WARNING: THROMBOSIS, RENAL DYSFUNCTION, or ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

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Table 2: Calculated Carimune® NF Osmolarity (mOsm/kg)

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CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Carimune® NF contains a broad spectrum of antibody specificities against bacterial, viral, parasitic, and mycoplasma antigens, that are capable of both opsonization and neutralization of microbes and toxins. The 3 week half-life of Carimune® NF corresponds to that of Immune Globulin (Human) for intramuscular use, although individual variations in half-life have been observed.

Appropriate doses of Carimune® NF restore abnormally low immunoglobulin G levels to the normal range. One hundred percent of the infused dose of IGIV-products is available in the recipient’s circulation immediately after infusion. After approximately 6 days, equilibrium is reached between the intra- and extravascular compartments, with immunoglobulin G being present approximately 50% in the vascular and 50% extravascular. In comparison, after the intravenous injection of immune globulin, the IgG requires 2–5 days to reach its maximum concentration in the intravascular compartment. This concentration corresponds to about 40% of the injected dose.

While Carimune® NF has been shown to be effective in some cases of Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP) (see INDICATIONS AND USAGE), the mechanism of action in ITP has not been fully elucidated. Toxicity from overdose has not been observed on regimes of 0.4 g/kg body weight each day for 5 days. Sucrose is added to Carimune® NF for reasons of stability and solubility. Since sucrose is excreted unchanged in the urine when given intravenously, Carimune® NF may be given to diabetics without compensatory changes in insulin dosage regime. Please see WARNINGS section.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Immunodeficiency

Carimune® NF is indicated for the maintenance treatment of patients with primary immunodeficiencies (PID), e.g., common variable immunodeficiency, X-linked agammaglobulinemia, severe combined immunodeficiency, 30,32,34 Carimune® NF is preferable to intramuscular Immune Globulin (Human) preparations in treating patients who require an immediate and large increase in the intravascular immunoglobulin level, in patients with limited muscle mass, and in patients with bleeding tendencies for whom intramuscular injections are contraindicated. The infusions must be repeated at regular intervals.

Please see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section.

Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)

Acute

A controlled study was performed in children in which Carimune® was compared with steroids for the treatment of acute (defined as less than 6 months duration) ITP. In this study, sequential platelet levels of 30,000, 100,000, and 150,000/µL were achieved faster with Carimune® than with steroids and without any of the side effects associated with steroids. However, it should be noted that many cases of acute ITP in childhood resolve spontaneously within weeks to months. Carimune® has been used with good results in the treatment of acute ITP in adult patients. In a study involving 10 adults with ITP of less than 6 weeks duration, Carimune® therapy raised the platelet count to the normal range after a 5 day course. This effect lasted a mean of over 173 days, ranging from 30 to 372 days.

Chronic

Children and adults with chronic (defined as greater than 6 months duration) ITP have the two model viruses for HCV, BVDV and SFV, were inactivated within 1/10, and HIV within 1/2 of the incubation time (pH 4/pepsin treatment) used during production of Carimune® NF.

Several of the individual production steps in the Carimune® NF manufacturing process have been shown to decrease TSE infectivity of an experimental model agent. TSE reduction steps include precipitation (3.5 logs), depth filtrations (7.3 logs), and nanofiltration (4.4 logs). These studies provide reasonable assurance that low levels of CJD/Creutzfeldt agent infectivity, if present in the starting material, would be removed.

The preparation contains at least 96% of IgG and after reconstitution with a neutral unbuffered diluent has a pH of 6.6 ± 0.2. Most of the immunoglobulins are monomeric (7 S) IgG; the remainder consists of dimeric IgG and a small amount of polymeric IgG, traces of IgA and IgM and immunoglobulin fragments. The distribution of the IgG subclasses corresponds to that of normal serum. 23–26 Final container lyophilized units are prepared so as to contain 3, 6, or 12 g protein with 1.67 g sucrose and less than 20 mg NaCl per gram of protein. The lyophilized preparation contains no preservative and may be reconstituted with sterile water, 5% dextrose or 0.9% saline to a solution with protein concentrations ranging from 3% to 12% (see Table 4). See Table 2 for calculated Carimune® NF osmolarity (mOsm/kg) at each protein concentration. The patient’s fluid, electrolyte, caloric requirements and renal function should be considered in selecting an appropriate diluent and concentration.

