

# Entyvio®

Vedolizumab (rch)

## Consumer Medicine Information

### What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Entyvio.

It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

The information in this leaflet was last updated on the date listed on the final page. More recent information on the medicine may be available. You should ensure that you speak to your pharmacist or doctor to obtain the most up to date information on this medicine. You can also download the most up to date leaflet from <https://www.ebs.tga.gov.au/>.

Those updates may contain important information about the medicine and its use of which you should be aware.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you being given this medicine against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

**If you have any concerns about being given this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

**Keep this leaflet with the medicine.** You may need to read it again.

### What Entyvio is used for

Entyvio contains the active substance vedolizumab, a monoclonal antibody. Monoclonal antibodies are proteins that recognise and bind to certain special proteins in the body.

Entyvio specifically binds to a protein called integrin  $\alpha_4\beta_7$  present on certain white blood cells. Integrin  $\alpha_4\beta_7$  can act to increase inflammation

seen in ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.

Entyvio works by blocking  $\alpha_4\beta_7$  integrins and so reduces inflammation.

Ulcerative colitis

Ulcerative colitis is an inflammatory disease of the large bowel. Entyvio is used to treat the signs and symptoms of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis in adults who have not responded well enough or are intolerant to other treatments.

Crohn's disease

Crohn's disease is an inflammatory disease of the bowel. It may also affect any part of the gut. Entyvio is used to treat the signs and symptoms of moderate to severe Crohn's disease in adults who have not responded well enough or are intolerant to other treatments.

**Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about why Entyvio has been prescribed for you.**

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another purpose.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

There is not enough information to recommend the use of this medicine for children under the age of 18 years.

### Before you are given Entyvio

*When you must not be given it*

**You should not be given Entyvio if you:**

- **are allergic to vedolizumab or any of the other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.** Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include wheezing, difficulty breathing, hives, itching, swelling or dizziness.
- have an active severe infection, such as for example tuberculosis, blood poisoning, serious abscesses.

**Do not receive it after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is damaged or shows signs of tampering.**

If it has expired or is damaged return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

### Before you are given it

*Tell your doctor if:*

- **you have an infection, or think you have an infection.**
- **are going to receive any vaccination or have recently had a vaccination.** Entyvio may affect the way you respond to a vaccination
- **you have any allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.**

**Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.**

The effects of Entyvio in pregnant women are not known. Therefore, this medicine is not recommended for use during pregnancy unless you and your doctor decide that the benefit to you clearly outweighs the potential risk to your baby.

Your doctor can discuss the risks and benefits involved.

If you are a woman of childbearing potential, you should use adequate contraception to avoid falling pregnant and continue to use it for at least 4.5 months after the last treatment with Entyvio.

**Tell your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.**

It is not known whether Entyvio passes into breast milk and if so what effect this may have on your baby. If you are breastfeeding, your doctor may advise you to stop breastfeeding while you are using this medicine.

**If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you are given Entyvio.**

*Taking other medicines*

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food store.**

Entyvio should not be given with other biologic medicines that suppress your immune system as this combination has not been studied in clinical trials.

**If you have previously taken natalizumab (TYSABRI) or rituximab (MABTHERA) for other conditions, tell your doctor who will decide if you can be given Entyvio.**

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## How Entyvio is given

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Entyvio will be given to you by your doctor or nurse in a hospital or a clinic, through a drip in one of the veins in your arm (intravenous infusion) over about 30 minutes.

Your healthcare provider will monitor you during and after the Entyvio infusion for side effects to see if you have a reaction to the treatment.

**If you have any questions about how this medicine is given, ask your doctor or nurse who is giving you the infusion.**

### *How much to take*

Treatment with Entyvio is the same for ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.

The recommended dose of Entyvio is 300 mg per infusion. You will get additional infusions at 2 and 6 weeks and be assessed by your treating doctor 6 to 8 weeks after you've completed the initial treatment doses to see how you have responded. If there has been an adequate response to the first 3 doses you may continue treatment with further doses every 8 weeks.

