



# NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

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## **Sandostatin ®**

**Generic name:** Octreotide

**Drug type:**

Sandostatin is a hormone drug that is used to treat some types of cancer.

**Sandostatin side effects:**

Important things to remember about the side effects of Sandostatin:

- 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 side effects are common for patients receiving Sandostatin:**

- Gallstones (common with long term use but rarely symptomatic enough to require intervention)
- Nausea
- Pain at the injection site (especially with Sandostatin LAR)

**These are less common side effects of patients receiving Sandostatin:**

- Abdominal Pain
- Flatulence (gas)
- Constipation
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea (may be due to the disease rather than the medication)
- Upper respiratory infection
- Fatigue
- Flu-like syndrome
- Dizziness
- Headache
- If you have diabetes, your blood sugar levels may be affected
- You may experience a slower heartbeat

**When to contact your doctor or health care provider:**

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:

- Nausea (interferes with ability to eat and unrelieved with prescribed medication)
- Vomiting (vomiting more than 4-5 times in a 24 hour period)
- 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.**