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## **Enbrel Patient Information**

Although Enbrel is in general a safe and very effective medication when used appropriately and with proper monitoring, it is important that you review and understand the potential risks of Enbrel prior to treatment. We additionally recommend that you review the medication insert prior to starting your medication and with each refill as new side effects and/or warnings can be added by the manufacturer during your treatment course.

Enbrel can very rarely be associated with serious adverse events or reactions. Rare but serious reported side effects among others include serious infections (bacterial, viral, or fungal), reactivation of tuberculosis, and a possible increased risk of malignancies including skin cancers, lymphoma or leukemia, or others. Other rare but serious side effects can include precipitation and/or exacerbation of central nervous system demyelinating disorders or other neurologic conditions, worsening and/or precipitation of congestive heart failure, bone marrow suppression, reactivation of hepatitis B or other viral infections, allergic reactions, precipitation of auto-immune conditions including a lupus-like syndrome and/or auto-immune hepatitis, and hypoglycemia in diabetic patients. More common less serious adverse events can include injection site reactions and headache.

Enbrel additionally requires ongoing lab monitoring which will be coordinated through your office visits. For women, you should alert us if you are and/or are planning to become pregnant. You should contact the office if you develop any new symptoms or problems at all while on Enbrel.

**Thank you !**