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| Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg), subcutaneous immunoglobulin (SCIg) safety notice |
| Potential for error due to look-alike, sound-alike products |
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# Background

Recent changes to IVIg and SCIg products available in Australia have led to products with similar names and packaging. This is particularly in relation to Privigen® and Privigen® AU, and Hizentra® and Hizentra® AU, where the AU denotes Australian product (domestic). Products without the AU are imported products.

### Although these products have similar names, they are different products and NOT interchangeable.

**The appropriate product provided under the National Blood Supply arrangements and authorised via BloodSTAR must be prescribed, dispensed and administered.**

BloodSTAR and BloodNET are the sources of information for current patient product information.

## Privigen® (imported) Privigen® AU (domestic)

 

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| Similarities: | Differences: |
| * Same colour palette * Same size packaging | * Privigen® AU includes Lifeblood logo on package and on the bottle label * Privigen® AU has green triangle in upper corner of package and bottle label |

## Hizentra® (imported) Hizentra® AU (domestic)

## Hizentra (imported) subcutaneous immunoglobulin, showing bottle and packaging. Hizentra AU (domestic) subcutaneous immunoglobulin bottle and packaging, showing corner triangle and Lifeblood logo on package and bottle.

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| Similarities: | Differences: |
| * Similar colour palette * Same size packaging | * Hizentra® AU has blue triangle in upper corner of package and bottle label * Hizentra® AU includes Lifeblood logo on package and on the bottle label |

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