



NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

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Megace®

Generic name: Megestrol

Drug type: Megace is a hormone therapy. It can be used to stimulate appetite.

How this drug is given:

- Megesterol is given by mouth in tablet form, or as a liquid suspension.

Side effects:

Important things to remember about the side effects of megestrol:

- 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 Megestrol:

- Weight gain
- Edema (swelling, usually in the feet or hands)
- Breakthrough menstrual bleeding, spotting

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:

- Difficulty breathing
- Chest pain
- Sudden severe headache

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 pain in one leg or arm and not the other
- Swelling of the face, lips or mouth
- Abdominal pain
- Vaginal itching, irritation or discharge

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