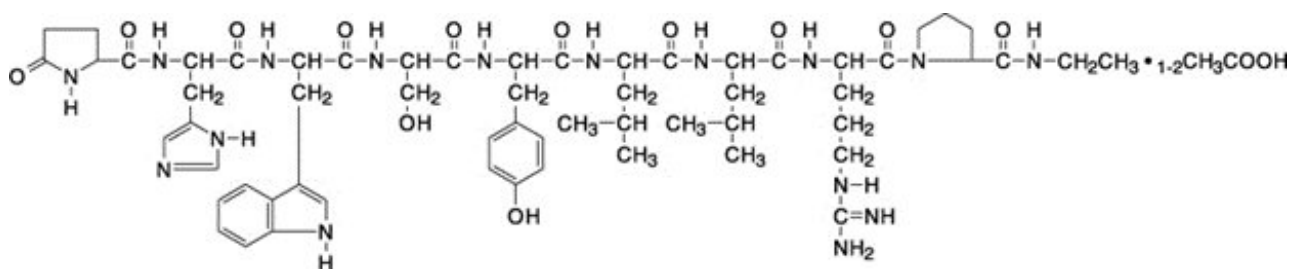


LEUPROLIDE ACETATE- leuprolide acetate Sandoz Inc

Leuprolide Acetate Injection Rx only

DESCRIPTION

Leuprolide acetate is a synthetic nonapeptide analog of naturally occurring gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH or LH-RH). The analog possesses greater potency than the natural hormone. The chemical name is 5-oxo-L-prolyl-L-histidyl-L-tryptophyl-L-seryl-L-tyrosyl-D-leucyl-L-leucyl-L-arginyl-N-ethyl-L-prolinamide acetate (salt) with the following structural formula:



Leuprolide acetate injection is a sterile, aqueous solution intended for subcutaneous injection. It is available in a 2.8 mL multiple-dose vial containing leuprolide acetate (5 mg/mL), sodium chloride, USP (6.3 mg/mL) for tonicity adjustment, benzyl alcohol, NF as a preservative (9 mg/mL), and water for injection, USP. The pH may have been adjusted with sodium hydroxide, NF and/or acetic acid, NF. The pH range is 4.0 to 6.0.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Leuprolide acetate, a GnRH agonist, acts as an inhibitor of gonadotropin secretion. Animal studies indicate that following an initial stimulation, continuous administration of leuprolide acetate results in suppression of ovarian and testicular steroidogenesis. This effect was reversible upon discontinuation of drug therapy. Administration of leuprolide acetate has resulted in inhibition of the growth of certain hormone dependent tumors (prostatic tumors in Noble and Dunning male rats and DMBA-induced mammary tumors in female rats) as well as atrophy of the reproductive organs.

In humans, subcutaneous administration of single daily doses of leuprolide acetate results in an initial increase in circulating levels of luteinizing hormone (LH) and follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), leading to a transient increase in levels of the gonadal steroids (testosterone and dihydrotestosterone in males, and estrone and estradiol in pre-menopausal females). However, continuous daily administration of leuprolide acetate results in decreased levels of LH and FSH. In males, testosterone is reduced to castrate levels. In pre-menopausal females, estrogens are reduced to post-menopausal levels. These decreases occur within two to four weeks after initiation of treatment, and castrate levels of testosterone in prostatic cancer patients have been demonstrated for

periods of up to five years.

Leuprolide acetate is not active when given orally.

Pharmacokinetics

Absorption

Bioavailability by subcutaneous administration is comparable to that by intravenous administration.

Distribution

The mean steady-state volume of distribution of leuprolide following intravenous bolus administration to healthy male volunteers was 27 L. *In vitro* binding to human plasma proteins ranged from 43% to 49%.

