

BEFORE STARTING A COMPLEMENT C5 INHIBITOR, Understand the importance of meningococcal vaccinations

You've been prescribed a complement C5 inhibitor for generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG)

Complement C5 inhibitors may be used to treat adults with gMG. Because treatment lowers your body's response to certain infections, any complement C5 inhibitor increases your chance of getting serious meningococcal infections.

Meningococcal infections can:

- Result in serious and life-threatening conditions as they spread through the lining of the brain and spinal cord (known as meningitis) or enter the bloodstream (known as septicemia)
- Spread through close or lengthy contact, such as coughing or living with an infected person
- Progress rapidly once contracted, resulting in severe illness, hospitalization, and sometimes death

Meningococcal vaccinations can lower the risk of infection

These vaccinations work with your body's natural defenses and may provide support to your immune system. Meningococcal vaccinations may not fully eliminate the risk, but they do lower your chance of getting sick or suffering complications from meningococcal infections.



Confirm your vaccination status
with your healthcare provider.



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Prepare yourself before starting gMG treatment

It is required to complete and update meningococcal vaccinations.

In fact, the CDC recommends two meningococcal vaccinations along with regular booster shots for people receiving a complement inhibitor. The two vaccinations are called MenACWY and MenB. Each requires multiple doses.



People using complement C5 inhibitors should be **fully vaccinated at least 2 weeks before starting treatment.**

Review your vaccination history with your healthcare provider to make sure you are up to date on all meningococcal vaccinations. If not, it is important to schedule your vaccinations so you can begin your gMG treatment.

Your healthcare provider may decide that the risks for delaying treatment outweigh the risks for developing a meningococcal infection. **If you have not completed or updated vaccinations and must start the treatment right away, your healthcare provider may provide a prescription for antibiotics.** It is important to take your medication as prescribed.



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