

# Injectable Entyvio® (Vedolizumab)

## Information for Patients and Carers

### Why am I receiving this leaflet?

The medication you have been prescribed for your Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Entyvio®) is now available in two different forms: an infusion (which you're currently prescribed at the hospital) and a new injectable preparation. Both contain the same drug, Vedolizumab, and both have been shown to work as well as each other.

### What does this mean for me?

You now have the option of changing from Entyvio infusions (Option 1) to the Entyvio® injections (Option 2).

#### Option 1

Infusion (given directly into the vein) at the hospital



#### Option 2

Subcutaneous injection (an injection just below the skin) at home



The dose for option 2 is one injection once every 2 weeks. These injections will be delivered to you by a Homecare company to your home (or another nominated address) every 8 weeks. The delivered medication should be stored in the fridge.

**After you've received your first delivery, a nurse from the Homecare company will come out to your home to show you how to use the injection.** If you aren't confident after they've shown you the first time, they can visit you again.

If you switch to the injections you will continue to be followed up in the same way. That is:

- An out-patient review appointment (telephone, video or face-to-face in clinic)
- Routine blood tests every 6 months in the hospital
- Stool samples to monitor the inflammation in your gut
- Completing symptom report cards.

You may find being on the injectable version of Entyvio® more convenient as it means less travel to the hospital.

### **Do I have to switch to the injectable version?**

No, if you would prefer to stay on the infusion then please confirm this when we contact you. We'll do this by telephone over the next 2-4 weeks.

#### **When we call you we'll ask if you:**

- a. Are happy to switch to the injectable medication and we will set this up
- b. Would like more information. This will then be discussed with you at your next infusion
- c. Would prefer to continue with the infusion. Your care will not be affected if you decide not to switch.

**There is limited stock of the injections available at the moment so you might not switch straight away.** We will let you know which will be your last infusion at the hospital and the Homecare company will let you know when they are taking over delivery of your medication.

### **More Information**

You'll be given copies of the patient information leaflet for Entyvio® and the Homecare service with this leaflet. You can also read more about this injection on the internet webpage (<http://entyvio.co.uk/public/>).

You may also find it helpful to look at the Crohn's and Colitis UK website (<https://www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk/>). This has lots of resources for people living with inflammatory bowel disease. Please speak to our nursing team if you would like help or support accessing this. The telephone number for our IBD Specialist Nurses is **0131 537 1272**.

As you can travel with these injections, IBD passport (<https://www.ibdpassport.com>) will also be a useful resource to look at for practical advice on travelling with Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

If you want to find out more information or want to speak to someone in our team, you can call us on **0131 537 1873**. This is the telephone number for our IBD administrative assistant who will take a message and ask one of the team to call you back.