

1 **REMICADE®**
2 **(infliximab)**
3 **for IV Injection**
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6 **WARNING**
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8 **RISK OF INFECTIONS**
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10 **TUBERCULOSIS (FREQUENTLY DISSEMINATED OR EXTRAPULMONARY AT**
11 **CLINICAL PRESENTATION), INVASIVE FUNGAL INFECTIONS, AND OTHER**
12 **OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS, HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN PATIENTS**
13 **RECEIVING REMICADE. SOME OF THESE INFECTIONS HAVE BEEN FATAL (SEE**
14 **WARNINGS). ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH A**
15 **REACTIVE TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST REDUCES THE RISK OF TB**
16 **REACTIVATION IN PATIENTS RECEIVING TREATMENT WITH REMICADE.**
17 **HOWEVER, ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS HAS DEVELOPED IN PATIENTS**
18 **RECEIVING REMICADE WHO WERE TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST NEGATIVE**
19 **PRIOR TO RECEIVING REMICADE.**

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21 **PATIENTS SHOULD BE EVALUATED FOR LATENT TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION**
22 **WITH A TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST.¹ TREATMENT OF LATENT TUBERCULOSIS**
23 **INFECTION SHOULD BE INITIATED PRIOR TO THERAPY WITH REMICADE.**
24 **PHYSICIANS SHOULD MONITOR PATIENTS RECEIVING REMICADE FOR SIGNS**
25 **AND SYMPTOMS OF ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS, INCLUDING PATIENTS WHO ARE**
26 **TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST NEGATIVE.**
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30 **DESCRIPTION**
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32 REMICADE® is a chimeric IgG1κ monoclonal antibody with an approximate molecular weight
33 of 149,100 daltons. It is composed of human constant and murine variable regions. Infliximab
34 binds specifically to human tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNFα) with an association constant of
35 10^{10} M^{-1} . Infliximab is produced by a recombinant cell line cultured by continuous perfusion and
36 is purified by a series of steps that includes measures to inactivate and remove viruses.
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38 REMICADE is supplied as a sterile, white, lyophilized powder for intravenous infusion.
39 Following reconstitution with 10 mL of Sterile Water for Injection, USP, the resulting pH is
40 approximately 7.2. Each single-use vial contains 100 mg infliximab, 500 mg sucrose, 0.5 mg
41 polysorbate 80, 2.2 mg monobasic sodium phosphate, monohydrate, and 6.1 mg dibasic sodium
42 phosphate, dihydrate. No preservatives are present.

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44 **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

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46 **General**

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48 Infliximab neutralizes the biological activity of TNF α by binding with high affinity to the
49 soluble and transmembrane forms of TNF α and inhibits binding of TNF α with its receptors.^{2,3}
50 Infliximab does not neutralize TNF β (lymphotoxin α), a related cytokine that utilizes the same
51 receptors as TNF α . Biological activities attributed to TNF α include: induction of pro-
52 inflammatory cytokines such as interleukins (IL) 1 and 6, enhancement of leukocyte migration
53 by increasing endothelial layer permeability and expression of adhesion molecules by endothelial
54 cells and leukocytes, activation of neutrophil and eosinophil functional activity, induction of
55 acute phase reactants and other liver proteins, as well as tissue degrading enzymes produced by
56 synoviocytes and/or chondrocytes. Cells expressing transmembrane TNF α bound by infliximab
57 can be lysed *in vitro*³ or *in vivo*.⁴ Infliximab inhibits the functional activity of TNF α in a wide
58 variety of *in vitro* bioassays utilizing human fibroblasts, endothelial cells, neutrophils, B and T
59 lymphocytes and epithelial cells. Anti-TNF α antibodies reduce disease activity in the cotton-top
60 tamarin colitis model, and decrease synovitis and joint erosions in a murine model of collagen-
61 induced arthritis. Infliximab prevents disease in transgenic mice that develop polyarthritis as a
62 result of constitutive expression of human TNF α , and when administered after disease onset,
63 allows eroded joints to heal.

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65 **Pharmacodynamics**

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67 Elevated concentrations of TNF α have been found in involved tissues and fluids of patients with
68 rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis. In
69 rheumatoid arthritis, treatment with REMICADE reduced infiltration of inflammatory cells into
70 inflamed areas of the joint as well as expression of molecules mediating cellular adhesion [E-
71 selectin, intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1) and vascular cell adhesion molecule-1
72 (VCAM-1)], chemoattraction [IL-8 and monocyte chemotactic protein (MCP-1)] and tissue
73 degradation [matrix metalloproteinase (MMP) 1 and 3]. In Crohn's disease, treatment with
74 REMICADE reduced infiltration of inflammatory cells and TNF α production in inflamed areas
75 of the intestine, and reduced the proportion of mononuclear cells from the lamina propria able to
76 express TNF α and interferon. After treatment with REMICADE, patients with rheumatoid
77 arthritis or Crohn's disease exhibited decreased levels of serum IL-6 and C-reactive protein
78 (CRP) compared to baseline. Peripheral blood lymphocytes from REMICADE-treated patients
79 showed no significant decrease in number or in proliferative responses to *in vitro* mitogenic
80 stimulation when compared to cells from untreated patients. In psoriatic arthritis, treatment with
81 REMICADE resulted in a reduction in the number of T-cells and blood vessels in the synovium
82 and psoriatic skin as well as a reduction of macrophages in the synovium. The relationship
83 between these pharmacodynamic activities and the mechanism(s) by which REMICADE exerts
84 its clinical effects is unknown.

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86 **Pharmacokinetics**

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88 Single intravenous (IV) infusions of 3 mg/kg to 20 mg/kg showed a linear relationship between
89 the dose administered and the maximum serum concentration. The volume of distribution at

90 steady state was independent of dose and indicated that infliximab was distributed primarily
91 within the vascular compartment. Median pharmacokinetic results for doses of 3 mg/kg to
92 10 mg/kg in rheumatoid arthritis and 5 mg/kg in Crohn's disease indicate that the terminal half-
93 life of infliximab is 8.0 to 9.5 days.

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95 Following an initial dose of REMICADE, repeated infusions at 2 and 6 weeks resulted in
96 predictable concentration-time profiles following each treatment. No systemic accumulation of
97 infliximab occurred upon continued repeated treatment with 3 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg at 4- or 8-
98 week intervals. Development of antibodies to infliximab increased infliximab clearance. At 8
99 weeks after a maintenance dose of 3 to 10 mg/kg of REMICADE, median infliximab serum
100 concentrations ranged from approximately 0.5 to 6 mcg/mL; however, infliximab concentrations
101 were not detectable (<0.1 mcg/mL) in patients who became positive for antibodies to infliximab.
102 No major differences in clearance or volume of distribution were observed in patient subgroups
103 defined by age, weight, or gender. It is not known if there are differences in clearance or volume
104 of distribution in patients with marked impairment of hepatic or renal function.

105 A pediatric Crohn's disease pharmacokinetic study was conducted in 21 patients aged 11 to 17
106 years old. No notable differences in single-dose pharmacokinetic parameters were observed
107 between pediatric and adult Crohn's disease patients (see PRECAUTIONS, Pediatric Use).

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109 **CLINICAL STUDIES**

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111 **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

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113 The safety and efficacy of REMICADE were assessed in two multicenter, randomized, double-
114 blind, pivotal trials: ATTRACT (Study RA I) and ASPIRE (Study RA II). Concurrent use of
115 stable doses of folic acid, oral corticosteroids (≤ 10 mg/day) and/or non-steroidal anti-
116 inflammatory drugs was permitted.

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118 Study RA I was a placebo-controlled study of 428 patients with active rheumatoid arthritis
119 despite treatment with MTX. Patients enrolled had a median age of 54 years, median disease
120 duration of 8.4 years, median swollen and tender joint count of 20 and 31 respectively, and were
121 on a median dose of 15 mg/wk of MTX. Patients received either placebo + MTX or one of 4
122 doses/schedules of REMICADE + MTX: 3 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg of REMICADE by IV infusion at
123 weeks 0, 2 and 6 followed by additional infusions every 4 or 8 weeks in combination with MTX.

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125 Study RA II was a placebo-controlled study of three active treatment arms in 1004 MTX naive
126 patients of 3 or fewer years duration active rheumatoid arthritis. Patients enrolled had a median
127 age of 51 years with a median disease duration of 0.6 years, median swollen and tender joint
128 count of 19 and 31, respectively, and >80% of patients had baseline joint erosions. At
129 randomization, all patients received MTX (optimized to 20 mg/wk by week 8) and either
130 placebo, 3mg/kg or 6 mg/kg REMICADE at weeks 0, 2, and 6 and every 8 weeks thereafter.

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132 Data on use of REMICADE without concurrent MTX are limited (see ADVERSE REACTIONS,
133 Immunogenicity).^{5,6}

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135 *Clinical response*

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137 In Study RA I, all doses/schedules of REMICADE + MTX resulted in improvement in signs and
138 symptoms as measured by the American College of Rheumatology response criteria (ACR 20)
139 with a higher percentage of patients achieving an ACR 20, 50 and 70 compared to placebo +
140 MTX (Table 1). This improvement was observed at week 2 and maintained through week 102.
141 Greater effects on each component of the ACR 20 were observed in all patients treated with
142 REMICADE + MTX compared to placebo + MTX (Table 2). More patients treated with
143 REMICADE reached a major clinical response than placebo-treated patients (Table 1).

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145 In Study RA II, after 54 weeks of treatment, both doses of REMICADE + MTX resulted in
146 statistically significantly greater response in signs and symptoms compared to MTX alone as
147 measured by the proportion of patients achieving ACR 20, 50 and 70 responses (Table 1). More
148 patients treated with REMICADE reached a major clinical response than placebo-treated patients
149 (Table 1).

Table 1

ACR RESPONSE (PERCENT OF PATIENTS)

| Response | Study RA I | | | | | Study RA II | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | Placebo + MTX (n=88) | REMICADE + MTX | | | | Placebo + MTX (n=274) | REMICADE + MTX | |
| | | 3 mg/kg | | 10 mg/kg | | | 3 mg/kg | 6 mg/kg |
| | | q 8 wks (n=86) | q 4 wks (n=86) | q 8 wks (n=87) | q 4 wks (n=81) | q 8 wks (n=351) | q 8 wks (n=355) | |
| ACR 20 | | | | | | | | |
| Week 30 | 20% | 50% ^a | 50% ^a | 52% ^a | 58% ^a | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Week 54 | 17% | 42% ^a | 48% ^a | 59% ^a | 59% ^a | 54% | 62% ^c | 66% ^a |
| ACR 50 | | | | | | | | |
| Week 30 | 5% | 27% ^a | 29% ^a | 31% ^a | 26% ^a | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Week 54 | 9% | 21% ^c | 34% ^a | 40% ^a | 38% ^a | 32% | 46% ^a | 50% ^a |
| ACR 70 | | | | | | | | |
| Week 30 | 0% | 8% ^b | 11% ^b | 18% ^a | 11% ^a | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Week 54 | 2% | 11% ^c | 18% ^a | 26% ^a | 19% ^a | 21% | 33% ^b | 37% ^a |
| Major clinical response [#] | 0% | 7% ^c | 8% ^b | 15% ^a | 6% ^c | 8% | 12% | 17% ^a |

A major clinical response was defined as a 70% ACR response for 6 consecutive months (consecutive visits spanning at least 26 weeks) through week 102 for Study RA I and week 54 for Study RA II.

