

SCIG Pre-Training Letter to GP

Insert HA logo/SCIG clinic address

Dear Dr. *[Name of GP]*:

Re: Subcutaneous Immune Globulin (SCIG) Home Infusion Therapy Training

You may be aware the immunology team runs a SCIG Home Infusion Program in which we teach patients with primary immunodeficiency *[and their caregivers]* all aspects of preparing and administering subcutaneous immune globulin (SCIG) infusions at home. *[Patient's name]* has expressed interest in this program and we believe they would be an appropriate candidate for SCIG home infusion.

[Optional inclusion if applicable: *[Patient's name]* been receiving regular infusions of immune globulin for treatment of primary immunodeficiency for the past *[number]* months and has not suffered any side effects.]

[Patient's/caregiver's name] home infusion training will begin shortly. We will advise you when the training has been successfully completed. To proceed with this successful program and maintain *[Patient's name]* quality of life, we request your continuing support in sharing clinical responsibility for this patient. This shared care arrangement should not significantly increase your workload.

The recognition and management of adverse reactions are discussed in depth within the SCIG home infusion training. Localized site reactions are common when starting SCIG infusion therapy but decrease with repeated infusions. Although systemic adverse reactions are rare, they are more common when a patient has an untreated bacterial infection. The patient handbook – which includes information about managing site and other adverse reactions is enclosed -- as is a shared care protocol. *[Enclose info from SCIG clinic for GP on what follow up is expected from them- to be developed by the SCIG physician]*

Additional information is available at the websites listed below.

- Vivaglobin[®] US website - <http://www.vivaglobin.com>
- Primary Immunodeficiency Foundation - <http://www.primaryimmune.org>.

Thank you for your support. If you would like further information or discussion, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Immunologist

SCIG Home Infusion Program Nurse

Enclosures