

# Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) Order Form

(All orders to be deleted are to be crossed out with a single line and initialed by prescriber)

DO NOT USE: U, u, IU, MS, MSO<sub>4</sub>, 1.0 (trailing zero), .5, QD, QOD, MgSO<sub>4</sub>  
INSTEAD USE: Unit, Morphine, 1, 0.5 (leading zero), Daily, Every other day, Magnesium

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ (cm) Weight (actual): \_\_\_\_\_ (kg)

## 1. Indication – must check one

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Autoimmune Blistering Skin Diseases<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bone Marrow Transplant<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clostridium Difficile (severe, recurrent)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dermatomyositis/Polymyositis (refractory disease)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Guillian-Barre Syndrome (severe disease)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Immune/Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Kawasaki's Disease<br><input type="checkbox"/> Lambert-Easton Myasthenic Syndrome<br><input type="checkbox"/> Multifocal Motor Neuropathy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Myasthenia Gravis | <input type="checkbox"/> Optic Neuropathy/Neuritis - corticosteroid resistant<br><input type="checkbox"/> Parvovirus B-19 infection – immunocompromised patient with pure red cell aplasia<br><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Transfusion Purpura<br><input type="checkbox"/> Primary Immunodeficiency ( <b>Carimune NF as a 3% solution</b> )<br><input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection (RSV) – severely ill, immunocompromised patient<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stiff Person Syndrome<br><input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis/Stevens-Johnson Syndrome<br><input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Shock Syndrome<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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## 2. Pre-Medications: 30 minutes prior to each IVIG infusion

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 650mg orally x 1 dose<br><input type="checkbox"/> Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 650mg per rectum x 1 dose<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) 25mg orally x 1 dose<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) 25mg IV x 1 dose |
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## 3. IV Fluids: Volume status should be evaluated and patients should be adequately hydrated prior to initiating IVIG

- NaCl 0.9%  250 mL  500 ml  1000 mL at \_\_\_\_\_ mL/hr **X 1 bag** prior to each IVIG infusion  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  None, already on maintenance fluids or contraindicated

## 4. Product selection

- Carimune<sup>®</sup> NF - (Formulary/Preferred product) 6% solution OR (select one)  3%  9%**  
For Primary Immunodeficiency, the first infusion of Carimune NF should be given as a 3% solution.
- Privigen<sup>®</sup> 10% - Sucrose-free product. NON-FORMULARY. Requires Non-formulary Form to be completed and signed by attending physician AND approval by clinical pharmacy staff.**

## 5. Dose/Frequency: Doses will be automatically rounded to nearest whole vial size. (see Table 1: Recommended Doses)

- IVIG \_\_\_\_\_ grams/kg IBW (usual dose range: 0.4 – 2 g/kg) IV daily x \_\_\_\_\_ doses**  
All patients will be dose based on ideal body weight (IBW), except when actual body weight is less than IBW and obese patients more than 100kg or BMI > 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (use Adjusted BW in obese patients).

## 6. Infusion rate: Advance **ONLY** as tolerated (see Table 2: Recommended Infusion Rates)

- Carimune<sup>®</sup> NF:** Begin at 0.5 mg/kg/min. After 30 minutes, increase to 1 mg/kg/min. Continue to increase by doubling the rate (every 30 min) up to a **MAX of 2 mg/kg/min**.
- Privigen<sup>®</sup> 10%:** Begin at 0.5 mg/kg/min. After 30 min, increase to 1 mg/kg/min. Continue to increase by doubling the rate (every 30 min) up to a **MAX of 4 mg/kg/min (MAX of 4 mg/kg/min for ITP indication and 2 mg/kg/min for patients with or at risk for renal dysfunction or thrombosis, see page # 2).**

## 7. Administration considerations:

- Use slower infusion rates in patient with renal dysfunction/acute renal failure, thrombosis or congestive heart failure.
- Increase rate if no adverse reaction occurs. Decreasing rate may help relieve some side effects.
- Must be administered via dedicated intravenous line. Do not mix with other medications.

## 8. Monitoring:

- Vital signs (Temp, HR, RR, BP) immediately before infusion, then every 15 minutes for the first hour, then every hour for the duration of infusion and 15-30 min after completion.
- If mild reaction occurs (headache, flushing, dizziness, nausea): **STOP** infusion until symptoms subside, **THEN** resume infusion at half the rate causing the adverse reaction. Re-titrate (increase) rate as tolerated.
- For **moderate to severe reactions** (anaphylaxis, chest pain, hypotension, bronchospasms, angioedema, chills or fever > 100.4), **STOP** the infusion immediately **AND** contact prescriber. **Do not discard.**

Physician's Signature & ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_



Patient Identification Sticker

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**Table 1. Recommended Doses: Dose to be based on ideal body weight (IBW), unless actual body weight is less than IBW and obese patients more than 100kg or BMI > 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (use Adjusted body weight (ABW) obese patients).**