^a p ≤ 0.001

^b p < 0.01

^c p < 0.05

Table 2
COMPONENTS OF ACR 20
AT BASELINE AND 54 WEEKS (Study RA I)

| <u>Parameter (medians)</u> | <u>Placebo + MTX</u> | | <u>REMICADE + MTX^a</u> | |
|--|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| | <u>(n=88)</u> | | <u>(n=340)</u> | |
| | <u>Baseline</u> | <u>Week 54</u> | <u>Baseline</u> | <u>Week 54</u> |
| No. of Tender Joints | 24 | 16 | 32 | 8 |
| No. of Swollen Joints | 19 | 13 | 20 | 7 |
| Pain ^b | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 3.3 |
| Physician's Global Assessment ^b | 6.5 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 2.1 |
| Patient's Global Assessment ^b | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 3.2 |
| Disability Index (HAQ-DI) ^c | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| CRP (mg/dL) | 3.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.6 |

^aAll doses/schedules of REMICADE + MTX

^bVisual Analog Scale (0=best, 10=worst)

^cHealth Assessment Questionnaire, measurement of 8 categories: dressing and grooming, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip, and activities (0=best, 3=worst)

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152 *Radiographic response*

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154 Structural damage in both hands and feet was assessed radiographically at week 54 by the
 155 change from baseline in the van der Heijde-modified Sharp (vdH-S) score, a composite score of
 156 structural damage that measures the number and size of joint erosions and the degree of joint
 157 space narrowing in hands/wrists and feet.⁷

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159 In Study RA I, approximately 80% of patients had paired x-ray data at 54 weeks and
 160 approximately 70% at 102 weeks. The inhibition of progression of structural damage was
 161 observed at 54 weeks (Table 3) and maintained through 102 weeks.

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163 In Study RA II, >90% of patients had at least two evaluable x-rays. Inhibition of progression of
 164 structural damage was observed at weeks 30 and 54 (Table 3) in the REMICADE + MTX groups
 165 compared to MTX alone. In an exploratory analysis of Study RA II, patients treated with
 166 REMICADE + MTX demonstrated less progression of structural damage compared to MTX
 167 alone, whether baseline acute phase reactants (ESR and CRP) were normal or elevated: patients
 168 with elevated baseline acute phase reactants treated with MTX alone demonstrated a mean
 169 progression in vdH-S score of 4.2 units compared to patients treated with REMICADE + MTX
 170 who demonstrated 0.5 units of progression; patients with normal baseline acute phase reactants
 171 treated with MTX alone demonstrated a mean progression in vdH-S score of 1.8 units compared
 172 to REMICADE + MTX who demonstrated 0.2 units of progression. Of patients receiving

173 REMICADE + MTX, 59% had no progression (vdH-S score ≤ 0 unit) of structural damage
 174 compared to 45% patients receiving MTX alone. In a subset of patients who began the study
 175 without erosions, REMICADE + MTX maintained an erosion free state at 1 year in a greater
 176 proportion of patients than MTX alone, 79% (77/98) vs. 58% (23/40), respectively ($p < 0.01$).
 177 Fewer patients in the REMICADE + MTX groups (47%) developed erosions in uninvolved
 178 joints compared to MTX alone (59%).
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Table 3
RADIOGRAPHIC CHANGE
FROM BASELINE TO WEEK 54

| | Study RA I | | | Study RA II | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | REMICADE + MTX | | | REMICADE + MTX | | |
| | Placebo + MTX (n=64) | 3 mg/kg | 10 mg/kg | Placebo + MTX (n=282) | 3 mg/kg | 6 mg/kg |
| | | q 8 wks (n=71) | q 8 wks (n=77) | | q 8 wks (n=359) | q 8 wks (n=363) |
| <i>Total Score</i> | | | | | | |
| Baseline | | | | | | |
| Mean | 79 | 78 | 65 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 11.2 |
| Median | 55 | 57 | 56 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| Change from baseline | | | | | | |
| Mean | 6.9 | 1.3 ^a | 0.2 ^a | 3.7 | 0.4 ^a | 0.5 ^a |
| Median | 4.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| <i>Erosion Score</i> | | | | | | |
| Baseline | | | | | | |
| Mean | 44 | 44 | 33 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 8.3 |
| Median | 25 | 29 | 22 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Change from baseline | | | | | | |
| Mean | 4.1 | 0.2 ^a | 0.2 ^a | 3.0 | 0.3 ^a | 0.1 ^a |
| Median | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| <i>JSN Score</i> | | | | | | |
| Baseline | | | | | | |
| Mean | 36 | 34 | 31 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Median | 26 | 29 | 24 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Change from baseline | | | | | | |
| Mean | 2.9 | 1.1 ^a | 0.0 ^a | 0.6 | 0.1 ^a | 0.2 |
| Median | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

^a P < 0.001 for each outcome against placebo.

181 *Physical function response*

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183 Physical function and disability were assessed using the Health Assessment Questionnaire
184 (HAQ-DI) and the general health-related quality of life questionnaire SF-36.

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186 In Study RA I, all doses/schedules of REMICADE + MTX showed significantly greater
187 improvement from baseline in HAQ-DI and SF-36 physical component summary score averaged
188 over time through week 54 compared to placebo + MTX, and no worsening in the SF-36 mental
189 component summary score. The median (interquartile range) improvement from baseline to week
190 54 in HAQ-DI was 0.1 (-0.1, 0.5) for the placebo + MTX group and 0.4 (0.1, 0.9) for
191 REMICADE + MTX ($p < 0.001$). Both HAQ-DI and SF-36 effects were maintained through week
192 102. Approximately 80% of patients in all doses/schedules of REMICADE + MTX remained in
193 the trial through 102 weeks.

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195 In Study RA II, both REMICADE treatment groups showed greater improvement in HAQ-DI
196 from baseline averaged over time through week 54 compared to MTX alone; 0.7 for
197 REMICADE + MTX vs. 0.6 for MTX alone ($p \leq 0.001$). No worsening in the SF-36 mental
198 component summary score was observed.

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200 **Active Crohn's Disease**

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202 The safety and efficacy of single and multiple doses of REMICADE were assessed in two
203 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical studies in 653 patients with moderate to
204 severely active Crohn's disease [Crohn's Disease Activity Index (CDAI) ≥ 220 and ≤ 400] with
205 an inadequate response to prior conventional therapies. Concomitant stable doses of
206 aminosalicylates, corticosteroids and/or immunomodulatory agents were permitted and 92% of
207 patients continued to receive at least one of these medications.

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209 In the single-dose trial⁸ of 108 patients, 16% (4/25) of placebo patients achieved a clinical
210 response (decrease in CDAI ≥ 70 points) at week 4 vs. 81% (22/27) of patients receiving 5 mg/kg
211 REMICADE ($p < 0.001$, two-sided, Fisher's Exact test). Additionally, 4% (1/25) of placebo
212 patients and 48% (13/27) of patients receiving 5 mg/kg REMICADE achieved clinical remission
213 (CDAI < 150) at week 4.

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215 In a multidose trial (ACCENT I [Study Crohn's I])⁹, 545 patients received 5 mg/kg at week 0
216 and were then randomized to one of three treatment groups; the placebo maintenance group
217 received placebo at weeks 2 and 6, and then every 8 weeks; the 5 mg/kg maintenance group
218 received 5 mg/kg at weeks 2 and 6, and then every 8 weeks; and the 10 mg/kg maintenance
219 group received 5 mg/kg at weeks 2 and 6, and then 10 mg/kg every 8 weeks. Patients in response
220 at week 2 were randomized and analyzed separately from those not in response at week 2.
221 Corticosteroid taper was permitted after week 6.

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223 At week 2, 57% (311/545) of patients were in clinical response. At week 30, a significantly
224 greater proportion of these patients in the 5 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg maintenance groups achieved
225 clinical remission compared to patients in the placebo maintenance group (Table 4).

226 Additionally, a significantly greater proportion of patients in the 5 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg
 227 REMICADE maintenance groups were in clinical remission and were able to discontinue
 228 corticosteroid use compared to patients in the placebo maintenance group at week 54 (Table 4).
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Table 4
CLINICAL REMISSION AND STEROID WITHDRAWAL

| | Single 5 mg/kg Dose ^a | Three Dose Induction ^b <u>REMICADE Maintenance q 8</u> | |
|--|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | <u>Placebo Maintenance</u> | <u>5 mg/kg</u> | <u>10 mg/kg</u> |
| Week 30 | 25/102 | 41/104 | 48/105 |
| Clinical remission | 25% | 39% | 46% |
| p-value ^c | | 0.022 | 0.001 |
| Week 54 | | | |
| Patients in remission able to discontinue corticosteroid use ^d | 6/54 11% | 14/56 25% | 18/53 34% |
| p-value ^c | | 0.059 | 0.005 |

