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DESCRIPTION of PRODUCT

- Recombinant Factor VIII (rFVIII) product.
- Factor VIII is measured in International Units (IU). One IU is approximately equal to the level of Factor VIII activity found in 1 mL of fresh pooled human plasma.
- Each package includes: lyophilized rFVIII concentrate, diluent (sterile water), transfer needle, filter needle and package insert.

AVAILABILITY of PRODUCT

- Supplied by the CBS.
- All LHSC / SJHC sites usually have minimal stock on hand.

STORAGE of PRODUCT

- Stored at 2 - 8°C. Do NOT freeze.
- Expiration date is indicated on bottle.
- Reconstituted product must be administered within 3 hours of reconstitution.

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CLINICAL INDICATIONS (see package insert for contraindications)

- Treatment of classical hemophilia (hemophilia A).
- Does NOT contain von Willebrand's factor, therefore not indicated for the treatment of von Willebrand's disease.

REQUESTS for FACTOR VIII

- Requests for Factor VIII must be approved by a hematologist, except in documented cases of Hemophilia A.
- Does NOT require Special Access Program (SAP) approval.

ADMINISTRATION of PRODUCT

- Supplied by the BTL in original package.
- Step by step reconstitution and administration instructions for [ADVATE](#) are available through the [Bleeding Disorders Program](#) website.
- Also available is a Baxter [ADVATE BAXJET II Troubleshooting Guide](#).

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Patients with inhibitors to FVIII may require alternative treatment products, such as Recombinant Factor VIIa, FEIBA, Factor IX Complex, Porcine Factor VIII.

LINK to WEBSITE for PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Product insert available at: http://www.advate.com/pdf/advate_pi.pdf