

Information for the Patient

KEEP MEDICINES OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

SUPREFACT® (buserelin acetate) should be kept at room temperature, below 25°C. Do not permit the product to freeze and do not expose **it to sources of heat. Do not use SUPREFACT® beyond the expiry date printed on the label.**

SUPREFACT® has been prescribed for you by your doctor and the information provided below is intended to assist you in the safe and effective use of this treatment. This information is not intended to supersede the instructions you have received from your doctor: they should be carefully followed. Any difficulties you encounter should be discussed with your doctor, or pharmacist.

SUPREFACT® Injection

It is important that you follow-up your doctor's instructions carefully and it is also important that your treatment be assessed by your doctor on a regular basis.

SUPREFACT® treatment results in suppression of your sex hormones. Consequently, the complaints you may experience may be related to this hormone-suppressing action of the drug. Your complaints may include hot flushes and loss of sex drive. In rare instances, you may experience an increase in your disease process such as pain, or increased pain, or increased difficulty in urinating. Should you experience event such as these, contact your doctor without delay. Occasionally, reddening, itching or swelling may occur at the SUPREFACT® injection site. These occurrences can be minimized by rotating the site of injection. In the event of persisting problems of this nature consult your doctor. Do not make any changes in your treatment program without first discussing the intended change with your doctor.

The SUPREFACT® vial is supplied with a plastic cap which can be removed by pressing upwards with the thumb. This cap serves to ensure that the vial has not been previously entered. After removal (the cap can be discarded) the rubber diaphragm of the vial is exposed. Proceed:

Administration:

1. Wash your hands, with soap and water, and dry on a clean towel.
2. Clean the rubber diaphragm of the SUPREFACT® vial with a cotton swab previously dipped in alcohol. Leave to dry.
3. Select an appropriate sterile, disposable syringe and needle assembly (your doctor or pharmacist will help you select a syringe of appropriate bore and cylinder graduations) and remove it from its sterile packaging.
4. Draw the syringe piston as far as the volume (see syringe cylinder graduation) of solution you wish to withdraw from the vial.

5. Remove the needle sheath (protector).
6. Without touching the needle with your fingers, push the needle through the centre of the rubber diaphragm of the vial.
7. Push on the syringe plunger so that the selected air volume is expelled into the vial.
8. Keeping the needle in the vial, invert the vial into the vertical position adjusting the needle tip to a position below the surface of the solution in the vial.
9. Draw the required solution from the vial by withdrawing the syringe piston.
10. Carefully withdraw the needle and syringe assembly from the vial.
11. Choose your injection site (vary the site for each injection as discussed with your doctor or pharmacist) and clean the skin with an alcohol impregnated swab.
12. Pinch the site, if you wish, between index finger and thumb and, with the needle at the angle introduce the needle quickly under the skin as far as possible.
13. Withdraw the syringe piston a little and, if no blood is withdrawn into the syringe, then push on the piston steadily to inject the solution.
14. Upon completion of the injection, and resting the alcohol-impregnated swab over the needle entry site, remove the needle in a reverse fashion of the entry motion. Hold swab to injection site for a few seconds, then remove.
15. Discard needle and syringe assembly along with the swab in a safe manner. Return the SUPREFACT® vial to its storage area.

If you are taking SUPREFACT® by injection three times each day, try and space the injections eight (8) hours apart. If you are taking SUPREFACT® injection once daily administer it the same time of the day every day. Should you forget to take a dose, administer it as soon as you remember.