



Home infusion of biologic medications

Optum® Infusion Pharmacy: Where excellence meets convenience.

Benefits of infusing at home

Biologic medications have been infused in homes for decades. This includes medications such as Actemra®, Benlysta®, Entyvio®, Inflectra®, Orencia®, Remicade®, Renflexis® and Simponi Aria®.

With home infusion, you can get the care you need on your schedule. Home infusion lets you:

- Save time and money by reducing travel
- Stay in the privacy and comfort of your home
- Take greater control of your infusion schedule
- Reduce exposure to infections
- Lessen the interruptions to you and your family's daily routine

Optum makes home infusion easy

Choose Optum Infusion Pharmacy for your infusions. We offer ease and convenience at each step:

- With nationwide nursing coverage, we can bring you convenient, effective infusion care to wherever you are.
- Our dedicated clinical teams understand the specifics of treatment with biologics, and they tailor their care to your unique needs.
- We help to remove the financial burden of treatment with Optum Savings IQ®, which automatically finds the best financial assistance options for you.
- We work directly with your insurer to meet any necessary insurance requirements and help overturn claim denials. During your treatment, you have 24/7 clinical support a phone call away.

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Frequently asked questions

How safe is home infusion of biologic medications?

Biologics come with some warnings and side effects. We screen patients for those risks and issues that might occur during or after infusion.

How long does it take to infuse biologics?

The length of time for an infusion can vary. In most cases, infusions of biologics will take 30–60 minutes at a time.

Is it less expensive for me to infuse at home?

Infusing at home can cost less. It depends on your insurance coverage. Some insurance plans encourage patients to infuse high-cost therapies at home.

Do I need a nurse present to infuse at home?

Yes. Biologics carry some serious warnings. Our nurses will monitor your vital signs and might adjust your infusion rate. They're also prepared to treat anaphylaxis (shock) in case you have a serious reaction to the medication.

How does Optum Infusion Pharmacy help prevent reactions while infusing?

Our nurses follow a common and strict protocol to help prevent reactions. They'll stay with you throughout infusion to monitor for reactions. They might give you other medications if needed.

What side effects might I have?

Side effects are different for each medication. Everyone reacts to medications differently. Your doctor, pharmacist and infusion nurse can help you understand the side effects you might have.

Can I infuse around family or friends?

You can. Our nurse is not there to interfere with your daily life. We're there to administer your treatment and help make you as comfortable as possible.

Can I work after I infuse?

Typically, yes. If you experience any discomfort or bothersome symptoms after your infusion, talk with your pharmacist and nurse.



Learn more about how we can help you.

Visit infusion.optum.com

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