IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT USING PEG-INTERFERON

- PEG-interferon will be supplied to you in a cool box with enough cold packs to keep it between 2-8°C for a few hours while you travel. It is important that you keep it away from direct sunlight and put it in a refrigerator [2-8°C], but never freeze it, as soon as you get home. The clinic staff will explain to you the best way to store it in your refrigerator. Those who do not have access to a refrigerator need to speak with the clinic staff.

- PEG-interferon should be removed from the refrigerator about 15 minutes before use to bring it to room temperature before injection (~25°C).

- The PEG-interferon should be used immediately after preparation. Never reuse a PEG-interferon pen, even if there is some liquid left in it.

- Redness, swelling and tenderness of the injection site are normal. If these symptoms do not clear up in a few days, contact the clinic staff.

- Use a different injection site each week to avoid soreness at the injection sites. Do not inject PEG-interferon into areas where the skin is irritated, red, bruised, infected or has scars, stretch marks, or lumps.

- Keep PEG-interferon, all medicines, and sharps containers out of the reach of children.

- When the sharps container is full, take it to the clinic for correct disposal.

- Never throw the PEG-interferon pen or needle in the regular trash.

- **DO NOT** attempt to inject yourself unless you are sure you understand how to do it properly.

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