**DESCRIPTION**

Carimune® NF, Nanofiltered, Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), is a sterile, highly purified polyclonal antibody product containing in concentrated form all the IgG antibodies which regularly occur in the donor population. This immunoglobulin preparation is produced by cold alcohol fractionation from the plasma of US donors. Part of the fractionation may be performed by another US-licensed manufacturer. Carimune® NF contains at least 96% of IgG and after reconstitution with a neutral unbuffered diluent has a pH of 6.6 ± 0.2. Most of the immunoglobulins are monomeric (7 S) IgG; the remainder consists of dimeric IgG and a small amount of polymeric IgG, traces of IgA and IgM and immunoglobulin fragments. The distribution of the IgG subclasses corresponds to that of normal serum. 23–26 Final container lyophilized units are prepared so as to contain 3, 6, or 12 g protein with 1.67 g sucrose and less than 20 mg NaCl per gram of protein. The lyophilized preparation contains no preservative and may be reconstituted with sterile water, 5% dextrose or 0.9% saline to a solution with protein concentrations ranging from 3% to 12% (see Table 4). See Table 2 for calculated Carimune® NF osmolarity (mOsm/kg) at each protein concentration. The patient’s fluid, electrolyte, caloric requirements and renal function should be considered in selecting an appropriate diluent and concentration.

**Lyophilized Preparation**

It only

**WARNINGS**

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**Table 1: Virus Elimination and Inactivation**

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HIV: Human immunodeficiency virus, model for HIV-1 and HIV-2
BVDV: Bovine viral diarrhea virus, model for HCV (Hepatitis C virus)
PRV: Pseudorabies virus, model for large, enveloped DNA viruses (e.g., herpes virus)
SFV: Semliki Forest virus, model for HCV
SV: Sindbis virus, model for HCV
BEV: Bovine enterovirus, model for HAV (hepatitis A virus)
nt: not tested
also shown an increase (sometimes temporary) in platelet counts upon administration of Carimune®. Therefore, in situations that require a rapid rise in platelet count, for example prior to surgery or to control excessive bleeding, use of Carimune® should be considered. In children with chronic ITP, Carimune® therapy resulted in a mean rise in platelet count of 312,000/µL with a duration of increase ranging from 2 to 6 months. Carimune® therapy may be considered as a means to defer or avoid splenectomy. In adults, Carimune® therapy has been shown to be effective in maintaining the platelet count in an acceptable range with or without periodic booster therapy. The mean rise in platelet count was 93,000/µL and the average duration of the increase was 20–24 days. However, it should be noted that not all patients will respond. Even in those patients who do respond, this treatment should not be considered to be curative.

Worrisome Symptoms
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CONTRAINDICATIONS
Carimune® NF is contraindicated in patients who have had an anaphylactic or severe systemic reaction to the administration of human immune globulin. Individuals with IgA deficiency, especially those who have known antibody against IgA, or hypersensitivity to immunoglobulins should only receive Carimune® NF with utmost caution due to the risk of severe immediate hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis.

WARNINGS
Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (IGIV) products have been reported to be associated with renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death. In such patients, IGIV products should be administered at the minimum concentration available and the minimum rate of infusion practicable. While these reports of renal dysfunction and acute renal failure have been associated with the use of many of the licensed IGIV products, those containing sucrose as a stabilizer accounted for a disproportionate share of the total number. Carimune® NF contains sucrose. See PRECAUTIONS and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION sections for important information intended to reduce the risk of acute renal failure.

In patients with agammaglobulinemia who have never before received immunoglobulin substitution treatment or whose time from last treatment is greater than 8 weeks, may be at risk of developing inflammatory reactions on rapid infusion (greater than 2 mg/kg/min) of Carimune® NF. These reactions are manifested by a rise in temperature, chills, nausea, and vomiting. The patient’s vital signs should be monitored continuously. The patient should be carefully observed throughout the infusion, since these reactions on rare occasions may lead to shock. Epinephrine and other appropriate resuscitative drugs and equipment should be available for treatment of an acute anaphylactic reaction.

