

## Best-Value Biological Medicine (ADALIMUMAB 20 mg): Amgevita<sup>®1</sup>

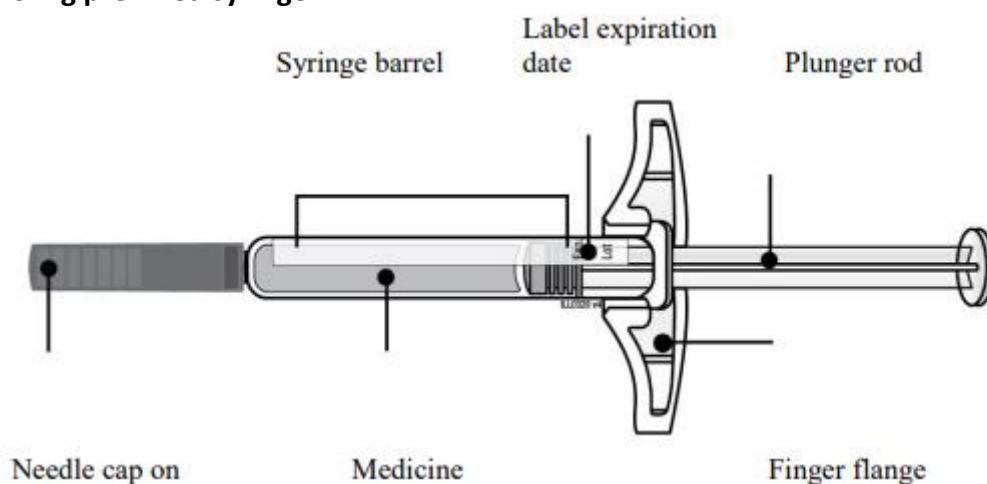
### Information for Healthcare Professionals

The MMP recommends Amgevita<sup>®</sup> as a Best-Value Biological (BVB) Medicine for adalimumab 20 mg solution for injection. Prescribing Amgevita<sup>®</sup> will lead to significant savings for the health service.

Amgevita<sup>®2</sup> 20 mg pre-filled syringe is recommended as the best-value biological (BVB) medicine for adalimumab 20 mg solution for injection on the High Tech Arrangement.

Amgevita<sup>®</sup> is a biosimilar medicine. This means that Amgevita<sup>®</sup> is highly similar to another biological medicine (the reference medicine) that is already authorised in the European Union. The reference medicine for Amgevita<sup>®</sup> is Humira<sup>®</sup>.

#### Amgevita<sup>®</sup> 20 mg pre-filled syringe



- Each pack contains one pre-filled syringe (PFS), each PFS contains 20 mg of adalimumab.
- No latex is used in the product or packaging; Amgevita<sup>®</sup> PFS is therefore suitable for patients with a latex allergy.
- It is supplied as a clear and colourless to slightly yellow solution.

#### Storage

- Amgevita<sup>®</sup> 20 mg PFS should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C - 8°C). It should not be frozen.
- The PFS should be kept in the outer packaging in order to protect it from light.
- A single Amgevita<sup>®</sup> 20 mg PFS may be stored at a temperature of up to a maximum of 25°C for a period of up to 14 days. The PFS must be protected from light, and discarded if not used within the 14-day period.

<sup>1</sup> This product information sheet is reflective of the revised formulation (i.e. high-concentration) of Amgevita<sup>®</sup> 20 mg pre-filled syringe that was added to the High Tech Arrangement on 1 November 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics of Amgevita<sup>®</sup> for full prescribing information.

