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DESCRIPTION of PRODUCT

- Recombinant Factor IX (rFIX) product.
- Not derived from human blood and contains no preservatives or added animal or human components.
- Factor IX is measured in International Units (IU). One IU is approximately equal to the level of Factor IX activity found in 1 mL of fresh pooled human plasma.
- Each package includes: lyophilized rFIX concentrate, pre-measured diluent (sterile water), transfer needle, filter needle and package insert.
- See package insert for information on latex content

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 Hemophilia B (Congenital Factor IX Deficiency or Christmas disease) patients for the control or prevention of bleeding.
- NOT for treatment of other Factor deficiencies or treatment of Hemophilia A patients with inhibitors.

REQUESTS for FACTOR IX

- Requests for Factor IX must be approved by a hematologist, except in documented cases of Hemophilia B.
- 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 [BENEFIX](#) are available through the [Bleeding Disorders Program](#) website.

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.pfizerpro.com/content/showlabeling.asp?id=492>