

Degree of hæmorrhage/ Type of surgical procedure	Factor VIII level required (% of normal) (IU/dl)	Frequency of Doses (hours) / Duration of Therapy (days)
Hæmorrhage		
More extensive hæmarthrosis, muscle bleeding or hæmatoma	30 – 60	Repeat infusion every 12 – 24 hours for 3 – 4 days or more until pain and acute disability are resolved
Life threatening hæmorrhages	60 – 100	Repeat infusion every 8 to 24 hours until threat is resolved
Surgery		
<i>Minor</i> Including tooth extraction	30 – 60	Every 24 hours, at least 1 day, until healing is achieved.
<i>Major</i>	80 – 100 (pre-and post-operative)	Repeat infusion every 8 – 24 hours until adequate wound healing, then therapy for at least another 7 days to maintain a factor VIII activity of 30 % to 60% (IU/dl)

The amount and frequency of administration should be adapted to the clinical response in the individual case. Under certain circumstances (e.g. presence of a low titre inhibitor) doses larger than those calculated using the formula may be necessary. During the course of treatment, appropriate determination of factor VIII levels is advised to guide the dose to be administered and the frequency of repeated infusions. In the case of major surgical interventions in particular, precise monitoring of the substitution therapy by means of coagulation analysis (plasma factor VIII activity) is indispensable. Individual patients may vary in their response to factor VIII, demonstrating different half-lives and recoveries.

Pædiatric population

The product should be used with caution in children less than 6 years of age, who have limited exposure to factor VIII products, as there are limited clinical data available for this patient group.

Long-term prophylaxis

For long term prophylaxis against bleeding in patients with severe hæmophilia A, the usual doses are 20 to 40 IU of factor VIII per kg body weight at intervals of 2 to 3 days. In some cases, especially in younger patients, shorter dosage intervals or higher doses may be necessary.

Dosage in von Willebrand's disease

Replacement therapy with Immunate to control hæmorrhages follows the guidelines given for hæmophilia A. Since Immunate contains a relatively high amount of factor VIII in relation to vWF, the treating physician should be aware that continued treatment may cause an excessive rise in factor VIII:C, which can lead to an increased risk of thrombosis.

Method of administration

Intravenous use.

Immunate should be administered slowly via intravenous route. The maximal rate of infusion should not exceed 2 ml per minute.

For instructions on reconstitution of the medicinal product before administration, see section 6.6.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Hypersensitivity

Allergic type hypersensitivity reactions are possible with Immunate. If symptoms of hypersensitivity occur, patients should be advised to discontinue use of the medicinal product immediately and contact their physician. Patients should be informed of the early signs of hypersensitivity reactions including hives, generalised urticaria, rash, flushing, pruritus, œdema (including face and eyelid œdema), tightness of the chest, wheezing, dyspnoea, chest pain, tachycardia, hypotension, and anaphylaxis up to allergic shock. In case of shock, standard medical treatment for shock should be implemented.

Patients with Hæmophilia A

Inhibitors

The formation of neutralising antibodies (inhibitors) to factor VIII is a known complication in the management of individuals with hæmophilia A. These inhibitors are usually IgG immunoglobulins directed against the factor VIII procoagulant activity, which are quantified in Bethesda Units (BU) per ml of plasma using the modified assay. The risk of developing inhibitors is correlated to the severity of the disease as well as the exposure to factor VIII, this risk being highest within the first 20 exposure days. Rarely, inhibitors may develop after the first 100 exposure days.

Cases of recurrent inhibitor (low titre) have been observed after switching from one factor VIII product to another in previously treated patients with more than 100 exposure days who have a previous history of inhibitor development. Therefore, it is recommended to monitor all patients carefully for inhibitor occurrence following any product switch.

The clinical relevance of inhibitor development will depend on the titre of the inhibitor, with low titre inhibitors which are transiently present or remain consistently low titre posing less of a

risk of insufficient clinical response than high titre inhibitors.

In general, all patients treated with coagulation factor VIII products should be carefully monitored for the development of inhibitors by appropriate clinical observations and laboratory tests.

If the expected factor VIII activity plasma levels are not attained, or if bleeding is not controlled with an appropriate dose, testing for factor VIII inhibitor presence should be performed. In patients with high levels of inhibitor, factor VIII therapy may not be effective and other therapeutic options should be considered. Management of such patients should be directed by physicians with experience in the care of hæmophilia and factor VIII inhibitors.

Patients with von Willebrand's disease

Inhibitors

Patients with von Willebrand disease, especially type 3 patients, may develop neutralizing antibodies (inhibitors) to von Willebrand factor. If the expected VWF:RCo activity plasma levels are not attained, or if bleeding is not controlled with an appropriate dose, an appropriate assay should be performed to determine if a von Willebrand factor inhibitor is present.

In patients with high levels of inhibitor, von Willebrand factor therapy may not be effective and other therapeutic options should be considered.

Thrombotic events

There is a risk of occurrence of thrombotic events, particularly in patients with known clinical or laboratory risk factors. Therefore, patients must be monitored for early signs of thrombosis. Prophylaxis against venous thromboembolism should be instituted, according to the current recommendations. Since Immunate contains a relatively high amount of factor VIII in relation to vWF, the treating physician should be aware that continued treatment may cause an excessive rise in FVIII:C. In patients receiving Immunate, plasma levels of FVIII:C should be monitored to avoid sustained excessive FVIII:C plasma levels, which may increase the risk of thrombotic events.

