



## When should I not have MabThera?

Do not have MabThera if you have an active infection or a serious problem with your immune system.

Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking or have previously taken medicines which may affect your immune system; this includes chemotherapy.

## What are the signs of getting an infection?

Look out for the following possible signs of infection:

- Fever or cough all the time
- Weight loss
- Pain without injuring yourself
- Feeling generally unwell or listless.

**If you get any of these, tell a doctor or nurse straight away.**

**You should also tell them about your MabThera treatment.**

## Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet.

Reporting forms and information can be found at [www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal](http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal) and sent by email to [postlicensing.medicinesauthority@gov.mt](mailto:postlicensing.medicinesauthority@gov.mt) or posted to ADR Reporting, The Medicines Authority Post-licensing Directorate, 203, Level 3, Rue D'Argens, Gżira GŻR 1368, MALTA.

Adverse events should also be reported to Roche Products Ltd. Please contact Roche Drug Safety Centre by emailing [welwyn.uk\\_dsc@roche.com](mailto:welwyn.uk_dsc@roche.com) or calling +44 (0)1707 367554.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine

# MABTHERA® (rituximab) IN NON-ONCOLOGY INDICATIONS PATIENT ALERT CARD

- Keep this card with you at all times
- Present this card to every healthcare professional involved in your healthcare

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### **Why have I been given this card?**

This medicine may make you more likely to get infections. This card tells you:

- What you need to know before having MabThera
- What the signs of an infection are
- What to do if you think you might be getting an infection.

It also includes your name and doctor's name and phone number on the back.

### **What should I do with this card?**

- Keep this card with you all the time - such as in your wallet or purse.
- Show this card to any doctor, nurse or dentist you see - not just the specialist who prescribes your MabThera.

Keep this card with you for 2 years after your last dose of MabThera. This is because side effects can develop several months after you have had treatment.

### **Where can I get more information?**

See the MabThera package leaflet for more information.

### **Treatment start date and contact details**

Date of most recent infusion:

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Date of first infusion:

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Patient's Name:

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Doctor's Name:

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Doctor's contact details:

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Make sure you have a list of all your medicines when you see a health care professional.

Please talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions about the information in this card.

### **What else do I need to know?**

Rarely MabThera can cause a serious brain infection, called "Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy" or PML. This can be fatal.

- Signs of PML include:
  - Confusion, memory loss or problems thinking
  - Loss of balance or a change in the way you walk or talk
  - Decreased strength or weakness on one side of your body
  - Blurred vision or loss of vision.

If you get any of these, tell a doctor or nurse straight away. You should also tell them about your MabThera treatment.