

Accessing Immunoglobulin Products at Hawkes Bay DHB

Effective from 14 December 2020, all requests for immunoglobulin product (Intragam P and Evogam) must have prior approval before the Blood Bank will issue it. Two systems will operate in parallel.

Acute Indications

Please complete the form in the link below and send to the Transfusion Medicine Department in Hawke's Bay Hospital, Hastings if you want to access Intragam P for a patient with an acute disease or for short-term treatment. This will include disorders such as:

- Kawasaki's disease
- Guillian Barre syndrome
- Immune mediated encephalitis
- Immune thrombocytopenia with bleeding

<https://www.nzblood.co.nz/assets/Transfusion-Medicine/PDFs/111F075.pdf>

The Laboratory will contact the NZBS Transfusion Specialist who may contact you regarding the request. The approval process will not delay access to the product.

Medium to Long term indications

Approval for patients requiring ongoing treatment with Intragam P or Evogam can be gained using the NZBS electronic Immunoglobulin IgO system.

Users will need to register in order to use the system.

- To register, click on the link below and then on Clinican Registration.
- To submit an approval, login in and follow the instructions provided.

<https://igo.nzblood.co.nz/account/login>

Approvals are normally completed on the day they are submitted. Please contact the Transfusion Medicine Department at Hawke's Bay Hospital, Hastings if an urgent approval is required.

New Zealand Blood Service uses the criteria developed by the Australian National Blood Authority (NBA) to guide approval decisions. Information on the NBA criteria and recommended dosing is accessible at <https://www.criteria.blood.gov.au/> .