

Ferinject IV (intravenous infusion)

Information for patients



Leeds
Maternity Care

Welcome to Antenatal Day Unit. You are attending for Ferinject IV (intravenous infusion) treatment as prescribed by a Doctor as you are anaemic (low haemoglobin level in your blood) which in pregnancy is usually due to a shortage of iron.

You will need to have a cannula inserted into your hand or arm.

Ferinject can be safely delivered into your vein via a pump.

You can rest on the bed.

We will perform observations and checks before, during and after your treatment.

This will include blood pressure, temperature, pulse and your breathing rate per minute. We will also check your oxygen levels by putting a clip on your finger.

We can listen in to your baby if you wish.

On arrival you will have the first set of checks completed.

A cannula will be put into the back of your hand.

Your medication will be checked and made up into an infusion (a fluid drip) before it is given to you. The infusion will be given to you using an electric pump so it is given safely.

Our staff will also perform similar observations and checks during your stay with us and before you leave.

Your cannula will be removed before you leave. Cannulas sometimes stay in your hand or arm until all final checks are complete as a safety precaution.

Midwives will advise you about oral iron before you go home and make sure you know about any follow up tests or appointments that you need.

Please do not hesitate to talk to the team or ask any questions.

Reactions are rare but for your safety please read the following information

Please tell staff as soon as possible if you experience any of the symptoms below or you have any other concerns:

- Allergic reaction- such as itching, rash, hives, tingling or swelling of lips, mouth or tongue, sudden persistent cough, tightness in chest
- Sudden onset of a headache
- feeling lightheaded or dizzy
- If your cannula becomes sore, swollen or red, or you notice brown discolouration of your skin
- You have a metallic taste in your mouth
- You feel sick, have stomach pain or are constipation or have diarrhoea
- You feel hot or flushed
- You have pain in your muscles

If you feel unwell, notice anything odd or unusual or are worried, then please tell us straightaway and we will help you.



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