



## Ketamine Infusion Therapy for Chronic Pain



### Overview

This is an IV infusion of the drug ketamine. We use it to treat some forms of neuropathic pain. That's a type of pain you have when your nervous system is damaged or not working well.

### Who gets this therapy?

Who gets this therapy? It's used for some conditions that cause chronic pain. This includes fibromyalgia, complex regional pain syndrome and others. Ask your doctor if it will help your specific pain.

### How is it given?

How is an infusion given? The ketamine is mixed into a saline solution. Other drugs may be mixed in, too, depending on your needs. This mixture is given to you through an IV over several hours. You're watched closely as you get the medicine. You may need a series of these infusions over days or weeks to get the best result. And you may get booster doses in the future.

### Conclusion

Ketamine infusion therapy can be very effective for some types of chronic pain. It can work when other methods haven't. For more info, talk to your doctor.

