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ACTEMRA (TOCILIZUMAB) INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Your physician has recommended an ACTEMRA infusion for the treatment. Before agreeing to this treatment, it is important that you read and understand the following explanation of the ACTEMRA infusion process. This statement will describe the procedure, benefits, discomforts, risks and precautions.

ACTEMRA is a medication that keeps the immune system from attacking healthy tissues in the body. The immune system also defends the body against infections caused by bacteria and viruses. ACTEMRA interferes with an important step in this attack. By decreasing the immune system's attack on normal tissues, ACTEMRA can reduce pain and joint inflammation, and can slow the damage to your bones and cartilage.

Indications

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved ACTEMRA® for the treatment of active Rheumatoid Arthritis. This medication can help control the activity of cells in the immune system that are responsible for the signs and symptoms of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Dosage and Administration

You will receive your first dose of ACTEMRA followed by additional doses every 4 weeks. Ask your doctor if you miss an infusion when to schedule your next dose.

Potential Adverse Reactions

ACTEMRA is generally well tolerated and most reported reactions are mild to moderate, transient and manageable. The following adverse reactions are the most commonly reported:

- Upper respiratory infection
- Viral infection
- Bronchitis
- Hypertension
- Rash

Some more severe side effects have been reported including:

- Serious infection
- Allergic reactions. These reactions are usually mild or moderate, but can be severe.
- There have been rare cases of certain kinds of cancer in patients receiving ACTEMRA. The role of ACTEMRA in the development of cancer is not known.
- Some patients in studies developed perforations (or holes) in their intestines while on this drug. These complications were more common in patients that had GI problems such as Diverticulitis

or other inflammatory bowel diseases that were having procedures done. Talk to your doctor if you have a history of diverticulitis or a history of bowel perforations.

Prior to using ACTEMRA, please tell your physician or nurse if you (please initial):

_____ Have had any allergic reaction to any other interleukin-6 inhibitor such as Kevzara

_____ Have been previously exposed to tuberculosis (TB)

_____ Have has Hepatitis B or C Infection

_____ Pregnant or breast feeding

_____ Have new symptoms or medical problems

_____ Have had any live vaccinations recently (These include measles, mumps, rubella, oral polio (the injectable polio vaccine is not live), oral typhoid (typhoid injection is not live), BCG, yellow fever)

_____ Have ever been diagnosed with Diverticulitis or have a history of GI problems

_____ Any Fever or Current Signs/Symptoms of an Infection

_____ Any Acute Cut, Wound or Rash

I understand all possible side effects from this medication may not have been completely identified and as new information becomes available I will be notified.

I have had the opportunity to fully read, understand and discuss this consent form with my physician and the nurses. By signing this consent, I am agreeing to treatment with ACTEMRA.

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Patient's Name Witness' Name

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Patient's Signature Witness' Signature

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Date Date