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REMICADE® is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms, inducing and maintaining clinical remission and mucosal healing, and eliminating corticosteroid use in adult patients with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis who have had an inadequate response to conventional therapy.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR INDICATIONS

SERIOUS INFECTIONS

REMICADE® (infliximab)

Patients treated with REMICADE® (infliximab) are at increased risk for developing serious infections that may lead to hospitalization or death. Most patients who developed these infections were taking concomitant immunosuppressants such as methotrexate or corticosteroids. Discontinue REMICADE® if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis.

Reported infections include:

· Active tuberculosis (TB), including reactivation of latent TB. Patients frequently presented with disseminated or extrapulmonary disease. Patients should be tested for latent TB before and during treatment with REMICADE®.1,2 Treatment for latent infection should be initiated prior to treatment with REMICADE®

 Invasive fungal infections, including histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, candidiasis, aspergillosis, blastomycosis and pneumocystosis. Patients may present with disseminated, rather than localized, disease. Empiric anti-fungal therapy should be considered in patients at risk for invasive fungal infections who develop severe systemic illness.

 Bacterial, viral, and other infections due to opportunistic pathogens, including Legionella and Listeria.

The risks and benefits of treatment with REMICADE® should be carefully considered prior to initiating therapy in patients with chronic or recurrent infection. Closely monitor patients for the development of signs and symptoms of infection during and after treatment with REMICADE®, including the possible development of TB in patients who tested negative for latent TB infection prior to initiating therapy.

Risk of infection may be higher in patients greater than 65 years of age, pediatric patients, patients with co-morbid conditions and/or patients taking concomitant immunosuppressant therapy. In clinical trials, other serious infections observed in patients treated with REMICADE® included pneumonia, cellulitis, abscess, and skin ulceration.

MALIGNANCIES

Tymphoma and other malignancies, some fatal, have been reported in children and adolescent patients treated with TNF blockers, including REMICADE®. Approximately half of these cases were lymphomas, including Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The other cases represented a variety of malignancies, including rare malignancies that are usually associated with immunosuppression and malignancies that are not usually observed in children and adolescents. The malignancies occurred after a median of 30 months after the first dose of therapy. Most of the patients were receiving concomitant immunosuppressants.

Postmarketing cases of hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma, a rare type of T-cell lymphoma, have been reported in patients treated with TNF blockers, including REMICADE®. These cases have had a very aggressive disease course and have been fatal. All reported REMICADE® cases have occurred in patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis and the majority were in adolescent and young adult males. All of these patients had received treatment with azathioprine or 6-mercaptopurine concomitantly with REMICADE® at or prior to diagnosis. Carefully assess the risks and benefits of treatment with REMICADE®, especially in these patient types.

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the rate in control patients was lower than expected. Cases of acute and chronic leukemia have been reported with postmarketing TNF-blocker use. the potential role of TNF inhibitors in the development of malignancies is not known, caution should be exercised when considering treatment of patients with a current or a past history of malignancy or other risk factors such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Melanoma and Merkel cell carcinoma have been reported in patients treated with TNF-blocker therapy, including REMICADE®. Periodic skin examination is recommended for all patients, particularly those with risk factors for skin cancer.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

HEPATITIS B REACTIVATION

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Psoriatic Arthritis Reducing signs and

symptoms of active arthritis, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA)

Ankylosing Spondylitis Reducing signs and

symptoms in patients with active ankylosing spondylitis (AS)

Plaque Psoriasis

 The treatment of adult patients with chronic severe (ie, extensive and/or disabling) plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy and when other systemic therapies are medically less appropriate

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discontinued, and a thorough investigation of the abnormality should be undertaken.

HEMATOLOGIC EVENTS Cases of leukopenia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, and pancytopenia (some fatal) have been reported. The causal relationship to REMICADE® therapy remains unclear. Exercise caution in patients who have ongoing or a history of significant hematologic abnormalities. Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if they develop signs and symptoms of blood dyscrasias or infection. Consider discontinuation of REMICADE® in patients who develop significant hematologic abnormalities.

HYPERSENSITIVITY

REMICADE® has been associated with hypersensitivity reactions that differ in their time of onset. Acute urticaria, dyspnea, and hypotension have occurred in association with infusions of REMICADE®. Serious infusion reactions including anaphylaxis were infrequent. Medications for the treatment of hypersensitivity

reactions should be available. **NEUROLOGIC EVENTS**

TNF inhibitors, including REMICADE®, have been associated in rare cases with CNS manifestation of systemic vasculitis, seizure, and new onset or exacerbation of CNS demyelinating disorders, including multiple sclerosis and optic neuritis, and peripheral demyelinating disorders, including Guillain-Barré syndrome. Exercise caution when considering REMICADE® in patients with these disorders and consider discontinuation if these disorders develop.

