

Emgality (Galcanezumab) for Migraine Prevention

Emgality (galcanezumab) is an injectable medication that your doctor prescribed for migraine prevention. Please take as directed by your prescriber.

How should I take Emgality?

Emgality is injected into the fatty part of the skin of the abdomen, thigh, back of upper arm, or buttocks. Be sure to rotate (change) the injection sites, you can use the same general location but not the same spot.

1. Take **Emgality** out of the refrigerator 30 minutes before administering the shot.
2. Wash your hands before and after using **Emgality**.
3. For the first dose, you will administer 2 separate injections. After that, one injection will be administered monthly. Throw syringe away after one use. It is not meant to be used more than once.
4. If you miss a dose of **Emgality**, administer as soon as possible. Remember to administer your next dose one month from the date of the last dose.

Do not:

- ⊗ Do not heat or shake the medication.
- ⊗ Inject into areas where the skin is tender, bruised, hard or red.
- ⊗ Do not use the medication if it is cloudy, leaking, or has visible particles.

What drugs interact with Emgality?

There are no significant drug interactions with **Emgality**.

What foods interact with Emgality?

There are no interactions between **Emgality** and food.

What side effects can occur with Emgality?

These are some of the most common side effects patients experience while taking **Emgality**:

Common side effects	What can I do?	When should I call the clinic?
Irritation where the shot is given	Change the injection site to see if reaction is sensitive to one area of the body	If the reaction does not go away or continues to bother you
Constipation	Use an over-the-counter laxative	If constipation doesn't go away after 7 days

Allergic reaction a more serious side effect that can occur with **Emgality** which is not as common but you should still be aware of it. Tell your doctor right away or get medical help if needed if you experience any signs or symptoms of an allergic reaction such as:

- rash
- hives
- itching
- swelling or tingling in your mouth or throat
- chest tightness
- trouble breathing

What other safety concerns should I know about Emgality?

Talk with your doctor if you are pregnant or plan on becoming pregnant while on this medication, or if you are planning on breastfeeding.

How should I handle/store Emgality?

- Store **Emgality** in the original container in order to protect it from the light.
- Store **Emgality** in a refrigerator. Do not freeze or use any medication if it has been frozen. Once out of the refrigerator, do not place the medication back inside.

- You may store **Emgality** at room temperature for up to 7 days. Throw any unused medication away after 7 days.

How should I dispose of Emgality?

Throw away needles in a sharp/needle disposal box after use. When the box is full, follow all local rules for getting rid of it. Talk with a doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

There also may be drug take-back programs in your area. **For more information, please visit:**

- Safe Needle Disposal: www.safeneedledisposal.org
 - Enter your zip code for local disposal information in your area
- *Medication Disposal-How Do I Dispose of Unused Medications?*
<http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/Pharmacy/MedicationDisposal.pdf>

This information sheet is not meant to take the place of patient care. If you have any questions, please contact your doctor or Michigan Medicine Specialty Pharmacy Services at (855) 276-3002.

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