

IMMUNOGLOBULIN, ZOSTER

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| SYNONYMS | ZIG |
| BRAND NAME | ZOSTER IMMUNOGLOBULIN-VF |
| DRUG CLASS | Immunoglobulin |
| AVAILABILITY | Vial contains 200 international units of human varicella-zoster antibody immunoglobulin. Also contains glycine. ¹ The solution is clear, colourless and thick. ² |
| 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 ¹ |
| PREPARATION | Ready to use. Allow the vial to reach room temperature before use. ¹ |
| STABILITY | Vial: store at 2 to 8 °C. Protect from light. Do not freeze. ¹ |
| ADMINISTRATION | |
| IM injection | 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. ¹ May be mixed with hyaluronidase or a local anaesthetic if required. ¹ |
| SUBCUT injection | Not recommended |
| IV injection | Contraindicated ¹ |
| IV infusion | Contraindicated ¹ |
| COMPATIBILITY | Do not mix with other fluids or medicines ¹ |
| INCOMPATIBILITY | No information |
| SPECIAL NOTES | Zoster immunoglobulin can be given within 96 hours of exposure to the virus. ¹ |

REFERENCES

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