AUTOIMMUNITY Treatment with REMICADE® may result in the formation of autoantibodies and, rarely, in development of a

lupus-like syndrome. Discontinue treatment if symptoms of a lupus-like syndrome develop. ADVERSE REACTIONS In clinical trials, the most common REMICADE® adverse reactions occurring in >10% of patients included

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USE WITH OTHER DRUGS Concomitant use of REMICADE® with anakinra, abatacept, tocilizumab, or other biologics used to treat the same conditions as REMICADE® is not recommended because of the possibility of an increased risk of

infection. Care should be taken when switching from one biologic to another, since overlapping biological activity may further increase the risk of infection.

LIVE VACCINES/THERAPEUTIC INFECTIOUS AGENTS Live vaccines or therapeutic infectious agents should not be given with REMICADE® due to the possibility of clinical infections, including disseminated infections.

Bring pediatric patients up to date with all vaccinations prior to initiating REMICADE®. Exercise caution in the administration of live vaccines to infants born to female patients treated with REMICADE® during pregnancy.

For more information, please see full Prescribing Information and Medication Guide for REMICADE®. Provide the Medication Guide to your patients and encourage discussion. (Requires Adobe® Reader®. Click here to download.)

References:

- American Thoracic Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Targeted tuberculin testing and treatment of latent tuberculosis infection. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2000;161:S221-S247.
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secondary endpoints included remission and mucosal healing.

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In ACT 1: Mucosal healing was defined as an endoscopy subscore of 0 or 1.

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thereafter through Week 46. Final efficacy evaluations were completed 8 weeks following the last infusion. Concomitant treatment with stable doses of 5-ASA, corticosteroids, and/or immunomodulators was permitted throughout the study. Of patients receiving steroids at baseline, tapering was allowed beginning at Week 8. The primary efficacy endpoint was clinical response at Week 8;

†In ACT 1: Clinical response was defined as a decrease in Mayo score of ≥30% and ≥3 points, accompanied by a decrease in rectal

Fin ACT 1: Patients who had a prohibited change in medication, had an ostomy or colectomy, or discontinued study infusions due to

lack of efficacy are considered to not be in clinical response, clinical remission, or mucosal healing from the time of the event

References: 1. REMICADE® Prescribing Information. Janssen Biotech, Inc. 2. Rutgeerts P, Sandborn WJ, Feagan BG, et al. Infliximab for induction and maintenance therapy for ulcerative colitis. N Engl J Med. 2005;353:2462-2476. 3. Data on file.

