, or mouth
› chills
› trouble breathing
› chest pain or tightness

What are your questions? Please ask. We are here to help you.

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