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 231 ^a REMICADE at week 0
 232 ^b REMICADE 5 mg/kg administered at weeks 0, 2 and 6
 233 ^c p-values represent pairwise comparisons to placebo
 234 ^d Of those receiving corticosteroids at baseline
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 236 Patients in the REMICADE maintenance groups (5 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg) had a longer time to
 237 loss of response than patients in the placebo maintenance group (Figure 1). At weeks 30 and 54,
 238 significant improvement from baseline was seen among the 5 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg REMICADE-
 239 treated groups compared to the placebo group in the disease specific inflammatory bowel disease
 240 questionnaire (IBDQ), particularly the bowel and systemic components, and in the physical
 241 component summary score of the general health-related quality of life questionnaire SF-36.
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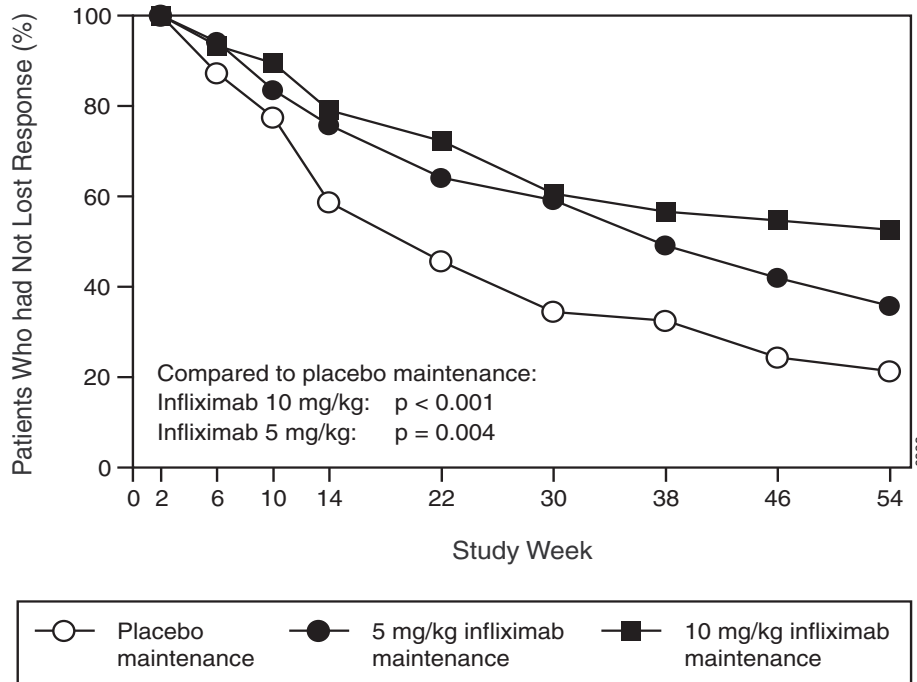


Figure 1
Kaplan-Meier estimate of the proportion of patients
who had not lost response through week 54

In a subset of 78 patients who had mucosal ulceration at baseline and who participated in an endoscopic substudy, 13 of 43 patients in the REMICADE maintenance group had endoscopic evidence of mucosal healing compared to 1 of 28 patients in the placebo group at week 10. Of the REMICADE-treated patients showing mucosal healing at week 10, 9 of 12 patients also showed mucosal healing at week 54.

Patients who achieved a response and subsequently lost response were eligible to receive REMICADE on an episodic basis at a dose that was 5 mg/kg higher than the dose to which they were randomized. The majority of such patients responded to the higher dose. Among patients who were not in response at week 2, 59% (92/157) of REMICADE maintenance patients responded by week 14 compared to 51% (39/77) of placebo maintenance patients. Among patients who did not respond by week 14, additional therapy did not result in significantly more responses (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Fistulizing Crohn's Disease

The safety and efficacy of REMICADE were assessed in 2 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies in patients with fistulizing Crohn's disease with fistula(s) that were of at least 3 months duration. Concurrent use of stable doses of corticosteroids, 5-aminosalicylates, antibiotics, MTX, 6-mercaptopurine (6-MP) and/or azathioprine (AZA) was permitted.

270 In the first trial,¹⁰ 94 patients received three doses of either placebo or REMICADE at weeks 0,
271 2 and 6. Fistula response ($\geq 50\%$ reduction in number of enterocutaneous fistulas draining upon
272 gentle compression on at least two consecutive visits without an increase in medication or
273 surgery for Crohn's disease) was seen in 68% (21/31) of patients in the 5 mg/kg REMICADE
274 group ($p=0.002$) and 56% (18/32) of patients in the 10 mg/kg REMICADE group ($p=0.021$) vs.
275 26% (8/31) of patients in the placebo arm. The median time to onset of response and median
276 duration of response in REMICADE-treated patients was 2 and 12 weeks, respectively. Closure
277 of all fistula was achieved in 52% of REMICADE-treated patients compared with 13% of
278 placebo-treated patients ($p<0.001$).

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280 In the second trial (ACCENT II [Study Crohn's II]), patients who were enrolled had to have at
281 least one draining enterocutaneous (perianal, abdominal) fistula. All patients received 5 mg/kg
282 REMICADE at weeks 0, 2 and 6. Patients were randomized to placebo or 5 mg/kg REMICADE
283 maintenance at week 14. Patients received maintenance doses at week 14 and then every eight
284 weeks through week 46. Patients who were in fistula response (fistula response was defined the
285 same as in the first trial) at both weeks 10 and 14 were randomized separately from those not in
286 response. The primary endpoint was time from randomization to loss of response among those
287 patients who were in fistula response.

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289 Among the randomized patients (273 of the 296 initially enrolled), 87% had perianal fistulas and
290 14% had abdominal fistulas. Eight percent also had rectovaginal fistulas. Greater than 90% of the
291 patients had received previous immunosuppressive and antibiotic therapy.

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293 At week 14, 65% (177/273) of patients were in fistula response. Patients randomized to
294 REMICADE maintenance had a longer time to loss of fistula response compared to the placebo
295 maintenance group (Figure 2). At week 54, 38% (33/87) of REMICADE-treated patients had no
296 draining fistulas compared with 22% (20/90) of placebo-treated patients ($p=0.02$). Compared to
297 placebo maintenance, patients on REMICADE maintenance had a trend toward fewer
298 hospitalizations.

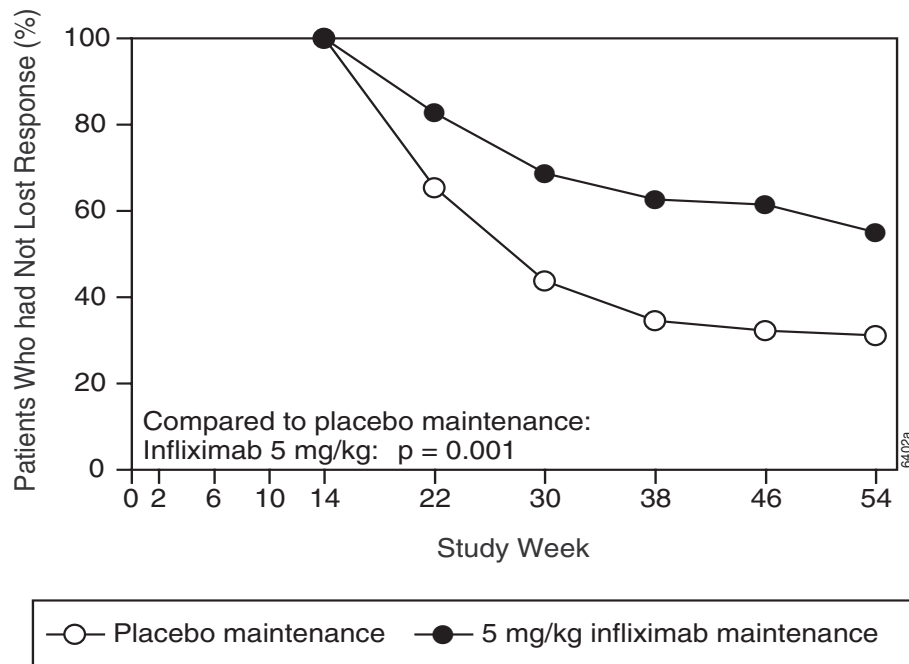


Figure 2
Life table estimates of the proportion of patients
who had not lost fistula response through week 54

Patients who achieved a fistula response and subsequently lost response were eligible to receive REMICADE maintenance therapy at a dose that was 5 mg/kg higher than the dose to which they were randomized. Of the placebo maintenance patients, 66% (25/38) responded to 5 mg/kg REMICADE, and 57% (12/21) of REMICADE maintenance patients responded to 10 mg/kg.

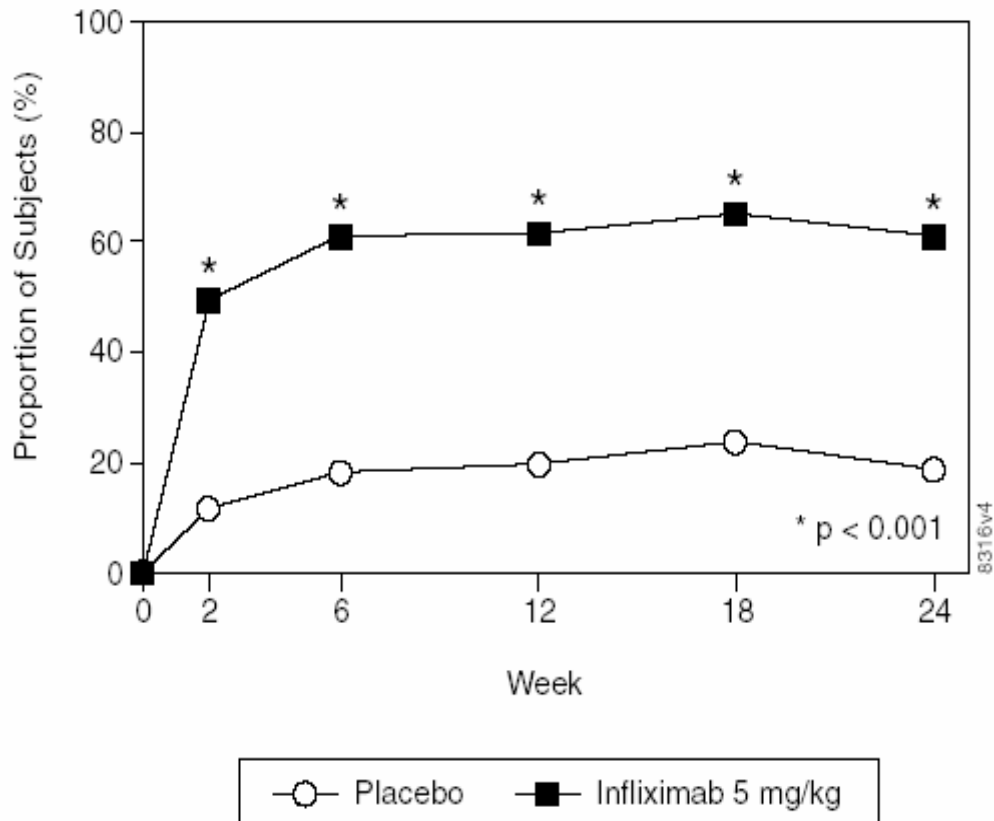
Patients who had not achieved a response by week 14 were unlikely to respond to additional doses of REMICADE.

Similar proportions of patients in either group developed new fistulas (17% overall) and similar numbers developed abscesses (15% overall).

Ankylosing Spondylitis

The safety and efficacy of REMICADE were assessed in a randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 279 patients with active ankylosing spondylitis. Patients were between 18 and 74 years of age, and had ankylosing spondylitis as defined by the modified New York criteria for Ankylosing Spondylitis.¹¹ Patients were to have had active disease as evidenced by both a Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) score >4 (possible range 0-10) and spinal pain >4 (on a Visual Analog Scale [VAS] of 0-10). Patients with complete ankylosis of the spine were excluded from study participation, and the use of Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs (DMARDs) and systemic corticosteroids were prohibited. Doses of REMICADE 5 mg/kg or placebo were administered intravenously at Weeks 0, 2, 6, 12 and 18.

