



The following information is intended to help you decide which immune globulin (IG) therapy option is best for you – intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) or subcutaneous immune globulin (SCIG). Although either one may be appropriate for you, each one has its unique qualities, impacting both treatment experience and lifestyle.

The success of your IG therapy experience depends on the expertise and support from your medical team and your spirit of collaboration and participation. Talk to your healthcare provider about your options so you can make the best decision based on your medical needs and lifestyle.

Below is a table of some of the differences between IVIG and SCIG therapies.

	<u>IVIG</u>	<u>SCIG</u>
<b>Infusion location</b>	In a health care facility, either hospital or infusion clinic, under medical supervision.	At home (or office, on vacation, etc.) without supervision from medical professional. Training will be provided prior to treatment.
<b>Frequency of infusion</b>	Usually every 3 to 4 weeks.	Daily, weekly, or every 3 to 4 weeks.
<b>How therapy is administered</b>	Intravenous (into a vein). Problematic if venous access is difficult, possibly leading to many needle sticks and/or implanted port (type of central venous catheter). Self-administration is not an option.	Subcutaneous (under the skin). Injection needle is self-administered or administered by a caregiver. This can be problematic if there is a fear of self-injecting or if cognitive or fine motor ability are lacking.
<b>Time to infuse</b>	2 to 6 hours	1 to 2 hours
<b>Side effects/ reactions</b>	Systemic (whole body system) side effects are common. Local site reactions (at site of administration) are infrequent.	Local site reactions (at site of administration) are common but systemic (whole body system) side effects are infrequent.
<b>Immunoglobulin (Ig) levels</b>	Peaks and troughs in Ig levels.	Steady state of Ig levels.
<b>Lifestyle considerations</b>	Will need a ride or a car to get to every appointment. Preferred by patients not wanting self-administration.	Will need a clean space in house/office for therapy. Provides flexibility, independence, and portability.