PRECAUTIONS
Please see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION below, for important information on Carimune® NF compatibility with other medications or fluids. Patients should not be volume depleted prior to the initiation of the infusion of IGIV. Periodic monitoring of renal function tests and urine output is particularly important in patients judged to have a potential increased risk for developing acute renal failure. Renal function, including measurement of blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and serum creatinine, should be assessed prior to the initial infusion of Carimune® NF and again at appropriate intervals thereafter. If renal function deteriorates, discontinuation of the product should be considered. For patients judged to be at risk for developing renal dysfunction, Carimune® NF should be infused at a rate less than 2 mg/kg/min.

Information for Patients
• Instruct patients to immediately report symptoms of decreased urine output, sudden weight gain, fluid retention/edema, and/or shortness of breath (which may suggest kidney damage) to their physicians.
• Instruct patients to immediately report symptoms of thrombosis. These symptoms may include: pain and/or swelling of an arm or leg with warmth over the affected area, discoloration of an arm or leg, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pain or discomfort that worsens on deep breathing, unexplained rapid pulse, numbness or weakness on one side of the body.

Laboratory Tests
IGIV recipients should be monitored for clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis. IGIV recipients should be monitored for pulmonary adverse reactions. If Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI) is suspected, appropriate tests should be performed for the presence of anti-neutrophil antibodies in both the product and patient serum. Baseline assessment of blood viscosity should be considered in patients at risk for hyperviscosity, including those with cryoglobulins, fasting chylomicronemia/markedly high triacylglycerols (triglycerides), or monoclonal gammapathies.

Pregnancy
Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Carimune® NF. It is also not known whether Carimune® NF can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Carimune® NF should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed. Intact immune globulins such as those contained in Carimune® NF cross the placenta from maternal circulation increasing after 30 weeks gestation. In cases of maternal ITP where Carimune® was administered to the mother prior to delivery, the platelet response and clinical effect were similar in the mother and neonate.

Pediatric Use
High dose administration of Carimune® in pediatric patients with acute or chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura did not reveal any pediatric-specific hazard. Antibodies in Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) may impair the efficacy of live attenuated viral vaccines such as measles, rubella, and mumps. Immunizing physicians should be informed of recent therapy with Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) so that appropriate precautions may be taken.

Geriatric Use
Carimune® NF should be used with caution in patients over 65 years of age and judged to be at increased risk of developing renal insufficiency (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). In the absence of prospective data, recommended doses should not be exceeded and the concentration and infusion rate selected should be the minimum practicable. The product should be infused at a rate less than 2 mg/kg/min.

Aseptic Meningitis Syndrome
An aseptic meningitis syndrome (AMS) has been reported to occur infrequently in association with Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (IGIV) treatment. The syndrome usually begins within several hours to two days following IGIV treatment. It is characterized by symptoms and signs including severe headache, nuchal rigidity, drowsiness, fever, photophobia, painful eye movements, and nausea and vomiting. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) studies are frequently positive with pleocytosis. Patients exhibiting such symptoms and signs should receive a thorough neurological examination, including CSF studies, to rule out other causes of meningitis. AMS may occur more frequently in association with high dose (2 g/kg) IGIV treatment. Discontinuation of IGIV treatment has resulted in remission of AMS within several days without sequelae.

Hemolysis
Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (IGIV) products can contain blood group antibodies which may act as hemolysins and induce in vivo coating of red blood cells with immunoglobulin, causing a positive direct antiglobulin reaction and, rarely, hemolysis. Hemolytic anemia can develop subsequent to IGIV therapy due to enhanced RBC sequestration (see ADVERSE REACTIONS). IGIV recipients should be monitored for clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis (see PRECAUTIONS: Laboratory Tests).

Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI)
There have been reports of noncardiogenic pulmonary edema Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI) in patients administrated IGIV. TRALI is characterized by severe respiratory distress, pulmonary edema, hypoxemia, normal left ventricular function, and fever and typically occurs within 1–6 hours after transfusion. Patients with TRALI may be managed by using oxygen therapy with adequate ventilatory support. IVIG recipients should be monitored for pulmonary adverse reactions. If TRALI is suspected, appropriate tests should be performed for the presence of anti-neutrophil antibodies in both the product and patient serum (see PRECAUTIONS: Laboratory Tests).

Thrombosis
Thrombosis may occur following treatment with immune globulin products, including Carimune NF. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling central vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovasular risk factors. Thrombosis may occur in the absence of known risk factors. Consider baseline assessment of blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity, including those with cryoglobulins, fasting chylomicronemia/markedly high triacylglycerols (triglycerides), or monoclonal gammapathies.
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Carimune® NF at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in
patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess
blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity (see BOXED WARNING, DOSAGE AND
ADMINISTRATION, PRECAUTIONS: Information for Patients).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Increases in creatinine and blood urea nitrogen (BUN) have been observed as soon as one to
two days following infusion. Progression to oliguria or anuria, requiring dialysis has been
observed. Types of severe renal adverse events that have been seen following IGIV therapy include:
cerebral edema, acute tubular necrosis, proximal tubular nephropathy and osmotic nephrosis.6-12,17
Inflammatory adverse reactions have been described in agammaglobulinemic and
hypogammaglobulinemic patients who have never received immunoglobulin substitution
therapy before or in whose patients time from last treatment is greater than 8 weeks and
whose initial infusion rate exceeds 2 mg/kg/min.

This occurs in approximately 10% of such cases. Such reactions may also be observed in
some patients during chronic substitution therapy.

Reactions, which may become apparent only 30 minutes to 1 hour after the beginning of the
infusion, are as follows: flushing of the face, feelings of tightness in the chest, chills, fever,
dizziness, nausea, diaphoresis, and hypotension or hypertension. In such cases, the infusion
should be slowed or temporarily stopped until the symptoms subside. The infusion may then
be resumed at a lower rate that is comfortable for the patient. If anaphylaxis or other severe
reactions occur, the infusion should be stopped immediately.

Arthralgia, myalgia, and transient skin reactions (such as rash, erythema, pruritus, urticaria,
eczema or dermatitis) have also been reported.

Immediate anaphylactoid and hypersensitivity reactions due to previous sensitization of
the recipient to certain antigens, most commonly IgA, may be observed in exceptional
cases, described under CONTRAINDICATIONS.24,25,30 In patients with ITP, who receive
higher doses (0.4 g/kg/day or greater), 2.9% of infusions may result in adverse reactions.21

Headache, generally mild, is the most common symptom noted, occurring during or following
2% of infusions. A few cases of usually mild hemolysis have been reported after infusion of
intravenous immunoglobulin products.19-41 These were attributed to transferal of blood
group (e.g., anti-D) antibodies.

Postmarketing

The following adverse reactions have been identified and reported during the post-approval
use of IGIV products:

Respiratory

Apnea, Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury
(TRALI), cyanosis, hypoxemia, pulmonary edema, dyspnea, bronchospasm

Cardiovascular

Cardiac arrest, thromboembolism, vascular collapse, hypotension

Neurological

Coma, loss of consciousness, seizures, tremor

Integumentary

Steven-Johnson syndrome, epidermolysis, erythema multiforme, bullous dermatitis

Hematologic

Panotopyenia, leukopenia, hemolysis, positive direct antiglobulin (Coombs) test

General/Body as a Whole

Pyrexia, rigors

Musculoskeletal

Back pain

Gastrointestinal

Hepatic dysfunction, abdominal pain

Because postmarketing reporting of these reactions is voluntary and the at-risk populations
are of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate the frequency of the
reaction or establish a causal relationship to exposure to the product. Such is also the case
with literature reports authored independently.44

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

It is generally advisable not to dilute plasma derivatives with other infusible drugs.
Carimune® NF should be given by a separate infusion line. No other medications or fluids
should be mixed with Carimune® NF preparation.

