

Patient education/information

Dear patient,

The most efficient method of giving you the drug you require for your treatment is an intravenous injection. This means that the drug has to be administered via a vein to reach the blood circulation and finally the site of action.

What may happen during this injection is that the drug does not flow directly into the vein but into the tissue underneath the skin. Doctors call this phenomenon “**extravasation**”. On rare occasions this may result in damage to healthy tissue at the injection site.

Extravasations may be favoured by veins that are difficult to access or by a change on the positioning of the injection needle, caused, for example, by frequent arm movement during the infusion.

To avoid possible disadvantageous effects of an extravasation, please tell the nursing staff or doctor immediately if you notice

- **Pain** or a **burning** sensation at the injection site
- **Swelling** at the injection site
- **Reddening** skin at the injection site
- Or **pain** caused by the needle

If this is the case, the doctor will examine the injection site and, if required, position a new needle. Please note that in some cases the preliminary signs such as pain, burning, reddening, swelling may be hardly noticeable during the infusion and increase only over time.

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