329 At 24 weeks, improvement in the signs and symptoms of ankylosing spondylitis, as measured by
 330 the proportion of patients achieving a 20% improvement in ASAS response criteria (ASAS 20),
 331 was seen in 60% of patients in the REMICADE-treated group vs. 18% of patients in the placebo
 332 group ($p < 0.001$). Improvement was observed at week 2 and maintained through week 24 (Figure
 333 3 and Table 5).
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 338 **Figure 3**
 339 **Proportion of patients achieving ASAS 20 response**

341 At 24 weeks, the proportions of patients achieving a 50% and a 70% improvement in the signs
 342 and symptoms of ankylosing spondylitis, as measured by ASAS response criteria (ASAS 50 and
 343 ASAS 70, respectively), were 44% and 28%, respectively, for patients receiving REMICADE,
 344 compared to 9% and 4%, respectively, for patients receiving placebo ($p < 0.001$, REMICADE vs.
 345 placebo). A low level of disease activity (defined as a value < 20 [on a scale of 0-100 mm] in
 346 each of the four ASAS response parameters) was achieved in 22% of REMICADE-treated
 347 patients vs. 1% in placebo-treated patients ($p < 0.001$).
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Table 5
Components of Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity

| | <u>Placebo</u> (n=78) | | <u>REMICADE 5mg/kg</u> (n=201) | | <u>p-value</u> |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | <u>Baseline</u> | <u>24 Weeks</u> | <u>Baseline</u> | <u>24 Weeks</u> | |
| ASAS 20 response Criteria (Mean) | | | | | |
| Patient global assessment ^a | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 3.8 | <0.001 |
| Spinal pain ^a | 7.3 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 4.0 | <0.001 |
| BASFI ^b | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 3.6 | <0.001 |
| Inflammation ^c | 6.9 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 3.4 | <0.001 |
| Acute Phase Reactants | | | | | |
| Median CRP ^d (mg/dL) | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.4 | <0.001 |
| Spinal Mobility (cm, Mean) | | | | | |
| Modified Schober's test ^e | 4.0 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.75 |
| Chest expansion ^e | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 0.04 |
| Tragus to wall ^e | 17.3 | 17.4 | 16.9 | 15.7 | 0.02 |
| Lateral spinal flexion ^e | 10.6 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 12.9 | 0.03 |

^a measured on a VAS with 0="none" and 10="severe"

^b Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index (BASFI), average of 10 questions

^c Inflammation, average of last 2 questions on the 6 question BASDAI

^d CRP normal range 0-1.0 mg/dL

^e Spinal mobility normal values: modified Schober's test: >4 cm; chest expansion:>6 cm; tragus to wall: <15 cm; lateral spinal flexion: >10 cm

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The median improvement from baseline in the general health-related quality of life questionnaire SF-36 physical component summary score at week 24 was 10.2 for the REMICADE group vs. 0.8 for the placebo group (p<0.001). There was no change in the SF-36 mental component summary score in either the REMICADE group or the placebo group.

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Results of this study were similar to those seen in a multicenter double-blind, placebo-controlled study of 70 patients with ankylosing spondylitis.

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Psoriatic Arthritis

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Safety and efficacy of REMICADE were assessed in a multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 200 adult patients with active psoriatic arthritis despite DMARD or NSAID therapy (≥ 5 swollen joints and ≥ 5 tender joints) with one or more of the following subtypes: arthritis involving DIP joints (n = 49), arthritis mutilans (n = 3), asymmetric peripheral arthritis (n = 40), polyarticular arthritis (n = 100), and spondylitis with peripheral arthritis (n = 8). Patients also had plaque psoriasis with a qualifying target lesion ≥ 2 cm in diameter. Forty-six percent of patients continued on stable doses of methotrexate (≤ 25 mg/week). During the 24-week double-blind phase, patients received either 5 mg/kg REMICADE or placebo at weeks 0, 2, 6, 14, and 22 (100 patients in each group). At week 16, placebo patients with < 10% improvement from baseline in both swollen and tender joint counts were switched to REMICADE induction (early escape).

376 Treatment with REMICADE resulted in improvement in signs and symptoms, as assessed by the
 377 ACR criteria, with 58% of REMICADE-treated patients achieving ACR 20 at week 14,
 378 compared with 11% of placebo-treated patients ($p < 0.001$). The response was similar regardless
 379 of concomitant use of methotrexate. Improvement was observed as early as week 2. At 6 months,
 380 the ACR 20/50/70 responses were achieved by 54%, 41%, and 27%, respectively, of patients
 381 receiving REMICADE compared to 16%, 4%, and 2%, respectively, of patients receiving
 382 placebo. Similar responses were seen in patients with each of the subtypes of psoriatic arthritis,
 383 although few patients were enrolled with the arthritis mutilans and spondylitis with peripheral
 384 arthritis subtypes.

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 386 Compared to placebo, treatment with REMICADE resulted in improvements in the components
 387 of the ACR response criteria, as well as in dactylitis and enthesopathy (Table 6).
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389 The results of this study were similar to those seen in an earlier multicenter, randomized,
 390 placebo-controlled study of 104 patients with psoriatic arthritis.
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Table 6
COMPONENTS OF ACR 20 AND PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS WITH 1 OR MORE JOINTS
WITH DACTYLITIS AND PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS WITH ENTHESOPATHY
AT BASELINE and WEEK 24

| Parameter (medians) | Placebo (n=100) | | REMICADE 5mg/kg ^a (n=100) | |
|---|--------------------|---------|---|---------|
| | Baseline | Week 24 | Baseline | Week 24 |
| No of Tender Joints ^b | 24 | 20 | 20 | 6 |
| No. of Swollen Joints ^c | 12 | 9 | 12 | 3 |
| Pain ^d | 6.4 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 2.6 |
| Physician's Global Assessment ^d | 6.0 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 1.5 |
| Patient's Global Assessment ^d | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 2.5 |
| Disability Index (HAQ- DI) ^e | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| CRP (mg/dL) ^f | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| % Patients with 1 or more digits with dactylitis | 41 | 33 | 40 | 15 |
| % Patients with enthesopathy | 35 | 36 | 42 | 22 |

^a $p < 0.001$ for percent change from baseline in all components of ACR 20 at week 24, $p < 0.05$ for % of patients with dactylitis, and $p = 0.004$ for % of patients with enthesopathy at week 24

^b Scale 0-68

^c Scale 0-66

^d Visual Analog Scale (0=best, 10=worst)

^e Health Assessment Questionnaire, measurement of 8 categories: dressing and grooming, arising, eating, walking, hygiene, reach, grip, and activities (0=best, 3=worst)

^f Normal range 0-0.6 mg/dL

394 Improvement in PASI in patients with baseline body surface area (BSA) \geq 3% (n=87 placebo,
395 n=83 REMICADE) was achieved at week 14, regardless of concomitant methotrexate use, with
396 64% of REMICADE-treated patients achieving at least 75% improvement from baseline vs. 2%
397 of placebo-treated patients; improvement was observed as early as week 2. At 6 months, the
398 PASI 75 and PASI 90 responses were achieved by 60% and 39%, respectively, of patients
399 receiving REMICADE compared to 1% and 0%, respectively, of patients receiving placebo.

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401 **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

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403 **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

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405 REMICADE, in combination with methotrexate, is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms,
406 inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in patients with
407 moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis.

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409 **Crohn's Disease**

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411 REMICADE is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms and inducing and maintaining clinical
412 remission in patients with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease who have had an
413 inadequate response to conventional therapy.

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415 REMICADE is indicated for reducing the number of draining enterocutaneous and rectovaginal
416 fistulas and maintaining fistula closure in patients with fistulizing Crohn's disease.

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418 **Ankylosing Spondylitis**

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420 REMICADE is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms in patients with active ankylosing
421 spondylitis.

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423 **Psoriatic Arthritis**

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425 REMICADE is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms of active arthritis in patients with
426 psoriatic arthritis.

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428 **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

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430 REMICADE at doses >5 mg/kg should not be administered to patients with moderate to severe
431 heart failure. In a randomized study evaluating REMICADE in patients with moderate to severe
432 heart failure (New York Heart Association [NYHA] Functional Class III/IV), REMICADE
433 treatment at 10 mg/kg was associated with an increased incidence of death and hospitalization
434 due to worsening heart failure (see WARNINGS and ADVERSE REACTIONS, Patients with
435 Heart Failure).

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437 REMICADE should not be administered to patients with known hypersensitivity to any murine
438 proteins or other component of the product.

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WARNINGS

RISK OF INFECTIONS

(See boxed WARNING)

SERIOUS INFECTIONS, INCLUDING SEPSIS AND PNEUMONIA, HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN PATIENTS RECEIVING TNF-BLOCKING AGENTS. SOME OF THESE INFECTIONS HAVE BEEN FATAL. MANY OF THE SERIOUS INFECTIONS IN PATIENTS TREATED WITH REMICADE HAVE OCCURRED IN PATIENTS ON CONCOMITANT IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE THERAPY THAT, IN ADDITION TO THEIR CROHN'S DISEASE OR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, COULD PREDISPOSE THEM TO INFECTIONS.

REMICADE SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO PATIENTS WITH A CLINICALLY IMPORTANT, ACTIVE INFECTION. CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED WHEN CONSIDERING THE USE OF REMICADE IN PATIENTS WITH A CHRONIC INFECTION OR A HISTORY OF RECURRENT INFECTION. PATIENTS SHOULD BE MONITORED FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF INFECTION WHILE ON OR AFTER TREATMENT WITH REMICADE. NEW INFECTIONS SHOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED. IF A PATIENT DEVELOPS A SERIOUS INFECTION, REMICADE THERAPY SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Infections).

CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS, HISTOPLASMOSIS, COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS, LISTERIOSIS, PNEUMOCYSTOSIS, OTHER BACTERIAL, MYCOBACTERIAL AND FUNGAL INFECTIONS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN PATIENTS RECEIVING REMICADE. FOR PATIENTS WHO HAVE RESIDED IN REGIONS WHERE HISTOPLASMOSIS OR COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS IS ENDEMIC, THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF REMICADE TREATMENT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BEFORE INITIATION OF REMICADE THERAPY.

