



# NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

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## Neulasta®

**Generic name:** Pegfilgrastim

**Drug type:** Neulasta is a biologic response modifier. It is classified as a colony stimulating factor.

### How this drug is given:

- This medicine can be given as a shot underneath the skin (subcutaneous [SQ])

### Side effects:

Important things to remember about the side effects of pegfilgrastim:

- 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 pegfilgrastim:

- Pain (bone pain)
- Tenderness at the site of injection
- Fever

### When to contact your doctor:

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

- Fever of 101° F or higher, chills (possible signs of infection)
- Shortness of breath
- Rapid heart beat
- Bleeding that does not stop after a few minutes
- Any new rashes on your skin

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

- Bone pain that does not go away despite taking recommended pain reliever

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