

Reslizumab: Patient drug information

Brand Names: US: Cinqair

Warning

•Rarely, allergic reactions have happened with this drug. This has happened as early as the second dose of this drug. These reactions can be life-threatening. You will be watched closely during and after the infusion. Tell your doctor if you have any bad effects during or after the infusion.

What is this drug used for?

- It is used to treat asthma.
- Do not use this drug to treat an asthma attack. Use a rescue inhaler.

What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?

- If you are allergic to this drug; any part of this drug; or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.
- If you have a parasite infection.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug. This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Call your doctor right away if your breathing problems get worse, if your rescue inhaler does not work as well, or if you need to use your rescue inhaler more often.
- Rarely, abnormal growth of cells or tissue in the body that may or may not be cancer has happened with this drug. Talk with your doctor.
- If you are also taking an oral or inhaled steroid, talk with your doctor. Do not stop taking it without talking with your doctor.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan on getting pregnant, or are breast-feeding. You will need to talk about the benefits and risks to you and the baby.

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat;

trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.

- Shortness of breath.
- Upset stomach or throwing up.
- Dizziness or passing out.
- Flushing.
- Pale skin.
- Feeling confused.
- A fast heartbeat.

What are some other side effects of this drug?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- Throat pain.

How is this drug best taken?

- It is given as an infusion into a vein over a period of time.