

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 affects 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

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

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 usually given into the skin around 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?

Zoladex 3.6mg works by reducing the amount of the natural hormone called oestrogen (produced by your ovaries), which circulates in your blood. Zoladex 3.6mg has been shown to reduce symptoms (including pain) and the size and number of endometrial deposits.

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 most common side effects?

The most common side effects of Zoladex 3.6mg are hot flushes, sweating, mood changes, depression 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 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, breast swelling, vaginal dryness 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. These side-effects apply to all similar hormonal treatments for endometriosis.

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

Most of the side effects of Zoladex 3.6mg will stop once all the drug has dissolved after your last treatment.

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 GP or practice nurse as soon as possible.

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

Zoladex 3.6mg is unlikely to affect other medication that you may be taking. You should, however, tell your doctor if you are taking 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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