



Enbrel (Etanercept)

What is Enbrel?

A biologic medication used for patient suffering from inflammatory diseases.

Tell your doctor if you have one of the following:

- Allergy to Enbrel.
- Current infections.
- Any current medical conditions.
- Taking any medications like: abatacept, anakinara, cyclophosphamide.
- If you have recently received any vaccines.
- Pregnant, or planning to become pregnant, or breast feeding.

What are the side effects?

Signs of allergic reaction like severe rash, itching, difficulty of breathing and swallowing, swelling of the face, throat, hands and feet.
Signs of infection like fever, throat pain, pain in passing urine, mouth ulcer, non-healing wound
Feeling very tired or weak.
Irritation after taking drugs.
Night sweats.
Weight loss.

How to take the medication?

It is given as an injection into the fatty part of the skin on the top of the thigh, belly area, or upper arm.

If you will be injecting yourself, your physician or nurse will teach you how to give the injection.

Remember to wash your hands before and after injection, and with every new injection you should leave at least 1 inch from the last injection site.

Missing Dose:

- Take the missed dose as soon as you remember.
- If it is time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time.
- Do not take 2 doses at the same time.

Medication Storage:

- Store in a refrigerator, do not freeze.
- Do not put this drug back in the refrigerator after it has been stored at room temperature.
- Store in original container.
- Protect from light, very hot or very cold temperatures.
- Keep all drugs in a safe place, keep out of the reach of children.



Pregnancy and Breast-feeding:

- Enbrel Injection is not recommended during pregnancy and women should not become pregnant. If the patient becomes pregnant, she must visit her physician for consultation.
- Breastfeeding is not recommended while on Enbrel medication.





