



Orthopedic Associates OF PORT HURON

What is Remicade™ Infusion Therapy?

Orthopedic Associates provides Remicade Infusion Therapy for our patients that may benefit from its effects.

Remicade is a genetically engineered protein, created specifically to match the shape of the active protein known as TNF-a. TNF-a has been known to lead to the death of cells and to the destructive erosions of joint cartilage that are associated with Rheumatoid Arthritis. When the Remicade proteins bind with TNF-a, the TNF-a is unable to function. Therefore, the TNF-a is not able to damage joint surfaces.

Side effects of Remicade include occasional allergic reactions during the infusion, which are quickly handled by on-site medical staff, and occasional increased susceptibility to infection. Studies have shown that the incidence of infections is relatively low and outweighed by the benefits of significant suppression of the symptoms, signs and joint destruction of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Because Remicade is biologically engineered protein, it is not a chemical, like most medications. Therefore, it tends not to cause side effects in the liver and kidney, common to many other drugs.

Since Remicade must be administered by intravenous (IV) infusion it is essential to create the most comfortable environment possible. Skilled professionals highly experienced in intravenous therapy, staff the infusion area at Orthopedic Associates. Most uncomplicated infusions are completed in less than half the time required by regular hospitals.

If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding Remicade infusion therapy, please contact Orthopedic Associates at (810)985-4900.

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