SERIOUS INFECTIONS WERE SEEN IN CLINICAL STUDIES WITH CONCURRENT USE OF ANAKINRA AND ANOTHER TNF α -BLOCKING AGENT, ETANERCEPT, WITH NO ADDED CLINICAL BENEFIT COMPARED TO ETANERCEPT ALONE. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE ADVERSE EVENTS SEEN WITH COMBINATION OF ETANERCEPT AND ANAKINRA THERAPY, SIMILAR TOXICITIES MAY ALSO RESULT FROM THE COMBINATION OF ANAKINRA AND OTHER TNF α -BLOCKING AGENTS. THEREFORE, THE COMBINATION OF REMICADE AND ANAKINRA IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

Hepatotoxicity

481 Severe hepatic reactions, including acute liver failure, jaundice, hepatitis and cholestasis have
482 been reported rarely in postmarketing data in patients receiving REMICADE. Autoimmune
483 hepatitis has been diagnosed in some of these cases. Severe hepatic reactions occurred between
484 two weeks to more than a year after initiation of REMICADE; elevations in hepatic
485 aminotransferase levels were not noted prior to discovery of the liver injury in many of these
486 cases. Some of these cases were fatal or necessitated liver transplantation. Patients with
487 symptoms or signs of liver dysfunction should be evaluated for evidence of liver injury. If
488 jaundice and/or marked liver enzyme elevations (e.g., ≥ 5 times the upper limit of normal)
489 develops, REMICADE should be discontinued, and a thorough investigation of the abnormality
490 should be undertaken. As with other immunosuppressive drugs, use of REMICADE has been
491 associated with reactivation of hepatitis B in patients who are chronic carriers of this virus (i.e.,
492 surface antigen positive). Chronic carriers of hepatitis B should be appropriately evaluated and
493 monitored prior to the initiation of and during treatment with REMICADE. In clinical trials,
494 mild or moderate elevations of ALT and AST have been observed in patients receiving
495 REMICADE without progression to severe hepatic injury (see ADVERSE REACTIONS,
496 Hepatotoxicity).

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498 **Patients with Heart Failure**

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500 REMICADE has been associated with adverse outcomes in patients with heart failure, and
501 should be used in patients with heart failure only after consideration of other treatment options.
502 The results of a randomized study evaluating the use of REMICADE in patients with heart
503 failure (NYHA Functional Class III/IV) suggested higher mortality in patients who received 10
504 mg/kg REMICADE, and higher rates of cardiovascular adverse events at doses of 5 mg/kg and
505 10 mg/kg. There have been post-marketing reports of worsening heart failure, with and without
506 identifiable precipitating factors, in patients taking REMICADE. There have also been rare post-
507 marketing reports of new onset heart failure, including heart failure in patients without known
508 pre-existing cardiovascular disease. Some of these patients have been under 50 years of age. If a
509 decision is made to administer REMICADE to patients with heart failure, they should be closely
510 monitored during therapy, and REMICADE should be discontinued if new or worsening
511 symptoms of heart failure appear. (See CONTRAINDICATIONS and ADVERSE
512 REACTIONS, Patients with Heart Failure.)

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514 **Hematologic Events**

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516 Cases of leukopenia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, and pancytopenia, some with a fatal
517 outcome, have been reported in patients receiving REMICADE. The causal relationship to
518 REMICADE therapy remains unclear. Although no high-risk group(s) has been identified,
519 caution should be exercised in patients being treated with REMICADE who have ongoing or a
520 history of significant hematologic abnormalities. All patients should be advised to seek
521 immediate medical attention if they develop signs and symptoms suggestive of blood dyscrasias
522 or infection (e.g., persistent fever) while on REMICADE. Discontinuation of REMICADE
523 therapy should be considered in patients who develop significant hematologic abnormalities.

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525 **Hypersensitivity**

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527 REMICADE has been associated with hypersensitivity reactions that vary in their time of onset
528 and required hospitalization in some cases. Most hypersensitivity reactions, which include
529 urticaria, dyspnea, and/or hypotension, have occurred during or within 2 hours of REMICADE
530 infusion. However, in some cases, serum sickness-like reactions have been observed in Crohn's
531 disease patients 3 to 12 days after REMICADE therapy was reinstated following an extended
532 period without REMICADE treatment. Symptoms associated with these reactions include fever,
533 rash, headache, sore throat, myalgias, polyarthralgias, hand and facial edema and/or dysphagia.
534 These reactions were associated with marked increase in antibodies to infliximab, loss of
535 detectable serum concentrations of infliximab, and possible loss of drug efficacy. REMICADE
536 should be discontinued for severe reactions. Medications for the treatment of hypersensitivity
537 reactions (e.g., acetaminophen, antihistamines, corticosteroids and/or epinephrine) should be
538 available for immediate use in the event of a reaction (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Infusion-
539 related Reactions).

540 541 **Neurologic Events**

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543 REMICADE and other agents that inhibit TNF have been associated in rare cases with optic
544 neuritis, seizure and new onset or exacerbation of clinical symptoms and/or radiographic
545 evidence of central nervous system demyelinating disorders, including multiple sclerosis, and
546 CNS manifestation of systemic vasculitis. Prescribers should exercise caution in considering the
547 use of REMICADE in patients with pre-existing or recent onset of central nervous system
548 demyelinating or seizure disorders. Discontinuation of REMICADE should be considered in
549 patients who develop significant central nervous system adverse reactions.

550 551 **Malignancies**

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553 In the controlled portions of clinical trials of all the TNF α -blocking agents, more cases of
554 lymphoma have been observed among patients receiving a TNF blocker compared with control
555 patients. During the controlled portions of REMICADE trials in patients with moderately to
556 severely active rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease, 2 patients developed lymphoma among
557 1964 REMICADE-treated patients versus 0 among 483 control patients (median duration of
558 follow-up 0.9 years). In the controlled and open-label portions of these clinical trials of
559 REMICADE, 4 patients developed lymphomas (2 patients with rheumatoid arthritis and 2
560 patients with Crohn's disease) among 3469 patients (median duration of follow-up 1.0 years). In
561 rheumatoid arthritis patients, this is approximately 3-fold higher than expected in the general
562 population. In the combined clinical trial population for rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's
563 disease, this is approximately 5-fold higher than expected in the general population. Rates in
564 clinical trials for REMICADE cannot be compared to rates of clinical trials of other TNF
565 blockers and may not predict rates observed in a broader patient population. Patients with
566 Crohn's disease or rheumatoid arthritis, particularly patients with highly active disease and/or
567 chronic exposure to immunosuppressant therapies, may be at a higher risk (up to several fold)
568 than the general population for the development of lymphoma. The potential role of TNF α -
569 blocking therapy in the development of malignancies is not known (see ADVERSE
570 REACTIONS, Malignancies). No studies have been conducted that include patients with a
571 history of malignancy or that continue treatment in patients who develop malignancy while

572 receiving REMICADE; thus additional caution should be exercised in considering REMICADE
573 treatment of these patients.

574 **PRECAUTIONS**

576 **Autoimmunity**

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579 Treatment with REMICADE may result in the formation of autoantibodies and, rarely, in the
580 development of a lupus-like syndrome. If a patient develops symptoms suggestive of a lupus-like
581 syndrome following treatment with REMICADE, treatment should be discontinued (see
582 ADVERSE REACTIONS, Autoantibodies/Lupus-like Syndrome).

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584 **Vaccinations**

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586 No data are available on the response to vaccination with live vaccines or on the secondary
587 transmission of infection by live vaccines in patients receiving anti-TNF therapy. It is
588 recommended that live vaccines not be given concurrently.

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590 **Information for Patients**

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592 Patients should be provided the REMICADE Patient Information Sheet and provided an
593 opportunity to read it prior to each treatment infusion session. Because caution should be
594 exercised in administering REMICADE to patients with clinically important active infections, it
595 is important that the patient's overall health be assessed at each treatment visit and any questions
596 resulting from the patient's reading of the Patient Information Sheet be discussed.

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598 **Drug Interactions**

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600 Concurrent administration of etanercept (another TNF α -blocking agent) and anakinra (an
601 interleukin-1 antagonist) has been associated with an increased risk of serious infections, and
602 increased risk of neutropenia and no additional benefit compared to these medicinal products
603 alone. Other TNF α -blocking agents (including REMICADE) used in combination with anakinra
604 may also result in similar toxicities (see WARNINGS, RISK OF INFECTIONS).

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606 Specific drug interaction studies, including interactions with MTX, have not been conducted.
607 The majority of patients in rheumatoid arthritis or Crohn's disease clinical studies received one
608 or more concomitant medications. In rheumatoid arthritis, concomitant medications besides
609 MTX were nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents, folic acid, corticosteroids and/or narcotics.
610 Concomitant Crohn's disease medications were antibiotics, antivirals, corticosteroids,
611 6-MP/AZA and aminosalicylates. In psoriatic arthritis clinical trials, concomitant medications
612 included MTX in approximately half of the patients as well as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory
613 agents, folic acid and corticosteroids.

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615 Patients with Crohn's disease who received immunosuppressants tended to experience fewer
616 infusion reactions compared to patients on no immunosuppressants (see ADVERSE
617 REACTIONS, Immunogenicity and Infusion-related Reactions). Serum infliximab
618 concentrations appeared to be unaffected by baseline use of medications for the treatment of
619 Crohn's disease including corticosteroids, antibiotics (metronidazole or ciprofloxacin) and
620 aminosalicylates.

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622 **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis and Impairment of Fertility**

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624 A repeat dose toxicity study was conducted with mice given cV1q anti-mouse TNF α to evaluate
625 tumorigenicity. CV1q is an analogous antibody that inhibits the function of TNF α in mice.
626 Animals were assigned to 1 of 3 dose groups: control, 10 mg/kg or 40 mg/kg cV1q given weekly
627 for 6 months. The weekly doses of 10 mg/kg and 40 mg/kg are 2 and 8 times, respectively, the
628 human dose of 5 mg/kg for Crohn's disease. Results indicated that cV1q did not cause
629 tumorigenicity in mice. No clastogenic or mutagenic effects of infliximab were observed in the
630 *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test or the *Salmonella-Escherichia coli* (Ames) assay, respectively.
631 Chromosomal aberrations were not observed in an assay performed using human lymphocytes.
632 The significance of these findings for human risk is unknown. It is not known whether infliximab
633 can impair fertility in humans. No impairment of fertility was observed in a fertility and general
634 reproduction toxicity study with the analogous mouse antibody used in the 6-month chronic
635 toxicity study.

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637 **Pregnancy Category B**

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639 Since infliximab does not cross-react with TNF α in species other than humans and chimpanzees,
640 animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with REMICADE. No evidence of
641 maternal toxicity, embryotoxicity or teratogenicity was observed in a developmental toxicity
642 study conducted in mice using an analogous antibody that selectively inhibits the functional
643 activity of mouse TNF α . Doses of 10 to 15 mg/kg in pharmacodynamic animal models with the
644 anti-TNF analogous antibody produced maximal pharmacologic effectiveness. Doses up to
645 40 mg/kg were shown to produce no adverse effects in animal reproduction studies. It is not
646 known whether REMICADE can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or
647 can affect reproduction capacity. REMICADE should be given to a pregnant woman only if
648 clearly needed.

