



## ABOUT OUR HOSPITAL

The Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital is a fully accredited health care facility located on two sites serving a catchment population of approximately 60,000+ residents within the tri-county region of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville

The hospital has a long history in the provision of high quality health services to its community.



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## IRON SUCROSE (VENOFER ©)

### PATIENT INFORMATION



**WHAT IS IRON SUCROSE AND WHAT IS IT USED FOR?**

It is an iron replacement therapy used to treat anemia (low iron) in patients with chronic kidney disease.

**HOW IS IRON SUCROSE GIVEN?**

It is given as an infusion into a vein over a period of time. You will be watched closely during and after this process, which can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 4 hours, depending on your dose.

**WHAT TO DO AFTER AN INFUSION?**

- Avoid driving and doing other tasks or actions that call for you to be alert until you see how this drug affects you
- To lower the chance of feeling dizzy or passing out, rise slowly if you have been sitting or lying down. Be careful going up and down stairs
- Have blood work checked as you have been told by the doctor

**WHAT ARE SOME SIDE EFFECTS ONE MAY EXPERIENCE AFTER RECEIVING IRON SUCROSE?**

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away.

- diarrhea
- headache
- dizziness
- muscle cramps
- upset stomach or throwing up
- change in taste
- joint pain
- back pain
- nose or throat irritation

**WHAT ARE SOME SERIOUS BUT RARE SIDE EFFECTS I NEED TO WATCH FOR AND CALL MY DOCTOR IF THEY OCCUR?**

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat
- Signs of high or low blood pressure like very bad headache or dizziness, passing out, change in eyesight
- Chest pain or pressure
- Shortness of breath
- Swelling in the arms or legs
- Irritation where the shot is given