

# Vedolizumab (Entyvio)

## This medication is used to treat **CROHN'S DISEASE** and **ULCERATIVE COLITIS**

**Included in a drug class called integrin receptor antagonists**

**Works by reducing inflammation that leads to the symptoms of Crohn's / ulcerative colitis**

### **DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

- Intravenous (IV) infusion given by a healthcare professional
- Frequency of administration as prescribed by your provider

### **POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- Rare risk of anti-drug antibody formation
- Rare risk of infusion reaction
- Unclear risk of increased upper respiratory viruses (colds) and joint pains

**These rare risks are outweighed by potential complications of untreated inflammatory bowel disease**

### **ADDITIONAL TESTING AND MONITORING**

Prior to starting this medication, your doctor may order:

- Blood counts and liver tests
- Tests for inflammation (blood and/or stool test)
- Stool tests to rule out infection
- Abdominal imaging and/or colonoscopy

**While on this medication, your doctor may order:**

- Blood counts and liver tests regularly to ensure safety
- Repeat tests for inflammation and abdominal imaging and/or colonoscopy to assess response to treatment

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### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- This medication is safe to use in pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Make sure you are up to date on your vaccinations including: annual flu vaccine, Pneumovax, Prevnar-13, tetanus, hepatitis A and B, and Shingrix (age >50)
- Avoid LIVE vaccines while on this medication
- Financial assistance may be available
- **This medication should be taken exactly as prescribed to properly treat the disease**
- **Please contact your provider if you notice any signs or symptoms of infection**
- **Do not stop or hold this medication without contacting your gastroenterologist**