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650 **Nursing Mothers**

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652 It is not known whether REMICADE is excreted in human milk or absorbed systemically after
653 ingestion. Because many drugs and immunoglobulins are excreted in human milk, and because
654 of the potential for adverse reactions in nursing infants from REMICADE, a decision should be
655 made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the
656 importance of the drug to the mother.

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658 **Pediatric Use**

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660 Safety and effectiveness of REMICADE in patients with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and in
661 pediatric patients with Crohn's disease have not been established.

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663 **Geriatric Use**

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665 In rheumatoid arthritis clinical trials, no overall differences were observed in effectiveness or
666 safety in 181 patients aged 65 or older compared to younger patients although the incidence of
667 serious adverse events in patients aged 65 or older was higher in both REMICADE and control
668 groups compared to younger patients. In Crohn's disease, ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic
669 arthritis studies, there were insufficient numbers of patients aged 65 and over to determine
670 whether they respond differently from patients aged 18 to 65. Because there is a higher incidence
671 of infections in the elderly population in general, caution should be used in treating the elderly
672 (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Infections).

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674 **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

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676 The data described herein reflect exposure to REMICADE in 2779 patients, including 1484
677 patients exposed beyond 30 weeks and 296 exposed beyond one year. The most common reason
678 for discontinuation of treatment was infusion-related reactions (e.g. dyspnea, flushing, headache
679 and rash). Adverse events have been reported in a higher proportion of rheumatoid arthritis
680 patients receiving the 10 mg/kg dose than the 3 mg/kg dose, however, no differences were
681 observed in the frequency of adverse events between the 5 mg/kg dose and 10 mg/kg dose in
682 patients with Crohn's disease.

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684 **Infusion-related Reactions**

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686 *Acute infusion reactions*

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688 An infusion reaction was defined in clinical trials as any adverse event occurring during an
689 infusion or within 1 to 2 hours after an infusion. Approximately 20% of REMICADE-treated
690 patients in all clinical studies experienced an infusion reaction compared to approximately 10%
691 of placebo-treated patients. Among all REMICADE infusions, 3% were accompanied by
692 nonspecific symptoms such as fever or chills, 1% were accompanied by cardiopulmonary
693 reactions (primarily chest pain, hypotension, hypertension or dyspnea), and <1% were
694 accompanied by pruritus, urticaria, or the combined symptoms of pruritus/urticaria and
695 cardiopulmonary reactions. Serious infusion reactions occurred in <1% of patients and included
696 anaphylaxis, convulsions, erythematous rash and hypotension. Approximately 3% of patients
697 discontinued REMICADE because of infusion reactions, and all patients recovered with
698 treatment and/or discontinuation of the infusion. REMICADE infusions beyond the initial
699 infusion were not associated with a higher incidence of reactions.

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701 Patients who became positive for antibodies to infliximab were more likely (approximately 2- to
702 3-fold) to have an infusion reaction than were those who were negative. Use of concomitant
703 immunosuppressant agents appeared to reduce the frequency of antibodies to infliximab and

704 infusion reactions (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Immunogenicity and PRECAUTIONS, Drug
705 Interactions).

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707 In post-marketing experience, cases of anaphylactic-like reactions, including
708 laryngeal/pharyngeal edema and severe bronchospasm, and seizure have been associated with
709 REMICADE administration.

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711 *Reactions following readministration*

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713 In a study where 37 of 41 patients with Crohn's disease were retreated with infliximab following
714 a 2 to 4 year period without infliximab treatment, 10 patients experienced adverse events
715 manifesting 3 to 12 days following infusion of which 6 were considered serious. Signs and
716 symptoms included myalgia and/or arthralgia with fever and/or rash, with some patients also
717 experiencing pruritus, facial, hand or lip edema, dysphagia, urticaria, sore throat, and headache.
718 Patients experiencing these adverse events had not experienced infusion-related adverse events
719 associated with their initial infliximab therapy. These adverse events occurred in 39% (9/23) of
720 patients who had received liquid formulation which is no longer in use and 7% (1/14) of patients
721 who received lyophilized formulation. The clinical data are not adequate to determine if
722 occurrence of these reactions is due to differences in formulation. Patients' signs and symptoms
723 improved substantially or resolved with treatment in all cases. There are insufficient data on the
724 incidence of these events after drug-free intervals of 1 to 2 years. These events have been
725 observed only infrequently in clinical studies and post-marketing surveillance with retreatment
726 intervals up to 1 year.

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728 **Infections**

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730 In REMICADE clinical studies, treated infections were reported in 36% of REMICADE-treated
731 patients (average of 51 weeks of follow-up) and in 25% of placebo-treated patients (average of
732 37 weeks of follow-up). The infections most frequently reported were respiratory tract infections
733 (including sinusitis, pharyngitis, and bronchitis) and urinary tract infections. Among
734 REMICADE-treated patients, serious infections included pneumonia, cellulitis, abscess, skin
735 ulceration, sepsis, and bacterial infection. In all clinical trials, six opportunistic infections were
736 reported; two cases of coccidioidomycosis (one of which resulted in death), and one case each of
737 histoplasmosis, pneumocystosis, nocardiosis and cytomegalovirus. Tuberculosis was reported in
738 thirteen patients, four of whom died due to miliary tuberculosis. Other cases of tuberculosis,
739 including disseminated tuberculosis, also have been reported post-marketing. Most of these cases
740 of tuberculosis occurred within the first two months after initiation of therapy with REMICADE
741 and may reflect recrudescence of latent disease (see WARNINGS, RISK OF INFECTIONS). In
742 the 1 year placebo-controlled studies RA I and RA II, 5.3% of patients receiving REMICADE
743 every 8 weeks with MTX developed serious infections as compared to 3.4% of placebo patients
744 receiving MTX. Of 924 patients receiving REMICADE, 1.7% developed pneumonia and 0.4%
745 developed TB, when compared to 0.3% and 0.0% in the placebo arm respectively. In a shorter
746 (22-week) placebo-controlled study of 1082 RA patients randomized to receive placebo, 3 mg/kg
747 or 10 mg/kg REMICADE infusions at 0, 2, and 6 weeks, followed by every 8 weeks with MTX,
748 serious infections were more frequent in the 10 mg/kg REMICADE group (5.3%) than the 3
749 mg/kg or placebo groups (1.7% in both). During the 54 weeks Crohn's II Study, 15% of patients
750 with fistulizing Crohn's disease developed a new fistula-related abscess.

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752 In post-marketing experience, infections have been observed with various pathogens including
753 viral, bacterial, fungal, and protozoal organisms. Infections have been noted in all organ systems
754 and have been reported in patients receiving REMICADE alone or in combination with
755 immunosuppressive agents.

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757 **Autoantibodies/Lupus-like Syndrome**

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759 Approximately half of REMICADE-treated patients in clinical trials who were antinuclear
760 antibody (ANA) negative at baseline developed a positive ANA during the trial compared with
761 approximately one-fifth of placebo-treated patients. Anti-dsDNA antibodies were newly detected
762 in approximately one-fifth of REMICADE-treated patients compared with 0% of placebo-treated
763 patients. Reports of lupus and lupus-like syndromes, however, remain uncommon.

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765 **Malignancies**

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767 Among 3469 patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease
768 treated with REMICADE in clinical trials with a median of 1.0 years of follow-up, 4 patients
769 developed lymphomas, for a rate of 0.08 cases per 100 patient-years of follow-up in patients with
770 rheumatoid arthritis and 0.12 cases per 100 patient-years of follow up in the combined clinical
771 trial data for rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease patients. This is approximately 3-fold
772 higher in the RA clinical trial population and 5-fold higher in the overall clinical trial population
773 than expected in an age-, gender-, and race-matched general population based on the
774 Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results Database. Rates in clinical trials for REMICADE
775 cannot be compared to rates of clinical trials of other TNF blockers and may not predict rates
776 observed in a broader patient population. An increased rate of lymphoma up to several fold has
777 been reported in the Crohn's disease and rheumatoid arthritis patient populations, and may be
778 further increased in patients with more severe disease activity. Other than lymphoma, 23 patients
779 developed noncutaneous malignancies, which was similar in number to what would be expected
780 in the general population. Of these, the most common malignancies were breast, colorectal, and
781 melanoma. (See WARNINGS, Malignancies.)

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783 Malignancies, including non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease, have also been
784 reported in patients receiving REMICADE during post-approval use.

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786 **Patients with Heart Failure**

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788 In a randomized study evaluating REMICADE in moderate to severe heart failure (NYHA Class
789 III/IV; left ventricular ejection fraction $\leq 35\%$), 150 patients were randomized to receive
790 treatment with 3 infusions of REMICADE 10 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, or placebo, at 0, 2, and 6 weeks.
791 Higher incidences of mortality and hospitalization due to worsening heart failure were observed
792 in patients receiving the 10 mg/kg REMICADE dose. At 1 year, 8 patients in the 10 mg/kg
793 REMICADE group had died compared with 4 deaths each in the 5 mg/kg REMICADE and the
794 placebo groups. There were trends towards increased dyspnea, hypotension, angina, and
795 dizziness in both the 10 mg/kg and 5 mg/kg REMICADE treatment groups, versus placebo.
796 REMICADE has not been studied in patients with mild heart failure (NYHA Class I/II). (See
797 CONTRAINDICATIONS and WARNINGS, Patients with Heart Failure.)

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Immunogenicity

Treatment with REMICADE can be associated with the development of antibodies to infliximab. The incidence of antibodies to infliximab in patients given a 3-dose induction regimen followed by maintenance dosing was approximately 10% as assessed through one to two years of REMICADE treatment. A higher incidence of antibodies to infliximab was observed in Crohn's disease patients receiving REMICADE after drug free intervals >16 weeks. The majority of antibody-positive patients had low titers. Patients who were antibody-positive were more likely to have higher rates of clearance, reduced efficacy and to experience an infusion reaction (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Infusion-related Reactions) than were patients who were antibody negative. Antibody development was lower among rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease patients receiving immunosuppressant therapies such as 6-MP/AZA or MTX.

The data reflect the percentage of patients whose test results were positive for antibodies to infliximab in an ELISA assay, and are highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Additionally, the observed incidence of antibody positivity in an assay may be influenced by several factors including sample handling, timing of sample collection, concomitant medication, and underlying disease. For these reasons, comparison of the incidence of antibodies to infliximab with the incidence of antibodies to other products may be misleading.

Hepatotoxicity

Severe liver injury, including acute liver failure and autoimmune hepatitis, has been reported rarely in patients receiving REMICADE (see WARNINGS, Hepatotoxicity). Reactivation of hepatitis B has occurred in patients receiving REMICADE who are chronic carriers of this virus (i.e., surface antigen positive) (see WARNINGS, Hepatotoxicity).

