

Changes to your child's intravenous iron therapy

We are making changes to the way you pay for your child's intravenous (IV) iron therapy and the way the drug is brought to the clinic.

Now, you will need to pick up your child's IV iron therapy medication from the hospital pharmacy and bring it to the clinic.

We are making this change to bring our policy in line with other hospitals in the area.

This handout will help answer some questions you may have.

How will I pay for my child's IV iron therapy?

There are 3 different options you may use to pay for your child's IV iron therapy.

Option 1: Private Insurance

Your private insurance provider may cover the cost of your child's IV iron therapy through your insurance plan. You may need to provide the drug identification number listed here:

IV Iron Drug Identification Numbers	
02243716	Venofer®
02205963	DexIron®

The approximate cost of above listed drugs is 50 cents for each mg.

Option 2: Exceptional Access Coverage (EAP)

If you are covered for medications under a government program, you will be eligible for this drug through the exceptional access program.

As of January 1, 2018, your child under the age of 25 will be eligible for exceptional access as part of their OHIP+ coverage. Our Drug Access Facilitator will submit this request on your doctor's behalf and if needed, can help you apply to the Trillium Drug Program.

Option 3: Special Considerations

If you do not have private or EAP coverage and are unable to pay for your child's IV iron therapy on your own, our Drug Access Facilitator will work with you to understand your case and discuss other options to afford your child's drugs.

Contact our Drug Access Facilitator at 905-521-2100, ext. 64223 to help you with this process and to review your options.

Where do I pick up my child's dose of IV iron?

Your child's dose of IV iron will be ready for you to pick up at the hospital pharmacy where your child will have their infusion appointment. You will need to bring it with you to their appointment.

The three Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) pharmacies providing this service are listed below:

- **McMaster Drugstore: 905-521-5019**
 - Located in the main lobby of McMaster University Medical Centre near the information kiosk, across from Admitting.
 - Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm (except on holidays)

- **Hamilton General Drugstore: 905-577-8259**
 - Located in the main lobby of the Hamilton General Hospital near the information kiosk, across from Admitting.
 - Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm (except on holidays)

- **Juravinski Cancer Centre Pharmacy: 905-575-6320**
 - Located on the second floor of the Juravinski Cancer Centre, across from the Supportive Care reception.
 - Hours: Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm (except on holidays)

Go to the pharmacy 30 minutes before your child's infusion appointment to pick up your child's dose of IV iron. Bring it with you to their appointment.

What if my child is scheduled for another infusion and needs more IV iron?

At least 24 hours before your child's infusion appointment, call the hospital where you picked up your child's original supply and ask for a refill. Pick it up 30 minutes before your child's appointment to bring it with you.

If you have any other questions or concerns, speak with your doctor or contact the Drug Access Facilitator at 905-521-2100, ext. 64223 for more information.