



NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

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Faslodex ®

Generic name: Fulvestrant

Drug type: Faslodex is a hormone therapy.

How this drug is given:

- As 1-2 injections into the muscle (intramuscular, IM).

Side effects:

Important things to remember about the side effects of fulvestrant:

- Most people do not experience all of the side effects listed.
- Side effects are almost always reversible and will usually go away after treatment is complete.
- There are many options to help minimize or prevent side effects.

The following are side effects experienced by some patients receiving fulvestrant:

- Nausea and vomiting
- Weakness
- Hot flashes
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Bone pain
- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Injection site reaction with mild temporary pain and swelling at the site.
- Cough

Other:

- Vaginal bleeding reported infrequently (less than 1%), mainly in patients during the first 6 weeks after changing from existing hormonal therapy to treatment with fulvestrant. If bleeding persists contact your health care provider.
- A rare (less than 1%), *but serious* side effect of fulvestrant is blood clots, including deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolus.

When to contact your doctor or health care provider:

Contact your health care provider ***immediately***, day or night, if you should experience any of the following symptoms:

- Sudden shortness of breath and/or chest pain

The following symptoms require medical attention, but are not an emergency. Contact your health care provider ***within 24 hours*** of noticing any of the following:

- Swelling, redness and/or pain in one leg or arm and not the other
- Excessive vaginal discharge or bleeding, menstrual (period) pain or irregularities
- Nausea (interferes with ability to eat and unrelieved with prescribed medication)
- Diarrhea (4-6 episodes in a 24-hour period)
- Constipation unrelieved by laxative use

Always inform your health care provider if you experience any unusual symptoms.