

Leuprolide Acetate for Women (LOO-pro-lyde ASS-e-tate)

Also Known as: Lupron®

Leuprolide is used to stop your ovaries from working. It does this by blocking hormone signals from the brain to the ovaries. This results in a drop in your estrogen levels. Lowering estrogen can help treat some medical conditions.

How It Is Given:

Intramuscularly (IM), into muscle

Side Effects

- Hot flashes and sweating
- Pain or swelling at injection site
- Decreased sexual desire
- Vaginal dryness
- Urinary symptoms
- Irregular or no menstrual periods
- Tiredness
- Mood changes
- Decreased bone density
- Headache
- Mild nausea (rare)

Special Points

- Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking any other medicines or have changed medicines. Some may change the way this drug works. Include:
 - Medicines that do and do not require a prescription.
 - Herbal remedies.
 - Vitamins.
 - Dietary supplements.
- This medicine can harm an unborn child. You must use birth control to prevent pregnancy. The safest kind is barrier; either a diaphragm or condom or both. Tell your doctor immediately if you think you might be pregnant.

Call Your Doctor or Nurse If You Have:

- Heavy bleeding or regular periods after two treatments.
- Difficulty urinating.
- A sudden headache, vomiting, change in your vision.
- Any unexpected or unexplained problems.
- Any questions or concerns.

The information on this card is selective and does not cover all possible side effects; others may occur. Please report any problems to your doctor.



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