Carimune® NF should be used with caution in patients with pre-existing renal insufficiency
and in patients judged to be at increased risk of developing renal insufficiency (including,
but not limited to those with diabetes mellitus, age greater than 65, volume depletion,
paraproteinemia, sepsis, and patients receiving known nephrotoxic drugs). In these
cases especially it is important to assure that patients are not volume depleted prior to
Carimune® NF infusion. No prospective data are presently available to identify a maximum
safe dose, concentration, and rate of infusion in patients determined to be at increased risk
of acute renal failure. In the absence of prospective data, recommended doses should
not be exceeded and the concentration and infusion rate selected should be the minimum
practicable. For patients judged to be at risk for developing renal dysfunction, Carimune® NF
should be infused at a rate less than 2 mg/kg/min.

For patients judged to be at an increased risk for thrombosis, a maximum infusion rate of
less than 2 mg/kg/min for patients is recommended (see PRECAUTIONS: Thrombosis).
If side effects occur, the infusion should be stopped or slowed until the symptoms subside.

Adult and Child Substitution Therapy

The recommended dose of Carimune® NF in primary immunodeficiency is 0.4 to 0.8 g/kg
of body weight administered once every three to four weeks by intravenous infusion.

The first infusion of Carimune® NF in previously untreated agammaglobulinemic or
hypogammaglobulinemic patients must be given as a 3% immunoglobulin solution (see
Reconstitution). Subsequent infusions may be administered at a higher concentration if
the patient shows good tolerance.

An initial infusion rate of 0.5 mg/kg/min is recommended. If tolerated, after 30 minutes,
the rate may be increased to 1 mg/kg/min for the next 30 minutes. Thereafter, the rate
may be gradually increased in a stepwise manner up to a maximum of 3 mg/kg/min as
tolerated. Refer to Table 3 for the corresponding infusion rates in mg/kg/min or mL/kg/min for
all product concentrations.

The first infusion of Carimune® NF in previously untreated agammaglobulinemic and
hypogammaglobulinemic patients may lead to systemic side effects. The nature of these
effects has not been fully elucidated. Some of them may be due to the release of
proinflammatory cytokines by activated macrophages in immunodeficient recipients.41,44

Subsequent administration of Carimune® NF to immunodeficient patients as well as to
normal individuals usually does not cause further untoward side effects.

Therapy of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)

Induction

The recommended dose of Carimune® NF for the treatment of ITP is 0.4 g/kg of weight body
on 2–5 consecutive days. An immunoglobulin solution of 6% (see Reconstitution) is
recommended for use in ITP.

The recommended initial infusion rate for the treatment of ITP is 0.5 mg/kg/min. If tolerated,
after 30 minutes, the rate may be increased to 1 mg/kg/min for the next 30 minutes.
Thereafter, the rate may be gradually increased in a stepwise manner up to a maximum of
3 mg/kg/min as tolerated. Refer to Table 3 for the corresponding infusion rates in mg/kg/
min or mL/kg/min for all product concentrations.

Acute ITP – Childhood

In acute ITP of childhood, if an initial platelet count response to the first two doses is
adequate (30–50,000/µl), therapy may be discontinued after the second day of the 5 day course.33

Maintenance – Chronic ITP

In adults and children, if after induction therapy the platelet count falls to less than 30,000/µl
and/or the patient manifests clinically significant bleeding, 0.4 g/kg of body weight may
be given as a single infusion. If an adequate response does not result, the dose can be
increased to 0.8–1 g/kg of body weight given as a single infusion.30,69,70

Table 3: Infusion Rates for Carimune® NF Concentrations

Concentration (%)

Initial Infusion Rate: 0.5 mg/kg/min

1 mg/kg/min

2 mg/kg/min

Maximum Infusion Rate: 3 mg/kg/min

3% 0.0167 mL/kg/min 0.033 mL/kg/min 0.067 mL/kg/min 0.10 mL/kg/min

6% 0.008 mL/kg/min 0.0167 mL/kg/min 0.033 mL/kg/min 0.050 mL/kg/min

9% 0.006 mL/kg/min 0.011 mL/kg/min 0.022 mL/kg/min 0.033 mL/kg/min

12% 0.004 mL/kg/min 0.008 mL/kg/min 0.016 mL/kg/min 0.025 mL/kg/min

* Maximum infusion rate for patients at risk of renal dysfunction or thromboembolic events.
† For patients not at risk of renal dysfunction or thromboembolic events.

