The **SCIg Home Infusion Program** helps patients to do SCIg infusion on their own at home:

- Infusion training: nurses teach
 patients and families how to do SCIg
 infusion. Most patients find it very easy.
 In just a few lessons, they can do
 infusions safely at home on their own.
- Infusion support: nurses can answer questions about SClg infusion at home or during travel, and they can help troubleshoot issues you might have.
- SCIg product and infusion supplies: the program helps you to get everything you need to do SCIg infusion at home.

Talk to your doctor or nurse practitioner to find out if SCIg home infusion might be right for you.

You can talk about:

- If SCIg infusion can help you be healthier than you are now.
- If SCIg infusion could be better for your family or work life.
- If you need to sign a consent form.
- Risks or side-effects of treatment.
- How to know if the treatment is working.
- How to get more information about SCIg home infusion, including how to get referral for training.

Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin (SCIg) Home Infusion Program

SCIg Home Infusion

Patient Information

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What is immunoglobulin?

Immunoglobulins are special proteins or antibodies found in blood.

They help the body to stay healthy by fighting sickness or infections.

Immunoglobulins can be taken from the blood of healthy donors and given to patients who need it to be healthy.

How is immunoglobulin given to patients?

Immunoglobulin is given by an infusion with a needle:

- Intravenous infusion—a needle is put in a blood vessel in your hand or arm.
- **Subcutaneous infusion**—a needle is put below the skin in your fat.

"SCIg" is subcutaneous immunoglobulin infusion.



Patients who need immunoglobulin can learn to do SCIg infusion safely and easily at home.

- 1 SCIg infusion is EASY TO LEARN.
 - Patients learn how with the help of an infusion nurse.
 - No healthcare experience is needed.
 - Patients can do infusions on their own or with the help of family, friends, or caregivers.
 - The needles are tiny and very easy to put in.

3 SCIg infusion is FLEXIBLE.

Patients who do SCIg infusion can:

- Choose when to infuse (day, evening, or weekend).
- Choose where to infuse (home, at work, or during travel).
- Plan long vacations or travel (up to 3 months) and continue to infuse while away.
- 2 SCIg infusion is SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.

Compared to intravenous or IVIg infusion:

- Many patients have less infections or illness.
- Many patients have better control and care of their disease.
- Many patients have fewer side-effects that are serious or not tolerated.

- SCIg infusion is AFFORDABLE.
 - There is no cost for patients to learn SCIg infusion, and there is no cost for materials and supplies.
 - Patients can also avoid costs for hospital parking, childcare, or time off work by doing SCIg infusion at home.