

## Renal Services

# Basiliximab (Simulect<sup>®</sup>): Information for kidney transplant patients

### What is it used for?

Simulect is an injection used to help prevent rejection of your kidney transplant.

### How does it work?

It works by stopping the body's production of cells that make up part of your immune system. This dampens down your immune system to stop rejection of your new kidney.

### How do I take it?

You will be given two doses of 20mg as an injection by the nursing staff. One dose is given on the day of your transplant operation and one dose four days later. You will not need any further doses.

### Are there any side effects?

There are no particular side effects with Simulect. Very rarely people can have allergy type reactions to Simulect.

### Is there anything else I should know?

**Taking immunosuppressant medicines may mean you experience some long term effects on your health that you need to be aware of. These include an increased risk of infection and an increased risk of cancer. You should follow all the general health advice given to you by the transplant team. Please read the booklet they give you carefully, as this will provide you with more information.**

Please let your doctor, nurse or pharmacist know if you think you have been given Simulect before, if you have had a previous transplant. Your doctor will decide whether you need any further doses of Simulect, as this may increase your risk of developing an allergy type reaction.



## Patient Information

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