Reconstitution

(see also pictures next page)

1. Remove the protective plastic caps from the lyophilisate (LYO) and diluent bottles and disinfect both rubber stoppers with alcohol. Remove the protective cover from one end of the transfer set and insert the exposed needle through the rubber stopper into the bottle containing the diluent (picture 1).

2a. and 2b. Remove the second protective cover from the other end of the transfer set. Grasp both bottles as shown in picture 2a, quickly plunge the diluent bottle onto the lyophilisate bottle and bring the bottles into an upright position. Only if this is done quickly and the bottles are immediately brought into an upright position can the vacuum in the lyophilisate bottle be maintained, thus speeding up reconstitution and facilitating the transfer. Allow the diluent to flow into the lyophilisate bottle (picture 2b).

3. Once the appropriate amount of diluent is transferred (see Table 4), lift the diluent bottle off the spike to release the vacuum (picture 3). This will reduce foaming and facilitate dissolution. Remove the spike.

4. Swirl vigorously but do not shake, otherwise foam will form which is very slow to subside (picture 4). The lyophilisate dissolves within a few minutes.
Carimune® NF is available as a white lyophilized powder in 6 and 12 g size vials. To reconstitute Carimune® NF, the concentrate is resuspending the vials in the corresponding Carimune® NF vial size. The diluent is then injected into the corresponding Carimune® NF vial size.

To reconstitute Carimune® NF from the individual vial package, or when using other diluents or higher concentrations, Table 4 indicates the volume of sterile diluent required. Observing aseptic technique, this volume should be drawn into a sterile hypodermic syringe and needle. The diluent is then injected into the corresponding Carimune® NF vial size.

**Table 4: Required Diluent Volume**

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* In patients judged to be at increased risk of developing renal insufficiency and thromboembolic events, the concentration and infusion rate of Carimune® NF should be the minimum practicable.

† Container not large enough to permit this concentration.

If large doses of Carimune® NF are to be administered, several reconstituted vials of identical concentration and diluent may be pooled in an empty sterile glass or plastic i.v. infusion container using aseptic technique. Carimune® NF normally dissolves within a few minutes, though in exceptional cases it may take up to 20 minutes.

**DO NOT SHAKE!** Excessive shaking will cause foaming.

Any undissolved particles should respond to careful rotation of the bottle. Avoid foaming. Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. Filtering of Carimune® NF is acceptable but not required. Pore sizes of 15 microns or larger will be less likely to slow infusion, especially with higher Carimune® NF concentrations. Antibacterial filters (0.2 microns) may be used. When reconstitution of Carimune® NF occurs outside of sterile laminar air flow conditions, administration must begin promptly with partially used vials discarded. When reconstitution is carried out in a sterile laminar flow hood using sterile aseptic technique, administration may begin within 24 hours provided the solution has been refrigerated during that time. Do not freeze Carimune® NF solution.

**PROCEED WITH INFUSION ONLY IF SOLUTION IS CLEAR AND AT APPROXIMATELY ROOM TEMPERATURE.**

**HOW SUPPLIED**

Carimune® NF is available as a white lyophilized powder in 6 and 12 g size vials. The only diluents which may be used to reconstitute the product are sterile (0.9%) Sodium Chloride Injection USP, 5% Dextrose, or Sterile Water.

Each product presentation includes a package insert and the following components:

**Presentation** | **Carton Number** | **Components**
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6 g | 44206-417-06 | Carimune® NF in a single-use vial (NDC 44206-417-91)
12 g | 44206-418-12 | Carimune® NF in a single-use vial (NDC 44206-418-92)

**Storage and Handling**

- Carimune® NF should be stored at room temperature not exceeding 30°C (86°F).
- The preparation should not be used after the expiration date printed on the label.

**REFERENCES**


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