**IBW: M = 50 kg (1<sup>st</sup> 5 ft) + (2.3 x inches over 5 ft); F = 45.5 kg (1<sup>st</sup> 5 ft) + (2.3 x inches over 5 ft); ABW: IBW + 0.4 (actual body weight – IBW)**

| Indication   | Recommended dose   |
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| FIRST LINE INDICATIONS   |  |
| <b>Bone Marrow Transplant</b>  | 0.5 g/kg/dose every 2 weeks if IgG level < 500 mg mg/dL  |
| <b>Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)</b>  | Acute: 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days<br>Chronic: 0.5 g/kg/day x 2 days every 3 weeks   |
| <b>Gullian-Barre Syndrome- Severe disease</b>  | 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days or 0.5 g/kg/day x 4 days or 1 g/kg/day x 2 days  |
| <b>Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) – Acute ITP with platelet count &lt; 30,000/mm<sup>3</sup> or actively bleeding</b>   | 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days or 0.5 g/kg/day x 4 days or 1 g/kg/day x 2 days  |
| <b>Kawasaki's Disease - administer within 10 days of onset of illness and before aneurysms occur</b>   | 2 g/kg x one dose – In combination with aspirin  |
| <b>Myasthenia Gravis / Lambert-Easton Myasthenic Syndrome- Severe exacerbation or crisis</b>   | 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days or 0.5 g/kg/day x 4 days or 1 g/kg/day x 2 days  |
| <b>Multifocal Motor Neuropathy</b>   | Acute: 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days<br>Chronic: 1g/kg every 2- 4 weeks or 2 g/kg every 1 – 2 months                                 |
| <b>Parvovirus B-19 infection – immunocompromised patients with pure red cell aplasia AND failure of steroids or other immunosuppressive therapy</b>  | 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days or 0.5 g/kg/day x 4 days or 1 g/kg/day x 2 days  |
| <b>Post-Transfusion Purpura – sudden, severe thrombocytopenia (5-10 days post transfusion) AND active bleeding</b>   | 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days or 0.5 g/kg/day x 4 days or 1 g/kg/day x 2 days  |
| <b>Primary Immunodeficiency (PI) - (congenital agammaglobulinemia, severe combined immunodeficiency syndromes, common variable immunodeficiency, X-linked immunodeficiency and Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome)</b> | 0.4 g/kg to 0.8 g/kg once every 3 to 4 weeks<br>(Dose adjusted to maintain goal trough of IgG greater than 500 mg/dL)        |
| <b>Respiratory Syncytial Virus infection – severely ill AND immunocompromised patient.</b>   | 0.5 g/kg every other day for the duration of inhaled ribavirin therapy.  |
| SECOND LINE INDICATIONS  |  |
| <b>Autoimmune Blistering Skin Diseases- severe AND conventional corticosteroid or other immunosuppressant therapy as failed</b>  | 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days. May repeat every 3 to 4 weeks   |
| <b>Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia- hypogammaglobulinemia and severe, recurrent infection</b>   | 0.4 g/kg/dose every 3 to 4 weeks   |
| <b>Dermatomyositis (DM)/Polymyositis (PM) – for refractory disease. Should be given in combination with steroids or other immunosuppressive therapy</b>  | DM: 1g/kg/day x 2 days monthly x 3 months<br>Alternative (for both DM or PM)<br>0.5 g/kg/day x 4 days or 1 g/kg/day x 2 days |
| <b>Stiff Person Syndrome – failed standard therapy (diazepam, baclofen or other immunosuppressive therapy)</b>   | 1 g/kg/day x 2 days  |
| THIRD LINE INDICATIONS   |  |
| <b>Clostridium Difficile infection – Severe and recurrent disease</b>  | 0.2 to 0.3 g/kg x one dose   |
| <b>Optic Neuropathy/Neuritis – corticosteroid refractory</b>   | 0.4 g/kg/day x 5 days, then single infusion monthly x 3 months<br>Alternative: 0.4 g/kg/day at days 0,1,2,30 and 60          |
| <b>Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis/Stevens-Johnson Syndrome involved body surface area &gt; 10% AND other treatments are contraindicated OR condition life-threatening</b>  | 2 g/kg as single dose or divided over 2 - 3 days   |
| <b>Staphylococcal or Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome</b>  | 1 g/kg/day x one dose. May repeat 0.5 mg/kg/day x 2 days   |

**Table 2. Recommended Infusion Rates**

**Product:** Carimune NF

| Concentration (%) | Initial Infusion Rate:<br>0.5 mg/kg/min | 1 mg/kg/min             | 2 mg/kg/min*           | Maximum Infusion Rate†: 3 mg/kg/min |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3%                | 0.0167 mL/kg/min                        | 0.033 mL/kg/min         | 0.067 mL/kg/min        | 0.10 mL/kg/min                      |
| 6%                | <b>0.008 mL/kg/min</b>                  | <b>0.0167 mL/kg/min</b> | <b>0.033 mL/kg/min</b> | <b>0.050 mL/kg/min</b>              |
| 9%                | 0.006 mL/kg/min                         | 0.011 mL/kg/min         | 0.022 mL/kg/min        | 0.033 mL/kg/min                     |

\* Maximum infusion rate for patients at risk of renal dysfunction or thromboembolic events.

† For patients **not** at risk of renal dysfunction or thromboembolic events.

**Product:** Priven 10%

| Indication | Initial Infusion Rate:<br>0.5 mg/kg/min | Maintenance rate (if tolerated) |
|------------|---|---------------------------------|
| PI         | 0.005 mL/kg/min                         | 8 mg/kg/min (0.08 mL/kg/min)    |
| ITP        | 0.005 mL/kg/min                         | 4 mg/kg/min (0.04 mL/kg/min)    |

**\*Patients predisposed to acute renal failure**

- Preexisting renal insufficiency (GFR < 60 )
- Diabetes mellitus
- Age > 65
- Volume depletion
- Sepsis
- Receiving other known nephrotoxic drugs