

Treats a type of leukemia (CLL) and lymphoma (FL). Gazyva (obinutuzumab) used to treat specific types of leukemia and lymphoma, but has some severe side effects.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Before Gazyva (obinutuzumab) is given, you may be given additional medications to prevent side effects from the infusion.
- Talk to your doctor right away if you have dizziness, nausea, chills, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, trouble breathing, or chest pain
- If you have a history of hepatitis B infection or are pregnant, talk to your doctor.
- Talk with your doctor before getting any vaccines. Use with this drug may either raise the chance of an infection or make the vaccine not work as well.
- Have blood work checked as you have been told by the doctor, since it is important while on this medication.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) reactivation

Before starting Gazyva (obinutuzumab), your doctor will test you for hepatitis B. If you have been infected with hepatitis B before, it is important to monitor the virus closely since Gazyva (obinutuzumab) can reactivate the infection and damage your liver.

Progressive multifocal leucoencephalopathy

Rarely, Gazyva (obinutuzumab) can cause progressive multifocal leucoencephalopathy (PML), a potentially fatal condition that can damage the brain. Talk to your doctor right away if you experience confusion, clumsiness, and weakness.

Infusion reaction

Rarely, Gazyva (obinutuzumab) can cause severe life-threatening reactions. Symptoms often occur within the first 24 hours of the infusion. This is more likely to happen if you've had heart or lung problems in the past. Talk to your doctor or go to the emergency room right away if you have a fast heartbeat, problems breathing, feel faint or dizzy, or have swelling or irritation in your neck or throat.