Dates of appointments for Zoladex 3.6mg

DATE NEXT INJECTION DUE	TIME

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at **www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard**. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

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Using Zoladex® goserelin 3.6mg for the treatment of Endometriosis



You have received this patient leaflet because you have been prescribed Zoladex (Goserelin) for endometriosis

This leaflet should be read in conjunction with the patient information leaflet that comes with your Zoladex 3.6mg implant

Zoladex® 3.6mg
goserelin

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You have been prescribed Zoladex 3.6mg

What is Zoladex 3.6mg?

Zoladex 3.6mg is a small implant which is injected under the skin, using a needle. Zoladex 3.6mg contains a drug, goserelin, which dissolves out of the implant over a period of 28 days. Once all the drug has dissolved, the implant will be broken down by the body, and will eventually disappear.

Where is Zoladex 3.6mg injected?

The injection is given under the skin on your stomach area and you may occasionally feel the implant under your skin.

Is the injection painful?

The injection is generally well tolerated with minimal discomfort.

Who will give me the injection?

Your nurse, GP or hospital doctor will be able to give you Zoladex 3.6mg.

How does the drug work?

In women, Zoladex works by reducing the amount of 'oestrogen' (a hormone) that is produced by your body. In endometriosis specifically, Zoladex alleviates symptoms, including pain, and reduces the size and number of endometrial lesions.

How often do I need to have a dose?

Zoladex 3.6mg is given every 28 days for up to 6 months.

What are the very common side effects?

The very common side effects of Zoladex 3.6mg are hot flushes, acne, breast enlargement, vaginal dryness, sweating, Injection site reactions and a decrease in your libido (sex drive). These side effects are not normally serious enough to make it necessary to stop treatment, but you should speak to your doctor if you are concerned.

What other common side effects does Zoladex 3.6mg cause?

Like all treatments, Zoladex 3.6mg has side effects that may affect some patients. These include arthralgia (joint pain), changes in blood pressure, skin rashes, alopecia, thinning of the bones, headaches, paraesthesia (tingling, numbess or pins and needles), mood changes, depression and weight increase may occur early in treatment. For a full list of possible side effects, please read your patient information leaflet, which comes with your Zoladex 3.6mg injection.

Will the side effects of Zoladex 3.6mg stop once I have finished the treatment?

Hot flushes and sweating may continue for some time after stopping Zoladex

What happens if I can't get to my appointment exactly 28 days after my last dose – if I'm on holiday, for example?

You should make every effort to have your Zoladex 3.6mg injection exactly 28 days after your last dose. If you don't think you will be able to make your appointment, you should speak to your doctor, practice nurse or medical team as soon as possible.

How will Zoladex 3.6mg affect other medication that I am taking?

Tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you are taking, have recently taken or might take other medications, including those that you have bought over the counter and herbal remedies.

Storing your medicine

You may be given a prescription and asked to get your medicine from the pharmacy and keep it until you see the doctor/nurse again. Keep it in its original package and do not break the seal. Store it at room temperature (not above 25°C) and keep it in a safe place away from children.

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