

## Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP):

# What patients need to know



**A CIDP diagnosis can feel overwhelming. At Advanced Infusion Care (AIC), we're here to help.** Find answers to common questions below. Then, learn how AIC can help you throughout your treatment.

### What is CIDP?

- + Your immune system helps your body by making antibodies to fight off infections. But sometimes, your immune system attacks your body's own tissues. This is called autoimmune disease.
- + CIDP is a rare autoimmune disease that affects your nerves. Your nerves send signals from your brain to the rest of your body.
- + CIDP means your immune system is attacking the protective coverings around your nerves. This can affect how well your nerves can send signals.
- + CIDP can cause weakness or make it hard to move your arms and legs.

### A RARE DISEASE:

There are around 5 to 7 cases of CIDP for every 100,000 people

### IMPACTS MORE MEN:

Twice as many men as women are affected by CIDP

### OFTEN BEGINS IN ADULTHOOD:

The average age of onset is 50

### How is CIDP treated?

- + Treating CIDP means supporting your immune system so that it does not harm your own body. One option is to replace the antibodies that are attacking your nerves.
- + Immunoglobulin (Ig) therapy replaces your antibodies with healthy Ig antibodies from donors. These antibodies do not attack your nerves.
- + Ig therapy can reduce the damage to your nerves to help treat and decrease your symptoms of CIDP.

### How is Ig therapy administered?

- + One way to get Ig therapy is through an IV. A nurse can give you Ig through an IV in a hospital or clinic, or at home with the support of a specialty pharmacy like AIC. These infusions will likely happen every three or four weeks.
- + You may also be able to administer your therapy yourself at home through subcutaneous (SubQ) administration. This means infusing the Ig therapy into the tissue just below your skin. You just need to be trained by a nurse first. This kind of administration can be done weekly.
- + Patients should work with their doctors and insurance companies to find the best treatment options for them.

# About Advanced Infusion Care

AIC provides high-quality Ig care, right in your home. Our experienced nurses, pharmacists and support staff work closely with your doctor to provide Ig therapy that meets your needs.



**Every AIC patient has 24/7 access** to a dedicated team, including clinical pharmacists, infusion nurse specialists and intake managers. You can call your team anytime with questions or concerns.

#### OUR NURSES:

- + Have more than 1,000 years of combined experience
- + Are certified in IV and SubQ medication administration
- + Wear PPE and follow all federal and state safety guidelines
- + Are able to handle any medical issues that may come up while in your home



**We offer many Ig products** for your doctor to choose from. Some of our products are only available through a limited distribution network.



**We're here to answer any billing questions you may have.**

“It’s been an amazing experience with AIC. They really do care about you.”


—DARLENE, PATIENT

99%

patient satisfaction  
rate for AIC

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