

A photograph of a man and a woman in conversation. The man, on the left, has dark hair, a beard, and glasses, and is wearing a dark blue button-down shirt. The woman, on the right, has voluminous curly brown hair and is wearing a light-colored jacket over a white top. They are outdoors, with green foliage and a brick path visible in the background.

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Your guide to Voncento®

Information for people who have been prescribed Voncento

This booklet is for use only by patients who have been prescribed Voncento for the treatment of von Willebrand disease. Please also carefully read the leaflet inside the product packaging.



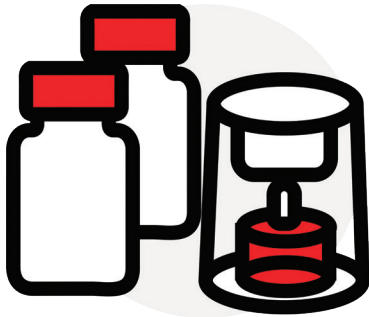
About von Willebrand disease

Von Willebrand disease (VWD) is a bleeding disorder. In VWD, blood is unable to clot normally, so when people with VWD bleed, it takes longer to stop.¹

In people with VWD, a protein in the blood called von Willebrand factor (VWF) is low, missing or faulty.¹

Normally, VWF acts like glue to help small blood cells, called platelets, stick together to form a clot.¹ It also carries and protects another key clotting protein, called factor VIII (spoken as 'factor 8').¹ As well as changes to VWF, some people with VWD also have low levels of factor VIII.¹





What is Voncento?

You have been prescribed Voncento to help treat your VWD. It is an injection/infusion treatment that is used for both adults and children with VWD.²

The medicine contains human von Willebrand factor (VWF) and human factor VIII, to replace your low, missing or faulty blood clotting proteins.²

How can Voncento help you?

Voncento can be used:³

- to prevent or treat bleeding associated with surgery
- to treat any bleeds when you have them. This is known as on-demand treatment
- as an ongoing treatment to prevent bleeding. This is known as prophylactic therapy or prophylaxis

Your doctor or nurse will advise how you should use the treatment in your particular case.



Getting the most from your medicine

Using and storing Voncento

Voncento comes as a powder in a vial that can be stored at room temperature up to 25°C. It should be stored in its carton to protect it from the light.²

To use Voncento, you must dissolve it with the supplied sterile water for injection. This process is called 'reconstitution', and it makes a clear or slightly opalescent solution for injection/infusion.² (Do not use visibly cloudy solutions or solutions still containing flakes or particles.)

Voncento does not contain a preservative, so the reconstituted product should be used immediately. If the reconstituted product is not used immediately, please seek further advice from your nurse or pharmacist.²

Never use your medicine after its expiry date,² as it may lose its effectiveness or cause unwanted effects. If you have a pack that is out of date, inform your clinic or pharmacist as soon as possible.

For more information visit www.voncento.co.uk



If you forget a dose or take too much

If you forget a dose, take your next dose immediately and continue at regular intervals as advised by your doctor. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose. If you take more Voncento than recommended by your doctor, please contact your clinic for advice.²



Travelling with Voncento

If you are travelling abroad, it is advisable to carry Voncento in a cool bag in your hand luggage.³ Keep it with a letter from your haemophilia centre stating why you need to take medicine and needles through airport security and customs.⁴ If travelling to a hot country, you may need to store Voncento in a fridge or cool-bag throughout your trip.³

It's also important to find out where the nearest bleeding disorder clinic is to where you will be travelling to, and the organisation in that area that may be able to help you if you do need any extra support.⁵



What to do after your infusion

Recording and reporting

Always record the dates of your infusions in a diary or Haemtrack.² Record batch number(s) too, which can be found on the box.²

Safety

The clotting proteins in Voncento are extracted from human blood/plasma that is donated for the manufacture of medicines.²

Like any medicine made from human blood/plasma, precautions are taken to minimise the risk of passing infections to patients:²

- donors are carefully selected and screened; those at risk of carrying infections are excluded
- donated plasma is tested for infections
- steps to inactivate or remove viruses are taken during the manufacturing process

Safe disposal

Place all needles and vials into a sharps box and throw away all waste packaging. Never put sharps in your domestic waste. You can talk to your pharmacist or nurse for more information on safe disposal.²

Side effects

Like all medicines, Voncento can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Of the side effects that patients reported, the most common was headache (may affect more than 1 in 10 people) and an increase in body temperature (may affect up to 1 in 10 people).³

Allergic reactions may occur with this medicine. **Please contact your doctor immediately if:**

- you notice symptoms of allergic reactions; swollen face, tongue, mouth or throat, difficulty in breathing and swallowing, hives, wheezing, burning and stinging where the infusion was given, chills, flushing, skin rash over the whole body, headache, fall in blood pressure, restlessness, faster heart beat, tightness of the chest, back pain, tiredness, nausea, vomiting, tingling. You should stop using this medicine and contact your doctor immediately if you experience symptoms of an allergic reaction
- you notice that the medicine stops working properly (bleeding is not stopped)
- you notice any symptoms of an impaired perfusion in your extremities (e.g. cold and pale extremities) or vital organs (e.g. severe chest pain)

If you are concerned about any reactions or possible side effects, contact your von Willebrand care team immediately.² This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. Please read the possible side effects section of the package leaflet carefully and for more information on reporting side effects please see the information on this page.



Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet.

You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Where can I find out more?

Your doctor or specialist nurse will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

The Haemophilia Society provides help and support to people with bleeding disorders, including VWD. Find out more by calling **020 7939 0780**.

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