As the quantity of sodium in the maximum daily dose may exceed 200 mg, it should be accounted for in people on a low sodium diet.

The product should be used with caution in children less than 6 years of age, who have limited exposure to factor VIII products, as there are limited clinical data available for this patient group.

Standard measures to prevent infections resulting from the use of medicinal products prepared from human blood or plasma include selection of donors, screening of individual donations and plasma pools for specific markers of infection and the inclusion of effective manufacturing steps for the inactivation/removal of viruses. Despite this, when medicinal products prepared from human blood or plasma

are administered, the possibility of transmitting infective agents cannot be totally excluded. This also applies to unknown or emerging viruses and other pathogens.

The measures taken are considered effective for enveloped viruses such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) and for the non-enveloped hepatitis A virus (HAV). The measures taken may be of limited value against non-enveloped viruses such as parvovirus B19. Parvovirus B19 infection may be serious for pregnant women (fetal infection) and for individuals with immunodeficiency or increased erythropoiesis (e.g. hæmolytic anæmia). Appropriate vaccination (hepatitis A and B) should be considered for patients in regular / repeated receipt of human plasma-derived factor VIII products.

It is strongly recommended that every time that Immunate is administered to a patient, the name and batch number of the product are recorded in order to maintain a link between the patient and the batch of the product.

Immunate contains blood group isoagglutinins (anti-A and anti-B). In patients with blood group A, B, or AB, hæmolytic may occur following repetitive administration at short intervals or following administration of very large doses.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

No interaction studies have been performed with Immunate.

No interactions of human coagulation factor VIII products with other medicinal products have been reported.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with factor VIII. Based on the rare occurrence of hæmophilia A in women, experience regarding the use of factor VIII during pregnancy and breast-feeding is not available. Therefore, Immunate should be used during pregnancy and lactation only if clearly indicated.

See section 4.4 for information on parvovirus B19 infection. The effects of Immunate on fertility have not been established.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

There is no information on the effects of Immunate on the ability to drive and use machines.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Undesirable effects possible with human plasma derived factor VIII products:

Summary of the safety profile

Hypersensitivity or allergic reactions (which may include angioœdema, burning and stinging at the infusion site, chills, flushing, generalised urticaria, rash, headache, hives, pruritus, hypotension, lethargy, nausea, restlessness, tachycardia, tightness of the chest, dyspnoea, tingling, vomiting, wheezing) have been observed rarely and may in some cases progress to

severe anaphylaxis (including shock). Patients should be advised to contact their physician if these symptoms occur (see section 4.4).

Development of neutralising antibodies (inhibitors) may occur in patients with hæmophilia A treated with factor VIII, including with Immunate. If such inhibitors occur, the condition will manifest itself as an insufficient clinical response. In such cases, it is recommended that a specialised hæmophilia centre be contacted.

Patients with von Willebrand disease, especially type 3 patients, may very rarely develop neutralising antibodies (inhibitors) to von Willebrand factor. If such inhibitors occur, the condition will manifest itself as an inadequate clinical response. Such antibodies may occur in close association with anaphylactic reactions. Therefore, patients experiencing anaphylactic reaction should be evaluated for the presence

of an inhibitor. In all such cases, it is recommended that a specialised hæmophilia centre be contacted.

Hæmolytic may occur following administration of large doses to patients with blood group A, B or AB.

For safety information with respect to transmissible agents, see section 4.4.

Undesirable effects based on reports from clinical trials and on post-marketing experience for Immunate:

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

The table presented below is according to the MedDRA system organ classification (SOC and Preferred Term Level).

Frequencies have been evaluated according to the following convention: very common ($\geq 1/10$), common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$), uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$), rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$), very rare ($< 1/10,000$), not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

MedDRA Standard System Organ Class	Adverse Reaction	Frequency
Immune system disorders	Hyper-sensitivity	Uncommon ¹
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Factor VIII inhibition	Uncommon (PTPs) ² Very common (PUPs) ²
	Coagulopathy	Unknown
Psychiatric disorders	Restlessness	Unknown
Nervous system disorders	Paræsthesia	Unknown
	Dizziness	Unknown
	Headache	Unknown
Eye disorders	Conjunctivitis	Unknown
Cardiac disorders	Tachycardia	Unknown
	Palpitations	Unknown
Vascular disorders	Hypotension	Unknown
	Flushing	Unknown
	Pallor	Unknown
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Dyspnoea	Unknown
	Cough	Unknown
Gastrointestinal disorders	Vomiting	Unknown
	Nausea	Unknown
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Urticaria	Unknown
	Rash (including erythematous and papular rash)	Unknown
	Pruritus	Unknown
	Erythema	Unknown
	Hyperhidrosis	Unknown
	Neurodermatitis	Unknown
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Myalgia	Unknown
General disorders and administration site conditions	Chest pain	Unknown
	Chest discomfort	Unknown
	Oedema (including peripheral, eyelid and face œdema)	Unknown
	Pyrexia	Unknown
	Chills	Unknown
	Injection site reactions (including burning)	Unknown