

Krystexxa is a biologic therapy that is indicated to treat:

- chronic [gout](#) in adults who haven't responded to other therapies

What Is Krystexxa?

Krystexxa (pegloticase) is a prescription medication administered for patients via IV infusion to help reduce symptoms of [gout](#).

How Krystexxa Works

In patients with [gout](#), uric acid builds up in the joints, causing the symptoms of the disease. Krystexxa works by lowering uric acid levels in the body and removing uric acid crystal buildup in the joints.

What Is Krystexxa Used For? Doctors order pegloticase to treat:

- chronic [gout](#) in adults who haven't responded to other therapies

Krystexxa Infusion Dosage and Administration

Patients receive pegloticase intravenously. Treatment time for a Krystexxa infusion usually lasts roughly two hours.

Dosage and Frequency

Typical dosage of Krystexxa is 8 mg/mL.

Krystexxa is generally administered once every two weeks.

Administering Krystexxa via IV Infusion

1. The nurse prepares the patient's arm by using rubbing alcohol to sterilize the location that is being used to insert the IV needle.
2. Following needle insertion, the IV line is held in place with tape.
3. The nurse attaches the patient's IV line to the line coming down from the bag of medication.

Every half-an-hour, the patient's nurse takes his or her vitals.

Krystexxa Infusion Side Effects

As with all medications, [side effects are possible](#).

Common side effects of Krystexxa include:

- Gout flare-ups or attacks
- Allergic reactions
- Nausea
- Bruising
- Sore throat
- Constipation
- Chest pain
- Vomiting

Patients should inform their referring physician if they experience serious side effects.

Serious side effects include:

- Wheezing, shortness of breath, or coughing
- Chest tightness or trouble breathing
- Reddening of the face
- Itching
- Hives
- Feeling warm
- Swelling of the throat or tongue
- Throat tightness
- Hoarse voice
- Trouble swallowing

How To Prepare for a Krystexxa Infusion

It is essential that patients inform their physician if they currently have, or have had, any of the conditions listed below:

- G6PD deficiency
- Heart problems
- High blood pressure

Before treatment, patients should get a good night's sleep. In addition, they need to drink an adequate amount of fluid and eat a meal before their Krystexxa IV infusion treatment.