### *How long to take it*

**Continue receiving your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you.** You should not stop using Entyvio without talking with your doctor first.

### *If you forget or miss an appointment*

**If you forget or miss an appointment to receive the infusion, make another appointment as soon as possible.**

**If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor.**

### *If you are given too much (overdose)*

As Entyvio is given to you by infusion under the supervision of a doctor or nurse, it is unlikely that you will receive too much.

**However, if you experience any side effects after being given Entyvio, tell your doctor or nurse immediately.**

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## While you are being given Entyvio

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### *Things you must do*

**When you first receive this medicine and during the course of the treatment, also between doses, tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you:**

- **experience blurred, loss of or double vision, difficulty speaking, weakness in an arm or a leg, a change in the way you walk or problems with your balance, persistent numbness, decreased sensation or loss of sensation, or memory loss or confusion. These may all be symptoms of a serious and potentially fatal brain condition known as progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML).**

Your doctor or nurse will provide you with a Patient Alert Card, that you should keep with you at all times. This card will remind you to tell all other health professionals that you are being given Entyvio.

If you experience any of the symptoms in this card, you should contact your doctor immediately.

- **have an infection, or think you have an infection, such as if you develop chills, shivering, persistent cough or a high fever.**

Some infections may become serious and possibly even life-threatening if left untreated

- **experience signs of an allergic reaction or other reaction to the infusion such as wheezing, difficulty breathing, hives, itching, swelling or dizziness.**

These could occur during or after the infusion.

- **are going to receive any vaccination or have recently had a vaccination.**

Entyvio may affect the way you respond to a vaccination

**If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor that you are taking Entyvio.**

**If you become pregnant while you are taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.**

### *Things you must not do*

**Do not use this medicine to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.**

**Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.**

**Do not stop taking Entyvio without checking with your doctor.**

### *Things to be careful of*

**Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Entyvio affects you.**

This medicine may have a minor influence on your ability to drive or use tools or machines. A small number of patients have felt dizzy after receiving Entyvio.

**If you feel dizzy, do not drive or use tools or machines.**

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## Side effects

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**Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking Entyvio.**

Entyvio helps most people with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people.

All medicines have some unwanted side effects. Sometimes they are serious, but most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side-effects.

**Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.**

**Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.**

**Tell your doctor or nurse if you notice any of the following and they worry you:**

- headache
- fever
- common cold
- flu (influenza)
- nose or throat infection
- bronchitis
- chest infection
- cough
- throat pain
- nausea
- itching

- rash and redness
- pain in the extremities
- back pain
- joint pain
- tiredness

The above list includes the more common side effects of your medicine. They are usually mild and short-lived.

**Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you notice any of the following:**

- high fever
- rash
- dark urine, yellowing of the eyes and skin (jaundice)

The above symptoms could be a sign of infection or liver injury. Some infections may become serious and possibly even life-threatening if left untreated.

**If any of the following happen, tell your doctor immediately or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital:**

- wheezing or difficulty breathing
- hives
- itching of the skin
- swelling
- rapid heart beat
- vomiting
- chills or shivering

The above list includes very serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention. These side effects are rare.

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell.**

Other side effects not listed above may occur in some people.

### *Storage*

**If you need to store Entyvio before taking it to hospital or clinic, the unopened vial should be stored in the refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (Refrigerate. Do not freeze). Protect from light. Keep the vial in the original carton.**

**Do not store it or any other medicine in the bathroom, near a sink, or on a windowsill.**

**Do not leave it in the car.**

Heat and damp can destroy some medicines.

**Keep it where children cannot reach it.**

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## Product description

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### *What it looks like*

Entyvio is a white to off-white powder provided in a glass vial.

Each pack of Entyvio contains one vial.

### *Ingredients*

Active ingredient:

Each vial of Entyvio contains 300 mg of vedolizumab.

After reconstitution each mL of solution contains 60 mg of vedolizumab.

Other ingredients:

- histidine
- histidine hydrochloride monohydrate
- arginine hydrochloride
- sucrose
- polysorbate 80

### *Supplier*

Entyvio is supplied in Australia by:

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