UPMC | HILLMAN CANCER CENTER

# Isatuximab-irfc (intravenous) (Sarclisa)

## About This Medicine

ISATUXIMAB (EYE sa TUX i mab) treats a type of bone marrow cancer (multiple myeloma). It works by blocking a protein that causes cancer cells to grow and multiply. This helps to slow or stop the spread of cancer cells. It is given in the vein (IV).

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your care team if you have questions.

## Possible Side Effects

- Bone marrow suppression. This is a decrease in the number of white blood cells, red blood cells, and platelets. This may raise your risk of infection, make you tired and weak, and raise your risk of bleeding.
- Cataract (clouding of lens in your eye)
- Diarrhea (loose bowel movements)
- Constipation (not able to move bowels)
- Tiredness
- Swelling of the legs, ankles, and/or feet
- While you are getting this medicine in your vein (IV), you may have a reaction to the medicine. Sometimes you may be given medicine to stop or lessen these side effects. Your care team will check you closely for these signs: fever or shaking chills, flushing, facial swelling, feeling dizzy, headache, trouble breathing, rash, itching, chest tightness, or chest pain. These reactions may happen after your infusion. **If this happens, call 911 for emergency care.**
- Back pain
- Bone and muscle pain
- Effects on the nerves are called peripheral neuropathy. You may feel numbness, tingling, or pain in your hands and feet. It may be hard for you to button your clothes, open jars, or walk as usual. The effect on the nerves may get worse with more doses of the medicine. These effects get better in some people after the medicine is stopped but it does not get better in all people.
- Trouble sleeping
- COVID-19 infection
- Pneumonia
- Upper respiratory tract infection and bronchitis (inflammation in your airway)
- Trouble breathing
- Cough
- Rash

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- High blood pressure

***Note:*** *Each of the side effects above was reported in 20% or greater of people treated with isatuximab-irfc. All possible side effects are not included. Your side effects may be different depending on your cancer diagnosis, condition, or if you are receiving other medicines in combination. Please discuss any concerns or questions with your care team.*

## Warnings and Precautions

- Severe infusion-related reactions, which can be life-threatening.
- Risk of severe and life-threatening infections
- Severe decrease in the number of white blood cells and risk of neutropenic fever, a type of fever that can develop when you have a very low number of white blood cells which can be life-threatening.
- This medicine may raise your risk of getting another cancer, such as solid tumors and skin cancer.

***Note:*** *Some of the side effects above are very rare. If you have concerns and/or questions, please discuss them with your care team.*

## Important Information

- This medicine can affect the results of blood tests that match your blood type during your treatment. Be sure to tell all healthcare providers you are taking this medicine before receiving blood transfusions.
- If you have had shingles (herpes zoster infection) before, it may come back. Symptoms of shingles are burning or shooting pain and tingling or itching, often on one side of the body or face. The pain can be mild to very bad.
- If you are receiving isatuximab-irfc (intravenous) in combination with carfilzomib and dexamethasone, there is an increased risk of congestive heart failure – your heart is not pumping blood as well as it should be, and fluid can build up in your body.
- This medicine may be present in the urine, stool and other body fluids such as blood, vomit, semen, and vaginal fluids. Take precautions to prevent others from coming in contact with your medicine or your body fluids. Follow safety precautions during your treatment and for as long as directed by your care team after your treatment.

## Treating Side Effects

- To decrease the risk of infection, wash your hands regularly.
- Avoid close contact with people who have a cold, the flu, or other infections.
- Take your temperature as your care team tells you, and whenever you feel like you may have a fever.
- Manage tiredness by pacing your activities for the day.
- Be sure to include periods of rest between energy-draining activities.

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- Get regular exercise, with your care team's approval. If you feel too tired to exercise vigorously, try taking a short walk.
- To help decrease the risk of bleeding, use a soft toothbrush. Check with your care team before using dental floss.
- Be very careful when using knives or tools.
- Use an electric shaver instead of a razor.
- Drink enough fluids to keep your urine pale yellow.
- If you have diarrhea, you should drink more fluids so that you do not become dehydrated (lack of water in the body from losing too much fluid). Eat low-fiber foods that are high in protein and calories and avoid foods that can irritate your digestive tracts or lead to cramping.
- If you are not able to move your bowels, check with your care team before you use enemas, laxatives, or suppositories.
- Ask your care team about medicine that can lessen or stop your diarrhea and/or constipation.
- If you get any symptoms of shingles, call your care team right away. Do not put anything on it unless your care team says you may.
- Keeping your pain under control is important to your well-being. Please tell your care team if you are experiencing pain.
- If you have numbness and tingling in your hands and feet, be careful when cooking, walking, and handling sharp objects and hot liquids.
- If you get a rash do not put anything on it unless your care team says you may. Keep the area around the rash clean and dry. Ask your care team for medicine if your rash bothers you.
- Infusion reactions may occur after your infusion. **If this happens, call 911 for emergency care.**

## Food and Medicine Interactions

- There are no known interactions of isatuximab-irfc (intravenous) with food.
- This medicine may interact with other medicines. Tell your care team about all the prescription and over-the-counter medicines and dietary supplements (vitamins, minerals, herbs, and others) that you are taking at this time. Also, check with your care team before starting any new prescription or over-the-counter medicines, or dietary supplements to make sure that there are no interactions.

## When to Call Your Care Team

Call your care team if you have any of these symptoms and/or any new or unusual symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher
- Chills
- Tiredness and/or extreme weakness that interferes with your daily activities
- Trouble falling or staying asleep
- Headache that does not go away
- Blurry vision or other changes in eyesight
- Feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- Easy bleeding or bruising

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- Wheezing and/or trouble breathing
- Cough that is bothersome
- Coughing up yellow, green, or bloody mucus
- Feeling that your heart is beating fast or in a not normal way (palpitations)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea, 4 times in one day or diarrhea with lack of strength or a feeling of being dizzy
- No bowel movement in 3 days or when you feel uncomfortable
- Swelling of the legs, ankles, and/or feet
- Weight gain of 5 pounds in one week (fluid retention)
- Pain that does not go away or is not relieved by prescribed medicine
- Numbness, tingling, or pain in your hands and feet
- Signs of shingles such as burning or shooting pain and tingling or itching, often on one side of the body or face. The pain can be mild to very bad.
- New skin lesions
- New rash and/or itching or a rash that is not relieved by prescribed medicines
- Signs of infection: fever or chills, cough, trouble breathing, severe pain in your abdomen, trouble urinating, burning or pain when you pass urine, redness and/or swelling of the skin
- Signs of infusion reaction: fever or shaking chills, flushing, facial swelling, feeling dizzy, headache, trouble breathing, rash, itching, chest tightness, or chest pain. **If this happens, call 911 for emergency care.**

## Reproduction Warnings

- **Pregnancy warning**: This medicine may cause serious birth defects. If you can become pregnant, use birth control while taking this medicine and for 5 months after the last dose. Tell your care team right away if you think you might be pregnant. When receiving isatuximab-irfc (intravenous) in combination with other agents, please refer to the medicine guide of those agents for more specific information.
- **Breastfeeding warning**: Do not breastfeed while taking this medicine. When receiving isatuximab-irfc (intravenous) in combination with other agents, please refer to the medicine guide of those agents for more specific information.
- **Fertility warning:** This medicine may affect your ability to have children in the future. If you plan to have children, talk with your care team. When receiving isatuximab-irfc (intravenous) in combination with other agents, please refer to the medicine guide of those agents for more specific information.

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