Recognize your IBD patients who may have CGD

GI inflammation is a common manifestation of CGD

- The gastrointestinal (GI) tract is the most frequently affected organ for the development of granulomatous inflammatory lesions in chronic granulomatous disease (CGD)
- Similarities with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) may lead to misdiagnosis
- In a large study of 98 CGD patients, 95% had at least subclinical levels of colitis based on characteristic histologic features
- Patients may present with diarrhea, abdominal pain, constipation, weight loss, failure to thrive, presence of granuloma, and perianal and liver abscesses

About 50% of CGD patients experience chronic GI inflammation. In up to 17% of patients, GI inflammation precedes a CGD diagnosis.

Management of CGD-related IBD

- Treatment of CGD-related IBD is often long-term and difficult
- CGD IBD is prone to relapse
- Tumor necrosis factor α (TNF-α) antagonists predispose CGD patients to serious infections even while on prophylaxis and should be avoided

Recognize the difference between IBD and symptoms of CGD

- The peak incidence of IBD occurs between the ages of 15 and 30 years
- Only about 20% of Crohn disease and 12% of ulcerative colitis patients develop IBD before age 20 years
- The median age of onset for CGD is 2.5 to 3 years
- The median age at the first inflammatory GI episode was 2.2 years in a large study of 98 CGD patients

Please see Important Safety Information on inside and the enclosed ACTIMMUNE® Full Prescribing Information.
**ACTIMMUNE®** significantly reduces serious infections* in patients with CGD\(^9,10\)

In the clinical trial, ACTIMMUNE® (Interferon gamma-1b) demonstrated significant reductions in total number, rate, and relative risk of serious infections vs placebo

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**Study methods**

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<th>12-month, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial in the United States and Europe</th>
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<td>Subjects</td>
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<td>Patients were randomized to receive ACTIMMUNE® (n = 63) or placebo (n = 65) administered subcutaneously 3 times weekly for up to 1 year. Although designed as a placebo-controlled trial, more than 85% of study patients were receiving prophylactic antibiotics (trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole or dicloxacillin) in addition to either ACTIMMUNE® or placebo.</td>
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The study reported early results following demonstration of a statistically significant benefit of ACTIMMUNE® therapy compared to placebo with respect to time to serious infection (\(P = .0036\)).

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**Complete your CGD treatment plan with immunomodulatory therapy**

ACTIMMUNE® is recommended by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology and the Immune Deficiency Foundation for patients living with CGD and can be taken with prophylaxis therapy.\(^11,12\)
INDICATIONS AND USAGE
ACTIMMUNE® (Interferon gamma-1b) is indicated:
• For reducing the frequency and severity of serious infections associated with Chronic Granulomatous Disease
• For delaying time to disease progression in patients with severe, malignant osteopetrosis

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION
CONTRAINDICATIONS
• In patients who develop or have known hypersensitivity to interferon-gamma, E coli-derived products, or any component of the product

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
• ACTIMMUNE should be used with caution in patients with:
  – Pre-existing cardiac conditions, including ischemia, congestive heart failure, or arrhythmia
  – Seizure disorders or compromised central nervous system function; reduce dose or discontinue
  – Myelosuppression, or receiving other potentially myelosuppressive agents; consider dose reduction or discontinuation of therapy
  – Severe renal insufficiency
  – Age <1 year

• Monitoring:
  – Patients begun on ACTIMMUNE before age 1 year should receive monthly assessments of liver function. If severe hepatic enzyme elevations develop, ACTIMMUNE dosage should be modified
  – Monitor renal function regularly when administering ACTIMMUNE in patients with severe renal insufficiency; accumulation of interferon gamma-1b may occur with repeated administration. Renal toxicity has been reported in patients receiving ACTIMMUNE

• Pregnancy, Lactation, and Fertility:
  – ACTIMMUNE should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit outweighs the potential risk to the fetus
  – Use of ACTIMMUNE by lactating mothers is not recommended. ACTIMMUNE or nursing should be discontinued dependent on the importance of the drug to the mother
  – Long-term effects of ACTIMMUNE on fertility are not known

DRUG INTERACTIONS
• Concomitant use of drugs with neurotoxic, hematotoxic, or cardiotoxic effects may increase the toxicity of interferons
• Avoid simultaneous administration of ACTIMMUNE with other heterologous serum protein or immunological preparations (eg, vaccines)

ADVERSE REACTIONS
• The most common adverse experiences occurring with ACTIMMUNE therapy are “flu-like” symptoms such as fever, headache, chills, myalgia, or fatigue, which may decrease in severity as treatment continues, and may be minimized by bedtime administration of ACTIMMUNE. Acetaminophen may be used to prevent or partially alleviate the fever and headache
• Isolated cases of acute serious hypersensitivity reactions have been observed in patients receiving ACTIMMUNE
• Reversible neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, and elevations of AST and/or ALT have been observed during ACTIMMUNE therapy
• At doses 10 times greater than the weekly recommended dose, ACTIMMUNE may exacerbate pre-existing cardiac conditions, or may cause reversible neurological effects such as decreased mental status, gait disturbance, and dizziness

References:

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