

Sodium ferric gluconate complex (Ferrlecit)

About This Medicine

SODIUM FERRIC GLUCONATE (SOE dee um FER ik GLOO koe nate KOM pleks) treats low levels of iron (iron deficiency anemia) in people with kidney disease. Iron is a mineral that plays an important role in making red blood cells, which carry oxygen from your lungs to the rest of your body. 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

- Nausea and vomiting (throwing up)
- Diarrhea (loose bowel movements)
- Injection site reaction - you may get a rash, swelling or bruising or your skin may get red, warm, itchy or painful at the site of your infusion. Your skin may sometimes become brown at the injection site.
- Cramps and leg cramps
- Feeling dizzy
- Pain in your chest
- General pain
- Trouble breathing
- Low/high blood pressure

Note: Each of the side effects above was reported in 10% or greater of people treated with sodium ferric gluconate. 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

- Allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, are rare but may happen in some people and can be life-threatening. Signs of allergic reaction to this medicine may be swelling of the face, feeling like your tongue or throat are swelling, trouble breathing, rash, itching, fever, chills, feeling dizzy, and/or feeling that your heart is beating in a fast or not normal way. **If this happens, do not take another dose of this medicine. You should get urgent medical treatment.**



- Severe low blood pressure
- Iron overload (too much iron in your body)

Treating Side Effects

- Drink enough fluids to keep your urine pale yellow.
- If you throw up or 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).
- If you have diarrhea, eat low-fiber foods that are high in protein and calories and avoid foods that can irritate your digestive tracts or lead to cramping.
- Ask your care team about medicine that can lessen or stop your diarrhea.
- To help with nausea and vomiting, eat small, frequent meals instead of three large meals a day. Choose foods and drinks that are at room temperature. Ask your care team about other helpful tips and medicine that is available to help stop or lessen these symptoms.
- While you are getting this medicine, please tell your care team right away if you get a rash, swelling or bruising or your skin gets red, warm, itchy or painful at the site of your infusion or injection.
- Keeping your pain under control is important to your well-being. Please tell your care team if you are experiencing pain.
- If you are dizzy, get up slowly after sitting or lying.

Food and Medicine Interactions

- There are no known interactions of sodium ferric gluconate 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:

- Headache that does not go away
- Blurry vision or other changes in eyesight
- Feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- Wheezing and/or trouble breathing
- Pain in your chest
- Nausea that stops you from eating or drinking and/or is not relieved by prescribed medicines
- Throwing up more than 3 times a day
- Diarrhea, 4 times in one day or diarrhea with lack of strength or a feeling of being dizzy
- Pain that does not go away or is not relieved by prescribed medicine



- Signs of allergic reaction: swelling of the face, feeling like your tongue or throat are swelling, trouble breathing, rash, itching, fever, chills, feeling dizzy, and/or feeling that your heart is beating in a fast or not normal way. **If this happens, call 911 for emergency care.**

Reproduction Warnings

- **Pregnancy warning:** Talk with your care team if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant while taking this medicine. Tell your care team right away if you think you might be pregnant
- **Breastfeeding warning:** Talk with your care team about breastfeeding during treatment. You may need to stop breastfeeding.
- **Fertility warning:** The effect of this medicine on fertility is not known. If you plan to have children, talk with your care team.

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