

Receiving Gazyva (obinutuzumab)

This information is about receiving Gazyva at the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre.

Your health care team will discuss the reasons for this treatment and its side effects with you. They may give you an information sheet about this medication from Cancer Care Ontario that has more detailed information about other side effects.

GAZYVA is given as an infusion. This means it goes directly into your vein through a needle in your arm. You will get your first treatments with GAZYVA in Oncology Day Services — Unit B4 at the Juravinski Hospital.





If you do not have any reactions to the infusion, you will receive the rest of your treatments at the Juravinski Cancer Centre.


On the days you receive GAZYVA, you should expect to spend most of the day at the hospital or cancer centre.

When is Gazyva given?

GAZYVA[®] (obinutuzumab) is medication used with the chemotherapy drug, chlorambucil, to treat chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).

Gazyva is usually given during this schedule:

Cycle 1							
Week 1	Day 1 100 mg 	Day 2 900 mg 	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Week 2	Day 8 1000 mg 	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
Week 3	Day 15 1000 mg 	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21
Week 4	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27	Day 28

Cycles 2 to 6							
Week 1	Day 1 1000 mg 	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Week 2	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
Week 3	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21
Week 4	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27	Day 28

What does an infusion reaction look like?

Signs of infusion reactions may include:

- dizziness
- nausea
- chills
- fever
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- breathing problems
- chest pain

Some important points to remember

- If you have a reaction, the infusion is either slowed or stopped until your symptoms are resolved. Most patients are able to complete infusions and receive medication again. However, if the infusion reaction is serious, the infusion of GAZYVA will be permanently stopped.
- Tell your doctor or nurse right away if you feel any side effects.
- Your health care team will take a few steps to help lessen the risk of a reaction. You may be given medications to take before each GAZYVA treatment. Your doctor may refer to this kind of medication as premedication.
- Speak to your doctor if you take medications to control your blood pressure. You may be asked not take them on the day of your GAZYVA infusion.
- Arrange for a ride home for after your infusion because you may feel drowsy or dizzy.
- Check with your health care team to see where your next infusion is booked: Oncology Day Services or the Juravinski Cancer Center.

