

5 Giving the Injection

Choose the Injection Site

- Using your FUZEON *Planner* to help you, choose a site **different** from the one you used for your last injection

Important! With the tips of your fingers, feel for any hard bumps. **Do not** inject in or near bumps or any other types of reactions from past injections. Also, **do not** inject into moles, scars, bruises, your belly button or areas that could be irritated by a belt or waistband.

- Clean the injection site with a new alcohol pad. Start in the center, apply pressure and clean in a circular motion, working outward. Allow the site to air-dry

Draw Up FUZEON

- Clean the FUZEON vial top again, using a new alcohol pad. Allow it to air-dry
- Using the 1-mL/cc (small) syringe, pull back the plunger to get 1 mL/cc of air
- Insert the syringe into the vial of mixed FUZEON
- Before turning the vial upside down, *slowly* inject the air into the FUZEON, and keep the needle in the vial

Important! To avoid causing the needle to spring back into the barrel of the syringe, **do not** push the plunger past the 0.05-mL/cc mark.

- Gently turn the vial upside down
- Make sure the tip of the needle is always below the surface of the FUZEON to help keep air bubbles from entering the syringe. *Slowly* pull the plunger to get 1 mL/cc of FUZEON

Tip! Gently tap or flick the barrel and push and pull the plunger to remove extra air and bubbles. To be sure you end up with 1 mL/cc of FUZEON in the syringe, you may need to pull the plunger past the 1-mL/cc mark.

- Carefully remove the needle and syringe from the vial

Inject FUZEON

- Pinch and hold a fold of skin around the injection site
- Pierce the skin at a 45-degree angle. The needle should be inserted 3/4 of the way in

Tip! Your healthcare provider may teach you to inject in a different way.

- With the tip of your thumb, slowly push the plunger all the way to inject FUZEON. *The needle will pull out of the skin and spring back into the syringe by itself when you are done*

Tip! **Do not** force the needle deeper into the skin while trying to make the needle spring back into the barrel. If you are having a problem, remove the needle from the skin and right away press the plunger down all the way until the needle springs back into the barrel of the syringe.

- Put the used syringe in the sharps container

- Cover the site with a small bandage if you see any blood or medicine

Safety Information

What is FUZEON?

FUZEON is a medicine called an HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) fusion inhibitor. FUZEON is always used with other anti-HIV medicines to treat adults and children ages 6 years and older with HIV infection.

FUZEON blocks HIV's ability to infect healthy CD4 cells. When used with other anti-HIV medicines, FUZEON can reduce the amount of HIV in the blood and increase the number of CD4 cells. This may keep your immune system healthy, so it can help fight infection.

What are the possible side effects of FUZEON?

Injection site reactions

FUZEON causes injection site reactions. Almost all people get injection site reactions with FUZEON. Reactions are usually mild to moderate, but occasionally may be severe. Reactions on the skin where FUZEON is injected include:

- itching
- swelling
- redness
- pain or tenderness
- hardened skin
- bumps

These reactions generally happen within the first week of FUZEON treatment and usually happen again as you keep using FUZEON. A reaction at one skin injection site usually lasts for less than 7 days.

Injection site reactions may be worse when injections are given again in the same place on the body, or when the injection is given deeper than it should be (for example, into the muscle).

If you are worried about the reaction you are having, call your healthcare provider to help you decide if you need medical care. **If the injection site reaction you are having is severe, call your healthcare provider right away.** If you have an injection site reaction, you can discuss with your healthcare provider ways to help the symptoms.

An injection site can get infected. It is important to follow these FUZEON *Injection Instructions* to lower your chances of getting an injection site infection. **Call your healthcare provider right away if there are signs of infection at the injection site such as oozing, increasing heat, swelling, redness or pain.**

Pneumonia

Patients with HIV get bacterial pneumonia more often than patients without HIV. In clinical trials, patients taking FUZEON with other HIV medicines got bacterial pneumonia more often than patients not receiving

FUZEON. It is unclear if this was related to the use of FUZEON. **You should contact your healthcare provider right away if you have a cough, fever or trouble breathing.** Patients are more likely to get bacterial pneumonia if they had a low number of CD4 cells, increased amount of HIV in the blood, intravenous (injected into the vein) drug use, smoking or had experienced lung disease in the past. It is unclear if pneumonia is related to FUZEON.

Allergic reactions

FUZEON can cause serious allergic reactions. Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction with FUZEON can include:

- trouble breathing
- fever with vomiting and a skin rash
- blood in your urine
- swelling of your feet

Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of these symptoms.

Other side effects

The following side effects were seen more often in patients using FUZEON with their other anti-HIV medicines than in patients not using FUZEON with their other anti-HIV medicines:

- pain and numbness in feet or legs
- loss of sleep
- depression
- decreased appetite
- sinus problems
- enlarged lymph nodes
- weight decrease
- weakness or loss of strength
- muscle pain
- constipation
- pancreas problems

These are not all the side effects of FUZEON. FUZEON is still being studied in children. The safety of FUZEON in children under 6 years of age is not known. The side effects of FUZEON for HIV-positive children aged 6 through 16 years were the same as seen in adult patients.

If you have questions about side effects, ask your healthcare provider. **Report any new or worsening symptoms to your healthcare provider.** Your healthcare provider will tell you what to do and may be able to help you with these side effects.

For more information on FUZEON, please see the patient package insert, www.FUZEON.com, and 1-877-4FUZEON (1-877-438-9366).



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