

# IMMUNOGLOBULIN, HEPATITIS B

SYNONYMS	HBIG
BRAND NAME	HEPATITIS B IMMUNOGLOBULIN-VF
DRUG CLASS	Immunoglobulin
AVAILABILITY	Vial contains 100 international units or 400 international units of human hepatitis B antibody immunoglobulin. Also contains glycine. <sup>1</sup> The solution is thick, clear and colourless. <sup>2</sup>
WARNING	Immunoglobulins are blood products. Check your local guidelines for handling, storage and batch recording requirements. Hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis may occur.
pH	6.6 <sup>1</sup>
PREPARATION	Ready to use. Allow the vial to reach room temperature before use. <sup>1</sup>
STABILITY	Vial: store at 2 to 8 °C. Protect from light. Do not freeze. <sup>1</sup>
ADMINISTRATION	
<b>IM injection</b>	Inject slowly into the deltoid, lateral thigh or gluteal muscle. The preferred site will depend on the volume of the injection. If the volume of the dose is more than 5 mL use two different sites. <sup>1</sup> May be mixed with hyaluronidase or a local anaesthetic if required. <sup>1</sup> Give the injection at a different site to the vaccine. <sup>1</sup>
<b>SUBCUT injection</b>	Not recommended
<b>IV injection</b>	Contraindicated <sup>1</sup>
<b>IV infusion</b>	Contraindicated <sup>1</sup>
COMPATIBILITY	Do not mix with other fluids or medicines <sup>1</sup>
INCOMPATIBILITY	No information
SPECIAL NOTES	Hepatitis B immunoglobulin is given at the same time as hepatitis B vaccine. <sup>1</sup> Hepatitis B immunoglobulin must be given within 72 hours of exposure to the virus. <sup>1</sup>

## REFERENCES

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