## Dose Administration

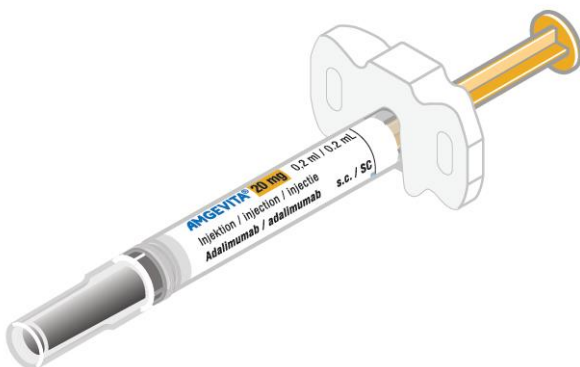
- The patient information leaflet contains a very clear diagrammatic guide on how to administer a dose from the PFS.
- The plunger must be pressed down fully to deliver the dose of adalimumab.
- There is no safety feature upon delivery of the dose of adalimumab; the needle does not retract within the sleeve.
- The patient should not attempt to recap the syringe with the needle cap.

## Similarities between Amgevita® pre-filled syringe and the reference biological medicine (Humira® pre-filled syringe)

- Both Amgevita® 20 mg PFS and Humira® 20 mg PFS contain 20 mg of adalimumab in 0.2 mL.
- Both Amgevita® 20 mg PFS and Humira® 20 mg PFS are citrate-free formulations.
- Both Amgevita® 20 mg PFS and Humira® 20 mg PFS have a 29-gauge needle.
- Both Amgevita® 20 mg PFS and Humira® 20 mg PFS may be stored at a temperature up to a maximum of 25°C for a period of up to 14 days, after which they should not be refrigerated again. Both PFSs must be protected from light, and discarded if not used within the 14-day period.
- Both Amgevita® 20 mg PFS and Humira® 20 mg PFS do not have a safety feature to guard the needle upon delivery of the dose of adalimumab.

## Differences between Amgevita® pre-filled syringe and the reference biological medicine (Humira® pre-filled syringe)

- Amgevita® 20 mg PFS has a shelf life of three years; Humira® 20 mg PFS has a shelf life of two years.



## Amgen Ireland Patient Support Services

Amgen Ireland provides a patient support programme Amgen Care, to patients who have been prescribed Amgevita® 20 mg PFS. This is provided by TCP Homecare and Hibernian Healthcare at Home on behalf of Amgen Ireland.

The following services are available as part of the patient support programme upon referral by the prescribing healthcare professional:

- Optional nurse visit to deliver patient education on correct device handling and administration technique for Amgevita®, dosing information, storage of medicine, waste disposal and adverse event reporting. Up to two home visits are funded as part of the patient support programme.
- Delivery of an Amgen Care patient support pack, including digital resources such as access to Amgevita® patient demonstration video
- Text messenger reminder service to aid adherence
- Sharps bin provision and waste collection service
- Dedicated patient support telephone line
- Post-home visit report emailed to referring healthcare professional
- Provision of faecal calprotectin home test kits to gastroenterology patients
- Provision of Quantiferon testing.

**In order to refer patients who have been prescribed Amgevita® to the patient support programme, please contact one of the following:**

- TCP Homecare at 1800 211 211 or by email at [homecare.pcb@tcp.ie](mailto:homecare.pcb@tcp.ie). Alternatively, patients can be referred through the Amgen Care online referral portal: <https://www.amgencarehcp.ie/>
- Hibernian Healthcare at Home at 01 460 4820. Alternatively, patients can be referred through the Hibernian online referral portal: <https://schedule.hahirl.com/>

In order to obtain demonstration devices and patient support materials for use in clinics, please contact TCP Homecare at 1800 211 211 or Hibernian Healthcare at Home at 01 460 4820.

### References:

1. Amgen Europe B.V. Amgevita® 20 mg solution for injection in a pre-filled syringe. Summary of Product Characteristics. Last updated 31/03/2025. Accessed at [www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu) on 29/05/2025.
2. AbbVie Deutschland GmbH Co. KG. Humira® 20 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe. Summary of Product Characteristics. Last updated 20/03/2025. Accessed at [www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu) on 29/05/2025.