

# Patient Alert Card

For patients with non-oncology diseases

## Truxima<sup>®</sup> ▼ Rituximab

Show this card to any doctor  
involved in your treatment.

### Where can I get more information?

See the Truxima<sup>®</sup> package leaflet for more information.

### Treatment start date

Date of most recent infusion: .....

Date of first infusion: .....

### Contact details

Patient's name: .....

Doctor's name: .....

Doctor's contact details: .....

Make sure you have a list of all your medicines when you see a health care professional. Please talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions about the information in this card.

If you get any side effects, including any not listed in the package leaflet, talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

▼ This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get.

See [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) for how to report side effects.

## Why have I been given this card?

This medicine may make you more likely to get infections.

This card tells you:

- What you need to know before having Truxima®
- What the signs of an infection are
- What to do if you think you might be getting an infection

It also includes your name and doctor's name and phone number on the back.

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## What should I do with this card?

- Keep this card with you all the time – such as in your wallet or purse
- Show this card to any doctor, nurse or dentist you see – not just the specialist who prescribes your Truxima®

Keep this card with you for 2 years after your last dose of Truxima®. This is because side effects can develop several months after you have had treatment.

## When should I not have Truxima®?

Do not have Truxima® if you have an active infection or a serious problem with your immune system.

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Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking or have previously taken medicines which may affect your immune system; this includes chemotherapy.

## What are the signs of an infection?

Look out for the following possible signs of infection:

- Fever or cough all the time
- Weight loss
- Pain without injuring yourself
- Feeling generally unwell or listless

**If you notice any of these symptoms, tell a doctor or nurse straight away. You should also tell them about your Truxima® treatment.**

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## What else do I need to know?

Rarely Truxima® can cause a serious brain infection, called Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy or PML. This can be fatal.

- Signs of PML include:
  - Confusion, memory loss or problems thinking
  - Loss of balance or a change in the way you walk or talk
  - Decreased strength or weakness on one side of your body
  - Blurred vision or loss of vision

If you notice any of these signs, tell a doctor or nurse straight away. You should also tell them about your Truxima® treatment.