

# Ferinject® *ferric carboxymaltose*

Ferinject® is an intravenous (IV) iron treatment for iron deficiency or iron deficiency anemia. It is used when iron tablets are not effective, not tolerated, or when iron levels need to be replaced quickly. It can be safely used in non-pregnant patients and during pregnancy (second and third trimester) when recommended by your healthcare provider.

## WHY YOU MIGHT NEED IV IRON

- You cannot tolerate oral iron tablets
- You have severe iron deficiency anemia
- You need rapid iron replacement
- You have ongoing blood loss or poor iron absorption
- You are pregnant and need faster correction of anemia

## USE DURING PREGNANCY

- Oral iron is not working or causes side effects
- Anemia is moderate to severe
- Iron replacement is needed quickly later in pregnancy

## HOW IT IS GIVEN

- Given through a vein (IV infusion or injection)
- Each treatment takes about 15–30 minutes
- Most patients need 1–2 treatments based on iron levels and body weight
- You will be monitored briefly after treatment

## AFTER YOUR INFUSION

- You can usually return to normal activities the same day
- Symptoms may improve over days to weeks
- Bloodwork is repeated 4–8 weeks after treatment to check your response

## COMMON SIDE EFFECTS

*Most are mild and temporary.*

- Headache
- Nausea
- Flushing
- Dizziness
- Muscle or joint aches
- Temporary taste changes

## LESS COMMON BUT IMPORTANT

*Tell your care team if these occur.*

- Allergic reactions
- Low phosphate levels
- Skin staining if iron leaks outside the vein

### **SEEK URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION IF YOU HAVE:**

- Difficulty breathing
- Chest tightness
- Swelling of the face or throat
- Severe rash

*If you are pregnant and have a reaction to IV iron, you will be sent to the emergency department for assessment.*

## WHEN TO CONTACT YOUR CARE TEAM

Contact Ferra (or your healthcare provider) if you experience:

- Fever
- Worsening pain or swelling at the IV site
- Persistent rash or shortness of breath
- Any symptoms that concern you after treatment