



# London Health Sciences Centre

## Multi-Organ Transplant Program

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**Patient Medication Information**  
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**Brand Name:** Simulect®  
**Common Names:** Basiliximab

### **What is it?**

Basiliximab helps the body accept the transplanted organ.

### **How should it be taken?**

This drug is used in combination with other drugs to prevent rejection after transplantation. It is given intravenously on the day of transplant surgery and again four days after the transplant while you are in the hospital.

### **Are there any precautions when using this drug?**

- Tell your doctor all drugs that you are taking. This drug may not mix well with some other medications.
- Talk with your doctor before getting any vaccines. This drug may either increase the chance of an infection or make the vaccine not work as well.
- Discuss with your doctor if you are pregnant or may be pregnant, or if you are breastfeeding.

### **What are some possible side effects?**

- flu-like symptoms including headache, weakness, fever, shakes, aches, pains and sweating; mild pain drugs may help
- anemia
- hard or loose stools (constipation or diarrhea)
- upset stomach or vomiting
- change in appearance of teeth or gums
- high blood pressure
- swelling in the arms or legs
- belly pain