

ONCOLYTIC THERAPY FOR MELANOMA: AN APP-FOCUSED EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question	Answer
I share a shower/toothbrush/dishes/laundry facilities with other people. Does that pose a transmission risk?	Not unless you have uncovered, draining lesions or leave used dressing materials where others could come in contact with them. All lesions must be covered with an airtight and watertight dressing for 1 week after injection. Draining lesions must remain covered with an airtight and watertight dressing until they are no longer draining. Dressings should be changed once a week.
My spouse will be changing my dressings. What precautions must he/she take to prevent transmission?	<p>Caregivers should wear protective gloves when assisting patients in applying or changing dressings. Pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems should not serve as caregivers or have contact with wounds or dressings.</p> <p>Caregivers should be instructed to place used dressing materials, gloves, and anything in contact with the wound into a sealed plastic bag. That bag can be disposed of in household waste.</p>
Can I be intimate with my husband after his injection?	Generally speaking, it's best to avoid exchange of body fluids for at least a week after the injection. In general, use of a condom is recommended during treatment.
My pregnant daughter may be changing my dressings. Is that a problem?	Pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems should not change dressings and must avoid contact with the injection site, anything that touches the injection site, and body fluids of patients treated with Imlygic.
Is it a problem if my lesions are oozing?	Not as long as they remain covered and no one who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system encounters the lesions. Draining lesions must remain covered with an airtight and watertight dressing until they are no longer draining. Dressing should be changed once a week.
What if my lesions leak onto a counter surface, or a bandage with drainage touches the bathroom vanity? How do I clean it up?	Put on gloves and wipe down the surface with a 1:10 bleach solution (https://www.verywell.com/make-your-own-disinfectant-solution-998274). Use disposable materials for wiping, place in a sealed plastic bag, and throw them in the household trash.
What precautions should my family members or other close contacts and I take to avoid getting herpes?	Household members, caregivers, sex partners, or persons sharing the same bed, pregnant women, and newborns should avoid contact with injected lesions, dressings, injection-site leakage, and body fluids of anyone treated with Imlygic.
How should I dispose of used dressings, gloves, and cleaning materials?	Place used dressings and cleaning materials into a sealed plastic bag and dispose of in household waste.