In clinical trials in RA, Crohn's disease, ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis, elevations of aminotransferases were observed (ALT more common than AST) in a greater proportion of patients receiving REMICADE than in controls, both when REMICADE was given as monotherapy and when it was used in combination with other immunosuppressive agents. In general, patients who developed ALT and AST elevations were asymptomatic, and the abnormalities decreased or resolved with either continuation or discontinuation of REMICADE, or modification of concomitant medications. ALT elevations ≥ 5 times the upper limit of normal were observed in 1% of patients receiving REMICADE.

In rheumatoid arthritis clinical trials, 34% of patients who received REMICADE + MTX experienced transient mild (<2 times the upper limit of normal) or moderate (≥ 2 but <3 times the upper limit of normal) elevations in ALT compared to 24% of patients treated with placebo + MTX. ALT elevations ≥ 3 times the upper limit of normal were observed in 3.9% of patients who received REMICADE + MTX compared with 3.2% of patients who received MTX alone (median follow up approximately 1 year).

842 In Crohn's disease clinical trials (median follow up 54 weeks), 39% of patients receiving
843 REMICADE-maintenance experienced mild to moderate elevations in ALT, compared to 34% of
844 patients treated with placebo-maintenance. ALT elevations ≥ 3 times the upper limit of normal
845 were observed in 5.0% of patients who received REMICADE-maintenance compared with 4.0%
846 of patients who received placebo-maintenance.

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848 In an ankylosing spondylitis clinical trial in which patients were not receiving MTX, 40% of
849 patients who received REMICADE experienced mild to moderate elevations in ALT compared
850 to 13% of patients treated with placebo. ALT elevations ≥ 3 times the upper limit of normal were
851 observed in 12 (6%) REMICADE-treated patients compared to none in placebo-treated patients.
852 Similar rates of mild to moderate ALT elevations and elevations ≥ 3 times the upper limit of
853 normal were observed in a psoriatic arthritis clinical trial.

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855 **Other Adverse Reactions**

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857 Safety data are available from 2779 REMICADE-treated patients, including 1304 with
858 rheumatoid arthritis, 1106 with Crohn's disease, 202 with ankylosing spondylitis, 150 with
859 psoriatic arthritis, and 17 with other conditions. Adverse events reported in $\geq 5\%$ of all patients
860 with rheumatoid arthritis receiving 4 or more infusions are in Table 7. The types and frequencies
861 of adverse reactions observed were similar in REMICADE-treated rheumatoid arthritis,
862 ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis and Crohn's disease patients except for abdominal pain,
863 which occurred in 26% of REMICADE-treated patients with Crohn's disease. In the Crohn's
864 disease studies, there were insufficient numbers and duration of follow-up for patients who never
865 received REMICADE to provide meaningful comparisons.

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Table 7
ADVERSE EVENTS OCCURRING IN 5% OR MORE OF PATIENTS
RECEIVING 4 OR MORE INFUSIONS FOR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

| | Placebo (n=350) | REMICADE (n=1129) |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| Average weeks of follow-up | 59 | 66 |
| Gastrointestinal | | |
| Nausea | 20% | 21% |
| Abdominal Pain | 8% | 12% |
| Diarrhea | 12% | 12% |
| Dyspepsia | 7% | 10% |
| Respiratory | | |
| Upper respiratory tract infection | 25% | 32% |
| Sinusitis | 8% | 14% |
| Pharyngitis | 8% | 12% |
| Coughing | 8% | 12% |
| Bronchitis | 9% | 10% |
| Rhinitis | 5% | 8% |
| Skin and appendages disorders | | |
| Rash | 5% | 10% |
| Pruritis | 2% | 7% |
| Body as a whole-general disorders | | |
| Fatigue | 7% | 9% |
| Pain | 7% | 8% |
| Resistance mechanism disorders | | |
| Fever | 4% | 7% |
| Moniliasis | 3% | 5% |
| Central and peripheral nervous system disorders | | |
| Headache | 14% | 18% |
| Musculoskeletal system disorders | | |
| Back pain | 5% | 8% |
| Arthralgia | 7% | 8% |
| Urinary system disorders | | |
| Urinary tract infection | 6% | 8% |
| Cardiovascular disorders, general | | |
| Hypertension | 5% | 7% |

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Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in clinical trials of another drug and may not predict the rates observed in broader patient populations in clinical practice.

876 The most common serious adverse events observed in clinical trials were infections (see
877 ADVERSE REACTIONS, Infections). Other serious, medically relevant adverse events $\geq 0.2\%$
878 or clinically significant adverse events by body system were as follows:

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880 *Body as a whole:* allergic reaction, diaphragmatic hernia, edema, surgical/procedural sequela
881 *Blood:* pancytopenia
882 *Cardiovascular:* circulatory failure, hypotension, syncope
883 *Gastrointestinal:* constipation, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, ileus, intestinal obstruction,
884 intestinal perforation, intestinal stenosis, pancreatitis, peritonitis, proctalgia
885 *Central & Peripheral Nervous:* meningitis, neuritis, peripheral neuropathy, dizziness
886 *Heart Rate and Rhythm:* arrhythmia, bradycardia, cardiac arrest, tachycardia
887 *Liver and Biliary:* biliary pain, cholecystitis, cholelithiasis, hepatitis
888 *Metabolic and Nutritional:* dehydration
889 *Musculoskeletal:* intervertebral disk herniation, tendon disorder
890 *Myo-, Endo-, Pericardial and Coronary Valve:* myocardial infarction
891 *Platelet, Bleeding and Clotting:* thrombocytopenia
892 *Neoplasms:* basal cell, breast, lymphoma
893 *Psychiatric:* confusion, suicide attempt
894 *Red Blood Cell:* anemia, hemolytic anemia
895 *Reproductive:* menstrual irregularity
896 *Resistance Mechanism:* cellulitis, sepsis, serum sickness
897 *Respiratory:* adult respiratory distress syndrome, lower respiratory tract infection (including
898 pneumonia), pleural effusion, pleurisy, pulmonary edema, respiratory insufficiency
899 *Skin and Appendages:* increased sweating, ulceration
900 *Urinary:* renal calculus, renal failure
901 *Vascular (Extracardiac):* brain infarction, pulmonary embolism, thrombophlebitis
902 *White Cell and Reticuloendothelial:* leukopenia, lymphadenopathy

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904 The following adverse events have been reported during post-approval use of REMICADE:
905 neutropenia (see WARNINGS, Hematologic Events), interstitial pneumonitis/fibrosis, idiopathic
906 thrombocytopenic purpura, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura, pericardial effusion, systemic
907 and cutaneous vasculitis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, transverse myelitis, and neuropathies
908 (additional neurologic events have also been observed, see WARNINGS, Neurologic Events).
909 Because these events are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always
910 possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to REMICADE
911 exposure.

912 913 **OVERDOSAGE**

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915 Single doses up to 20 mg/kg have been administered without any direct toxic effect. In case of
916 overdosage, it is recommended that the patient be monitored for any signs or symptoms of
917 adverse reactions or effects and appropriate symptomatic treatment instituted immediately.

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919 **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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921 **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

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923 The recommended dose of REMICADE is 3 mg/kg given as an intravenous infusion followed
924 with additional similar doses at 2 and 6 weeks after the first infusion then every 8 weeks
925 thereafter. REMICADE should be given in combination with methotrexate. For patients who
926 have an incomplete response, consideration may be given to adjusting the dose up to 10 mg/kg or
927 treating as often as every 4 weeks bearing in mind that risk of serious infections is increased at
928 higher doses (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Infections).

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930 **Crohn's Disease or Fistulizing Crohn's Disease**

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932 The recommended dose of REMICADE is 5 mg/kg given as an induction regimen at 0, 2 and 6
933 weeks followed by a maintenance regimen of 5 mg/kg every 8 weeks thereafter for the treatment
934 of moderately to severely active Crohn's disease or fistulizing disease. For patients who respond
935 and then lose their response, consideration may be given to treatment with 10 mg/kg. Patients
936 who do not respond by week 14 are unlikely to respond with continued dosing and consideration
937 should be given to discontinue REMICADE in these patients.

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939 **Ankylosing Spondylitis**

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941 The recommended dose of REMICADE is 5 mg/kg given as an intravenous infusion followed
942 with additional similar doses at 2 and 6 weeks after the first infusion, then every 6 weeks
943 thereafter.

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945 **Psoriatic Arthritis**

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947 The recommended dose of REMICADE is 5 mg/kg given as an intravenous infusion followed
948 with additional similar doses at 2 and 6 weeks after the first infusion then every 8 weeks
949 thereafter. REMICADE can be used with or without methotrexate.

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951 **Preparation and Administration Instructions**

952 **Use aseptic technique.**

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954 REMICADE vials do not contain antibacterial preservatives. Therefore, the vials after
955 reconstitution should be used immediately, not re-entered or stored. The diluent to be used for
956 reconstitution is 10 mL of Sterile Water for Injection, USP. The total dose of the reconstituted
957 product must be further diluted to 250 mL with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP. The
958 infusion concentration should range between 0.4 mg/mL and 4 mg/mL. The REMICADE
959 infusion should begin within 3 hours of preparation.

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- 961 1. Calculate the dose and the number of REMICADE vials needed. Each REMICADE vial
962 contains 100 mg of infliximab. Calculate the total volume of reconstituted REMICADE
963 solution required.

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- 965 2. Reconstitute each REMICADE vial with 10 mL of Sterile Water for Injection, USP, using a
966 syringe equipped with a 21-gauge or smaller needle. Remove the flip-top from the vial and
967 wipe the top with an alcohol swab. Insert the syringe needle into the vial through the center
968 of the rubber stopper and direct the stream of Sterile Water for Injection, USP, to the glass
969 wall of the vial. Do not use the vial if the vacuum is not present. Gently swirl the solution
970 by rotating the vial to dissolve the lyophilized powder. Avoid prolonged or vigorous
971 agitation. DO NOT SHAKE. Foaming of the solution on reconstitution is not unusual.
972 Allow the reconstituted solution to stand for 5 minutes. The solution should be colorless to
973 light yellow and opalescent, and the solution may develop a few translucent particles as
974 infliximab is a protein. Do not use if opaque particles, discoloration, or other foreign
975 particles are present.
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- 977 3. Dilute the total volume of the reconstituted REMICADE solution dose to 250 mL with
978 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP, by withdrawing a volume of 0.9% Sodium Chloride
979 Injection, USP, equal to the volume of reconstituted REMICADE from the 0.9% Sodium
980 Chloride Injection, USP, 250 mL bottle or bag. Slowly add the total volume of reconstituted
981 REMICADE solution to the 250 mL infusion bottle or bag. Gently mix.
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- 983 4. The infusion solution must be administered over a period of not less than 2 hours and must
984 use an infusion set with an in-line, sterile, non-pyrogenic, low-protein-binding filter (pore
985 size of 1.2 µm or less). Any unused portion of the infusion solution should not be stored for
986 reuse.
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- 988 5. No physical biochemical compatibility studies have been conducted to evaluate the co-
989 administration of REMICADE with other agents. REMICADE should not be infused
990 concomitantly in the same intravenous line with other agents.
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- 992 6. Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and
993 discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. If visibly
994 opaque particles, discoloration or other foreign particulates are observed, the solution
995 should not be used.
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997 **Storage**

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999 Store the lyophilized product under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F). Do not freeze. Do
1000 not use beyond the expiration date. This product contains no preservative.
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1002 **HOW SUPPLIED**

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1004 REMICADE lyophilized concentrate for IV injection is supplied in individually-boxed single-
1005 use vials in the following strength:

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1007 NDC 57894-030-01 100 mg infliximab in a 20 mL vial
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1057 **Rx Only**

1058 **REMICADE® (infliximab)**
1059 **Patient Information Sheet**

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1061 You should read this information sheet before you start using REMICADE® (pronounced rem-
1062 eh-kaid) and before each time you are scheduled to receive REMICADE. This information sheet
1063 does not take the place of talking with your doctor. You and your doctor should talk about your
1064 health and how you are feeling before you start taking REMICADE, while you are taking it and
1065 at regular checkups. If you do not understand any of the information in this sheet, you should ask
1066 your doctor to explain what it means.

