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How to store & transport Evogam[®]

Immunoglobulin for Subcutaneous administration
For Patients and Carers

References:

Evogam[®] Product Information accessed via MIMS 27/07/2017

www.blood.gov.au Patient Information: Subcutaneous
Immunoglobulin Treatment

National Blood Authority Frequently asked questions:
Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin

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HOW DO I TRANSPORT EVOGAM® HOME?

- You will need to buy a small cooler box (e.g. Esky) and 2 ice packs, freeze these and place in the cooler box before you leave home to collect **Evogam®**
- Transport **Evogam®** home in a cooler box (e.g. Esky) with ice packs

HOW DO I STORE EVOGAM®?

- Store **Evogam®** in the fridge between 2° and 8°C
- Check your fridge temperature every day to make sure it is between 2° and 8°C
- Store **Evogam®** on a central fridge shelf with plenty of room for air to move around it.
- *Do not freeze.* **Evogam®** must not be used if it is/has been frozen
- *Protect from light.* **Evogam®** will not work if it is exposed to light
- Keep **Evogam®** out of reach of children

- **Evogam®** will not work if it is exposed to temperatures above 8°C or below 2°C.

If this occurs, please call your doctor, pharmacist, or the CSL Medicines Information on **1800 642 865**

WHAT SHOULD I DO BEFORE USING EVOGAM®?

- Take **Evogam®** out of the fridge and place it in a dark, cool cupboard to let it come to room temperature. This will make the **Evogam®** infusion or injection more comfortable.
- Write the date on the **Evogam®** box when you take it out of the fridge. The box has a space to record the date.
- Do not put **Evogam®** back in the fridge after it has come to room temperature.
- Once you have taken it out of the fridge, it must be used within 2 weeks, or discarded.

WHAT DO I DO WITH ANY UNUSED EVOGAM®?

- **Evogam®** should be used once opened, and not returned to the fridge or cupboard.
- Do not use **Evogam®** if the vial or the syringe is broken.
- Any unused **Evogam®** should be taken to the hospital pharmacy for disposal.
- Any unused stock returned to the hospital pharmacy should be recorded in your diary.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY EVOGAM® HAS EXPIRED?

- Check the expiry date before you use **Evogam®**
- Do not use **Evogam®** after the expiry date
- Take any expired **Evogam®** to the hospital pharmacy for disposal and to get new stock
- You can order replacement stock from:

**St Vincent's Hospital
Outpatient Pharmacy
on (03) 9231 3462**

Evogam® may cause *side effects* in some people such as:

- Pain, itching, redness or swelling where the injection was given
- Headache or fever
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain
- Tenderness, discolouration in the arms and legs

Rarely, people may have an *allergic reaction* to **Evogam®** which may cause the following signs:

- Skin rash or hives
- Swelling of the lips, tongue or eyes
- Feeling very tired
- Difficulty breathing
- Fainting
- Collapse

If you have any signs of an allergic reaction or any possible side effects which concern you, please call your doctor, the Ambulance or go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.