

Venofer[®] Iron Sucrose Injection

Why do I need an iron sucrose injection (Venofer[®])?

- If you do not have enough iron in your blood, your red blood cells will not have enough hemoglobin. Hemoglobin carries oxygen throughout your body.
- When you do not have enough hemoglobin, your body may have trouble getting enough oxygen. This may cause you to feel tired or short of breath. This is called anemia.
- Iron sucrose (Venofer[®]) is an injectable (given by a needle in your arm) form of iron that helps your body make hemoglobin.

Do not take this medication if you have had an allergic reaction to iron sucrose.

Before starting Venofer[®], tell your health care team if you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or have low blood pressure.

How do I take Venofer[®]?

- Health care staff will give you Venofer[®] through an intravenous (IV) injection.
- You may have discomfort or a lump under your skin after the needle is inserted (put in), but this will go away in 1 to 2 days.
- The injection will take about 2 hours.
- After getting Venofer[®], you may need a blood test to check if the injection helped to raise your iron levels. Your health care provider will tell you when you need to get this blood test done.
- Your health care provider will let you know if you may need to buy this medication at your local pharmacy and bring it with you to your appointment.

What are the possible side effects?

Possible side effects include:

- › Headache
- › Dizziness or feeling faint
- › Feeling tired
- › Nausea (feeling sick to your stomach)
- › Vomiting (throwing up)
- › Diarrhea (loose, watery poop)
- › Muscle cramps

Tell your health care provider 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

If you have any of these signs at home, call 911 right away.

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