

**Home Health VNA
IM/SC Medication Clinical Fact Sheet**

Medication: Interferon beta-1a / Avonex

Med Class: Antiviral, Biological response modifier

Common Uses: MS

Route(s): IM

Instructions/Precautions: Instructions: Rotate sites; Single use, discard any remaining med; Use 1.1ml of supplied diluent; Don't shake; Use within 6 hours of reconstitution; Monitor CBC, LFTs, BMP; Monitor for depression; May pre-med with Acetaminophen. Adverse Effects: Dizziness, Fatigue, Fever, Seizures, Suicidal ideation or attempt, Chest pain, Vasodilation, Leukopenia, Thrombocytopenia, Hepatitis, Injection site reaction.

First Dose Allowed: Y

Special Training Required: N

Note: Nurse will not administer medication if special training is required and nurse has not received training; Contact your Clinical Manager immediately