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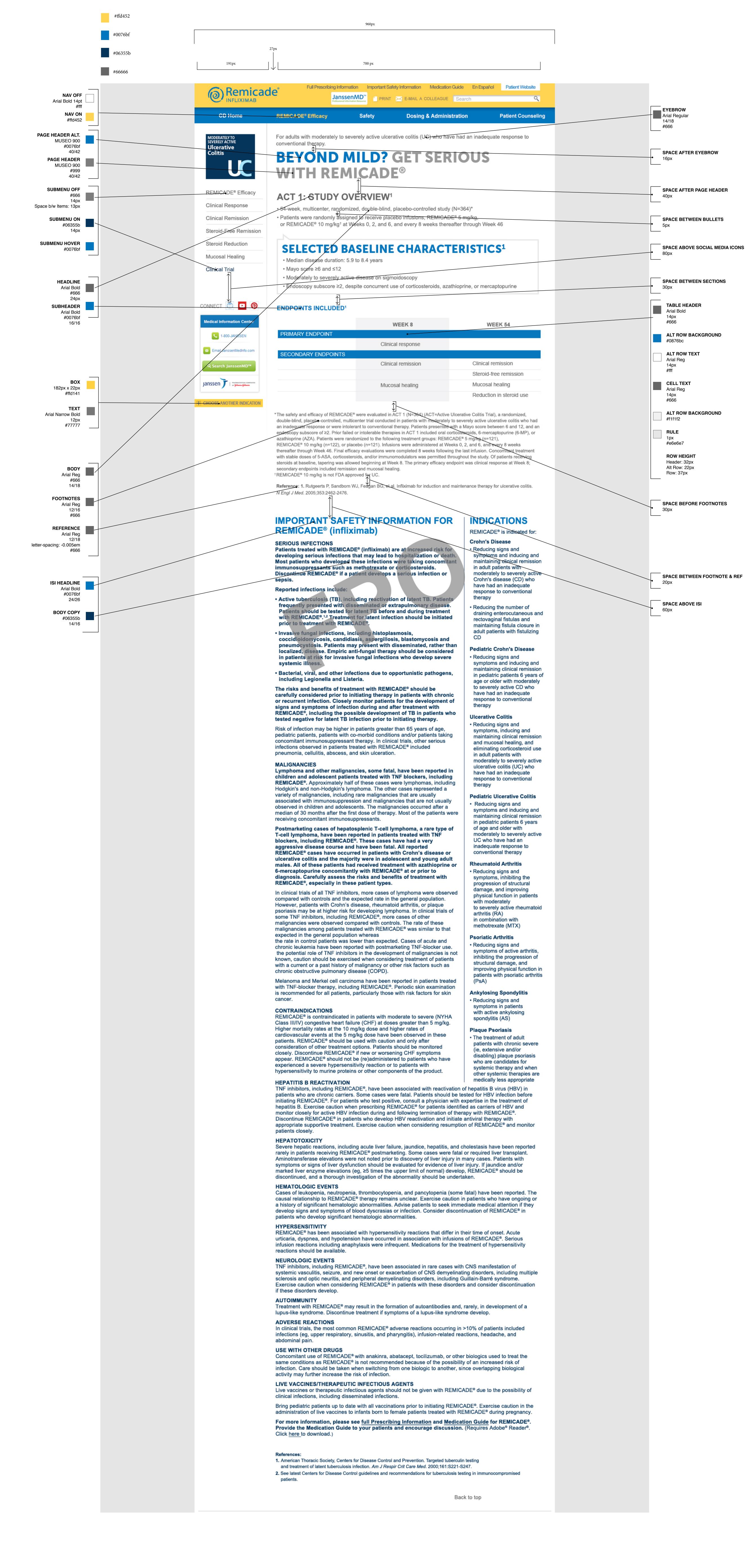
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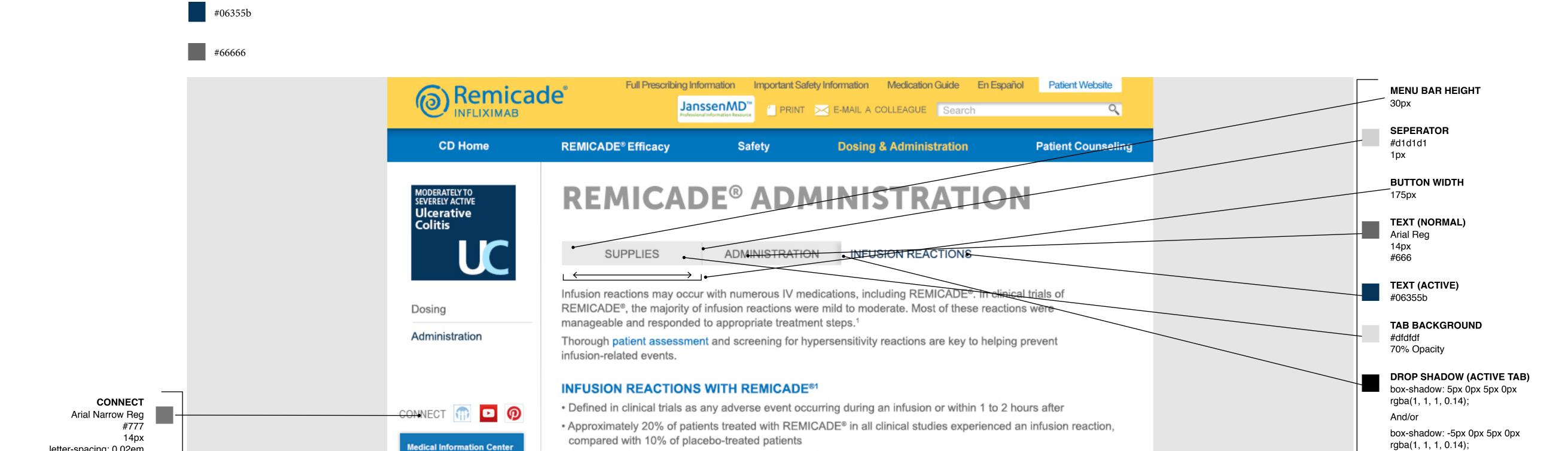
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IN THE EVENT OF A SEVERE INFUSION REACTION¹

The management of severe infusion reactions should be dictated by the signs and symptoms of the reaction

Serious infusion reactions occurred in <1% of patients and included anaphylaxis, convulsions, erythematous

Approximately 3% of patients discontinued REMICADE® because of infusion reactions, and all patients who

In phase 3 clinical studies, 18% of adult patients treated with REMICADE® experienced an infusion reaction

Reaction persistent

or increasing

Reaction resolved

discontinued recovered with treatment and/or discontinuation of the infusion

IN THE EVENT OF A MILD TO MODERATE INFUSION REACTION¹

- Appropriate personnel and medications should be available to treat anaphylaxis if it occurs
- Patients who have severe infusion-related hypersensitivity reactions during or following the infusion should be discontinued from further treatment with REMICADE®

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR REMICADE® (infliximab)

SERIOUS INFECTIONS

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Stop or slow infusion

antihistamines and

and/or prednisone

acetaminophen.

or equivalent IV

corticosteriod

and/or consider giving

compared with 5% of placebo-treated patients

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INDICATIONS

REMICADE® is indicated for:

Crohn's Disease

STOP INFUSION

and administer

appropriate treatment

COMPLETE INFUSION

Reinitiate at a lower

infusion rate

- Reducing signs and symptoms and inducing and maintaining clinical remission in adult patients with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease (CD) who have had an inadequate response to conventional therapy
- Reducing the number of draining enterocutaneous and rectovaginal fistulas and maintaining fistula closure in adult patients with fistulizing CD

Pediatric Crohn's Disease Reducing signs and

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