

**Brand Name:** Simulect<sup>®</sup>  
**Common Name:** 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 medications 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.

**What are the side effects? How can I manage them?**

You may experience some of the following side effects:

- headache
- anemia
- hard or loose stools (constipation or diarrhea)
- upset stomach or vomiting
- high blood pressure
- swelling in the arms or legs
- belly pain

**Cautions/ Other Advice:**

Tell your doctor all drugs that you are taking (prescribe, herbal or over the counter). 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.

