

Medical Oncology

Drug Information Sheet

Fulvestrant (Faslodex): A hormone therapy drug to treat your cancer.

How will you get this drug? A Cancer Center nurse will give this drug to you into your buttocks muscle (injection) at the cancer center

You **MAY OR MAY NOT** experience the side effects listed below

| Possible Side Effects: | What to do: |
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| Increased risk for infection due to decreased blood counts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid contact with people who have infections, colds or flu. • Wash your hands often. • Report chills or a fever of 100.4° or higher to your doctor right away, day or night. • Report any signs or symptoms of infection, such as cough, burning with urination, skin redness or sores. • Call your doctor before taking any medicine for a fever or chills. |
| Lower than normal red blood cells Anemia | Call you doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ shortness of breath with activity ○ fatigue ○ dizziness ○ fast heartbeat or a heartbeat that does not feel normal ○ headache |
| Liver problems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab results will be checked. • Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ dark urine (tea colored) ○ severe right sided stomach pain ○ light colored stools ○ bruising or if you start to bleed easily ○ yellowing of skin or eyes ○ severe nausea or throwing up ○ unexplained weight gain ○ your belly feels big or bloated |
| Fatigue or weakness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may be more tired than usual or have less energy. • Stay as active as possible, but know it is okay to rest as needed. • Try to do some activity every day. • Plan your activities, and do them at a time of day when you feel more energetic. • Avoid driving or doing other tasks that call for you to be alert. |

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| <p><i>Fulvestrant (Faslodex)</i> will be in urine and stool for 48 hours.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caregivers will need to handle soiled linens and clothing wearing gloves or using a bag as a barrier. • Keep your soiled items separate from others' dirty laundry and wash right away. • Women who are pregnant should not handle your soiled clothing or linens. • Wash any skin that body waste has touched with soap and water. • You may use the same toilet that you normally use. • If the toilet or toilet seat becomes dirty with urine, stool or vomit, clean the surfaces before other people use the toilet • Wash hands with soap and water after using the toilet. • It is safe to hug and kiss. |
| <p>Avoid pregnancy</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This drug may cause harm to the unborn baby if you take it while you are pregnant. If you are pregnant or you get pregnant while taking this drug, call your doctor right away. • Use birth control that you can trust to prevent pregnancy while taking this drug and for 12 months after stopping this drug. • If you or your sex partner gets pregnant while taking this drug or within 12 months after stopping this drug, call your doctor right away. • May cause fertility problems. |

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Less common side effects that may happen

| Less common side effects | What to do: |
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| Serious allergic reactions | After you return home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 911 and go to the Emergency Department right away if you have any symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ trouble breathing ○ chest tightness ○ swelling of your face, lips, or tongue • Call your doctor if you develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a rash ○ itching ○ hives ○ fever ○ chills ○ pain in the abdomen or back ○ cough ○ runny or stuffy nose |
| Injection site reactions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The skin under the injection site may lump or cause you discomfort. • Usually mild. Will go away. • Call doctor if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reaction does not go away ○ Skin becomes blistered ○ Redness is larger than your fist ○ Severe bruising or bleeding ○ Severe pain or itching at injection site ○ Site reactions are getting worse with each shot ○ Numbness, tingling or weakness in your legs |
| <p>These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor.</p> | |