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1068 **What is REMICADE?**

1069 REMICADE is a medicine that is used to treat adults with moderately to severely active
1070 rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease. In Crohn's disease, REMICADE is for people who
1071 have not responded well enough to other medicines. REMICADE is also used to treat active
1072 ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis.

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1074 **How does REMICADE work?**

1075 The medicine REMICADE is a type of protein that recognizes, attaches to and blocks the action
1076 of a substance in your body called tumor necrosis factor. Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) is made
1077 by certain blood cells in your body. REMICADE will not cure rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's
1078 disease, ankylosing spondylitis or psoriatic arthritis, but blocking TNF with REMICADE may
1079 reduce the inflammation caused by TNF in your body. You should also know that REMICADE
1080 may help you feel better but can also cause serious side effects and can reduce your body's
1081 ability to fight infections (see below).

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1083 **What should I know about the immune system, and taking REMICADE for Rheumatoid**
1084 **Arthritis, Crohn's Disease, Ankylosing Spondylitis or Psoriatic Arthritis?**

1085 The immune system protects the body by responding to "invaders" like bacteria, viruses and
1086 other foreign matter that enter your body by producing antibodies and putting them into action to
1087 fight off the "invaders." In diseases like rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, ankylosing
1088 spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis, TNF can cause your immune system to attack healthy tissues
1089 in your body and cause inflammation and damage. If these diseases are untreated, it can cause
1090 permanent damage to the body's bones, cartilage and tissue.

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1092 While taking REMICADE can block the TNF that causes inflammation, it can also lower your
1093 body's ability to fight infections. So, taking REMICADE can make you more prone to getting
1094 infections or it can make an infection that you already have worse. You should call your doctor
1095 right away if you think you have an infection.

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1097 **What important information should I know about treatment with REMICADE?**

1098 REMICADE, like other medicines that affect your immune system, is a strong medicine that can
1099 cause serious side effects. Possible serious side effects include:

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1101 Serious Infections:

- 1102 • Some patients have had serious infections while receiving REMICADE. Some of the patients
1103 have died from these infections. Serious infections include TB (tuberculosis), and infections

1104 caused by viruses, fungi or bacteria that have spread throughout the body. If you develop a
1105 fever, feel very tired, have a cough, or have flu-like symptoms, these could be signs that you
1106 may be getting an infection. If you have any of these symptoms while you are taking or after
1107 you have taken REMICADE, you should tell your doctor right away.

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1109 Heart Failure:

- 1110 • If you have been told that you have a heart problem called congestive heart failure and you
1111 are currently being treated with REMICADE, you will need to be closely monitored by your
1112 doctor. If you develop new or worse symptoms that are related to your heart condition, such
1113 as shortness of breath or swelling of your ankles or feet, you must contact your doctor
1114 immediately.

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1116 Blood Problems:

- 1117 • In some patients the body may fail to produce enough of the blood cells that help your body
1118 fight infections or help you stop bleeding. Some of the patients have died from this failure to
1119 produce blood cells. If you develop a fever that doesn't go away, bruise or bleed very easily
1120 or look very pale, call your doctor right away. Your doctor may decide to stop your
1121 treatment.

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1123 Allergic Reactions:

- 1124 • Some patients have had severe allergic reactions to REMICADE. These reactions can happen
1125 while you are getting your REMICADE infusion or shortly afterwards. The symptoms of an
1126 allergic reaction may include hives (red, raised, itchy patches of skin), difficulty breathing,
1127 chest pain and high or low blood pressure. Your doctor may decide to stop REMICADE
1128 treatment and give you medicines to treat the allergic reaction.
- 1129 • Some patients who have been taking REMICADE for Crohn's disease have had allergic
1130 reactions 3 to 12 days after receiving their REMICADE treatment. The symptoms of this
1131 type of delayed reaction may include fever, rash, headache and muscle or joint pain. Call
1132 your doctor right away if you develop any of these symptoms or any other unusual symptoms
1133 such as difficulty swallowing.

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1135 Nervous System Disorders:

- 1136 • There have been rare cases where people taking REMICADE or other TNF blockers have
1137 developed disorders that affected their nervous system. Signs that you could be having a
1138 problem include: changes in your vision, weakness in your arms and/or legs, and numbness
1139 or tingling in any part of your body.

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1141 Malignancy

- 1142 • Reports of a type of blood cancer called lymphoma in patients on REMICADE or other TNF
1143 blockers are rare but occur more often than expected for people in general. People who have
1144 been treated for rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, ankylosing spondylitis or psoriatic
1145 arthritis for a long time, particularly those with highly active disease may be more prone to
1146 develop lymphoma. If you take REMICADE or other TNF blockers, your risk for
1147 developing lymphoma may increase. You should also tell your doctor if you have had or
1148 develop lymphoma or other cancers while you are taking REMICADE.

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1150 Liver Injury

- 1151 • There have been rare cases where people taking REMICADE have developed serious liver
1152 problems, some fatal. Signs that you could be having a problem include: jaundice (skin and
1153 eyes turning yellow), dark brown-colored urine, right sided abdominal pain, fever, and
1154 severe fatigue (tiredness). You should contact your doctor immediately if you develop any
1155 of these symptoms.

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1157 **Other Important Information**

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1159 Some patients have developed symptoms that can resemble a disease called lupus. Lupus-like
1160 symptoms may include chest discomfort or pain that doesn't go away, shortness of breath, joint
1161 pain, or a rash on the cheeks or arms that gets worse in the sun. If you develop any of these
1162 symptoms your doctor may decide to stop your treatment with REMICADE.

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1164 **What are the more common side effects of REMICADE?**

1165 The more common side effects with REMICADE are respiratory infections (that may include
1166 sinus infections and sore throat), coughing and stomach pain.

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1168 **Who should not take REMICADE?**

1169 YOU SHOULD NOT take REMICADE if you have:

- 1170 • Heart failure, unless your doctor has talked to you and decided that you are able to take
1171 REMICADE.
- 1172 • Had an allergic reaction to REMICADE or any other product that was made with murine
1173 (mouse) proteins.

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1175 **What health concerns should I talk to my doctor about?**

1176 Before receiving your first treatment with REMICADE you should tell your doctor if you:

- 1177 • Have or think you may have any kind of infection. The infection could be in only one place
1178 in your body (such as an open cut or sore), or an infection that affects your whole body (such
1179 as the flu). Having an infection could put you at risk for serious side effects from
1180 REMICADE.
- 1181 • Have an infection that won't go away or a history of infection that keeps coming back.
- 1182 • Have had TB (tuberculosis), or if you have recently been with anyone who might have TB.
1183 Your doctor will examine you for TB and perform a skin test. If your doctor feels that you
1184 are at risk for TB, he or she may start treating you for TB before you begin REMICADE
1185 therapy.
- 1186 • Have lived in or visited an area of the country where an infection called histoplasmosis or
1187 coccidioidomycosis (an infection caused by a fungus that affects the lungs) is common. If
1188 you don't know if the area you live in is one where histoplasmosis or coccidioidomycosis is
1189 common, ask your doctor.
- 1190 • Have or have previously had heart failure or other heart conditions.
- 1191 • Have or have had a condition that affects your nervous system, like multiple sclerosis, or
1192 Guillain-Barré syndrome, or if you experience any numbness, or tingling, or have had a
1193 seizure.
- 1194 • Are pregnant or nursing.
- 1195 • Have recently received or are scheduled to receive a vaccine.

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1197 **Can I take REMICADE while I am on other medicines?**

1198 Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines including over the counter medicines,
1199 supplements or herbal products before you are treated with REMICADE. If you start taking or
1200 plan to start taking any new medicine while you are taking REMICADE, tell your doctor.

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1202 REMICADE and KINERET should not be taken together.

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1204 **How will REMICADE be given to me?**

1205 REMICADE will be given to you by a healthcare professional. REMICADE will be given to you
1206 by an IV. This means that the medicine will be given to you through a needle placed in a vein in
1207 your arm. It will take about 2 hours to give you the full dose of medicine. During that time and for
1208 a period after you receive REMICADE, you will be monitored by a healthcare professional. Your
1209 doctor may ask you to take other medicines along with REMICADE.

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1211 Only a health care professional should prepare the medicine and administer it to you.

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1213 **How often will I receive REMICADE?**

1214 Rheumatoid Arthritis

1215 If you are receiving REMICADE for rheumatoid arthritis you will receive your first dose
1216 followed by additional doses at 2 and 6 weeks after the first dose. You will then receive a dose
1217 every 8 weeks. Your doctor will monitor your response to REMICADE and may change your
1218 dose or treat you more frequently (as often as every 4 weeks).

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1220 Crohn's Disease or Fistulizing Crohn's Disease

1221 If you are receiving REMICADE for active Crohn's disease or fistulizing Crohn's disease, you
1222 will receive your first dose followed by additional doses at 2 and 6 weeks after the first dose. You
1223 will then receive a dose every 8 weeks. Your doctor will monitor your response to REMICADE
1224 and may change your dose.

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1226 Ankylosing Spondylitis

1227 If you are receiving REMICADE for ankylosing spondylitis you will receive your first dose
1228 followed by additional doses at 2 and 6 weeks after the first dose. You will then receive a dose
1229 every 6 weeks.

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1231 Psoriatic Arthritis

1232 If you are receiving REMICADE for psoriatic arthritis you will receive your first dose followed
1233 by additional doses at 2 and 6 weeks after the first dose. You will then receive a dose every 8
1234 weeks.

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1236 **What if I still have questions?**

1237 If you have any questions, or problems, always talk first with your doctor. You can also visit the
1238 REMICADE internet site at www.remicade.com.

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