

GETTING READY FOR YOUR INFUSION



SAPHNELO™ is a prescription medicine given in addition to standard therapy for lupus, to treat adults with active, autoantibody positive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) whose disease is not well controlled by other standard therapies (oral corticosteroids and/or immunosuppressants and/or antimalarials) they are also receiving.

ALTHOUGH EVERY INFUSION EXPERIENCE IS DIFFERENT, THESE TIPS MAY HELP YOU PLAN AHEAD.

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BEFORE YOUR INFUSION...

Please read through the Welcome Letter and talk with your doctor.

Call your infusion centre or a healthcare provider's office to get information specific to your infusion location.

Prepare a list of medications to take with you to your infusion visit.

- You may be asked about your medical history during your visit.

Make a plan for how you will travel to your appointment.

Plan to get there early.

- It takes about 30 minutes to give you the full dose of SAPHNELO. Your infusion centre may ask you to come in earlier to prepare.



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DURING YOUR INFUSION...

Come ready to pass the time.

- Check out what amenities are at your infusion centre.
- If permitted, consider bringing your favourite book, a magazine, music, or even a laptop.

Receive your dose.

- Your healthcare team member will give you SAPHNELO through a needle placed usually in a vein in your arm (IV, or intravenous infusion).
- Your infusion site team will monitor you by checking your blood pressure and other vital signs.
- SAPHNELO can cause a reaction to the infusion or an allergic (hypersensitivity) reaction. Common side effects in SAPHNELO studies include joint pain and pain in the arms or legs. Uncommon side effects include neck pain, weakness and fatigue. These are not all of the possible side effects of SAPHNELO. Ask your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

Ask your healthcare team any questions you may have while receiving SAPHNELO.



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AFTER YOUR INFUSION...

Schedule your next infusion appointment before you leave, if possible.

- SAPHNELO is usually given one time every 4 weeks.

Build a routine.

- Now that you have been through the infusion experience, think about how you will prepare for next time.

Pat yourself on the back!

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Do not use SAPHNELO if:** you are allergic to anifrolumab or to any ingredients in SAPHNELO. If you are not sure, talk to your healthcare professional before you are given SAPHNELO.
- **To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before or while you are taking SAPHNELO. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:**
 - think you have had an allergic reaction to this medicine at any time.
 - get an infection or have symptoms of an infection.
 - have a long-term (chronic) infection or if you have an infection that keeps coming back.
 - have, or have had, cancer.
 - have recently received or plan to receive an immunization (vaccine).
You should not be given certain types of vaccines while using SAPHNELO.
 - are, might be or plan to become pregnant during treatment with SAPHNELO.
It is not known if SAPHNELO can harm your unborn baby. Your healthcare professional will decide whether you can be given SAPHNELO or should stop treatment with SAPHNELO.
 - are breast-feeding. It is not known if SAPHNELO is passed into breast milk. Your healthcare professional will discuss with you whether you should stop treatment with SAPHNELO while you are breast-feeding, or if you should stop breast-feeding.
- **You may be at more risk of getting an infection when you are being treated with SAPHNELO, including infection of the airways and shingles.**
- **Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.**
- **Certain types of vaccines may interact with SAPHNELO.**
- **Possible side effects from using SAPHNELO** (these are not all the possible side effects you may have when taking SAPHNELO. If you experience any side effects not listed here, tell your healthcare professional):
 - Common side effects in SAPHNELO studies include joint pain and pain in the arms or legs.
 - Uncommon side effects include neck pain, weakness and fatigue.
 - SAPHNELO can cause a reaction to the infusion or an allergic (hypersensitivity) reaction.
- **Tell your healthcare professional immediately, or go to the emergency department of your nearest hospital, if you get any of the following symptoms of a serious allergic reaction (anaphylaxis):** swelling of your face, tongue, or mouth and/or breathing difficulties, fainting, dizziness, feeling lightheaded (due to a drop in blood pressure).

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WHAT IS SAPHNELO?

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REPORTING SIDE EFFECTS

You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:

- Contacting Connect 360™ by calling 1-833-814-0258 or by e-mailing support@connect360sle.ca;
- Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medeffect-canada/adverse-reaction-reporting.html>) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or
- Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.

NOTE: *Contact your healthcare professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.*

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After talking with your healthcare provider, you can still receive support through Connect 360™:

- By calling: 1-833-814-0258
- OR
- Via e-mail: support@connect360sle.ca

Reference:

1. SAPHNELO Product Monograph. AstraZeneca Canada Inc. November 30, 2021.

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You can choose to adapt the service or opt out as your needs change.

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