Metabolism

In healthy male volunteers, a 1 mg bolus of leuprolide administered intravenously revealed that the mean systemic clearance was 7.6 L/h, with a terminal elimination half-life of approximately 3 hours based on a two compartment model. In rats and dogs, administration of ¹⁴C-labeled leuprolide was shown to be metabolized to smaller inactive peptides, a pentapeptide (Metabolite I), tripeptides (Metabolites II and III) and a dipeptide (Metabolite IV). These fragments may be further catabolized.

The major metabolite (M-I) plasma concentrations measured in 5 prostate cancer patients reached maximum concentration 2 to 6 hours after dosing and were approximately 6% of the peak parent drug concentration. One week after dosing, mean plasma M-I concentrations were approximately 20% of mean leuprolide concentrations.

Excretion

Following administration of leuprolide acetate for depot suspension 3.75 mg to 3 patients, less than 5% of the dose was recovered as parent and M-I metabolite in the urine.

Special Populations

The pharmacokinetics of the drug in hepatically and renally impaired patients has not been determined.

Drug Interactions

No pharmacokinetic-based drug-drug interaction studies have been conducted with leuprolide acetate. However, because leuprolide acetate is a peptide that is primarily degraded by peptidase and not by cytochrome P-450 enzymes as noted in specific studies, and the drug is only about 46% bound to plasma proteins, drug interactions would not be expected to occur.

CLINICAL STUDIES

In a controlled study comparing leuprolide acetate 1 mg/day given subcutaneously to DES (diethylstilbestrol), 3 mg/day, the survival rate for the two groups was comparable after two years of treatment. The objective response to treatment was also similar for the two groups.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Leuprolide acetate injection is indicated in the palliative treatment of advanced prostatic cancer.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Leuprolide acetate injection is contraindicated in patients known to be hypersensitive to GnRH, GnRH agonist analogs or any of the excipients in leuprolide acetate injection: Reports of anaphylactic reactions to GnRH agonist analogs have been reported in the medical literature.

WARNINGS

Initially, leuprolide acetate, like other LH-RH agonists, causes increases in serum levels of testosterone. Transient worsening of symptoms, or the occurrence of additional signs and symptoms of prostate cancer, may occasionally develop during the first few weeks of leuprolide acetate treatment. A small number of patients may experience a temporary increase in bone pain, which can be managed symptomatically. As with other LH-RH agonists, isolated cases of ureteral obstruction and spinal cord compression have been observed, which may contribute to paralysis with or without fatal complications.

Safe use of leuprolide acetate in pregnancy has not been established clinically. Leuprolide acetate may cause fetal harm.

Periodic monitoring of serum testosterone and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels is recommended, especially if the anticipated clinical or biochemical response to treatment has not been achieved. It should be noted that results of testosterone determinations are dependent on assay methodology. It is advisable to be aware of the type and precision of the assay methodology to make appropriate clinical and therapeutic decisions.

PRECAUTIONS

Patients with metastatic vertebral lesions and/or with urinary tract obstruction should be closely observed during the first few weeks of therapy (see **WARNINGS** and **ADVERSE REACTIONS** sections). Patients with known allergies to benzyl alcohol, an ingredient of the drug's vehicle, may present symptoms of hypersensitivity, usually local, in the form of erythema and induration at the injection site.

Hyperglycemia and an increased risk of developing diabetes have been reported in men receiving GnRH agonists. Hyperglycemia may represent development of diabetes mellitus or worsening of glycemic control in patients with diabetes. Monitor blood glucose and/or glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) periodically in patients receiving a GnRH agonist and manage with current practice for treatment of hyperglycemia or diabetes.

Increased risk of developing myocardial infarction, sudden cardiac death and stroke has been reported in association with use of GnRH agonists in men. The risk appears low based on the reported odds ratios, and should be evaluated carefully along with

cardiovascular risk factors when determining a treatment for patients with prostate cancer. Patients receiving a GnRH agonist should be monitored for symptoms and signs suggestive of development of cardiovascular disease and be managed according to current clinical practice.

Based on findings in animal studies, leuprolide acetate may cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal developmental and reproductive toxicology studies, administration of the monthly formulation of leuprolide acetate on day 6 of pregnancy (sustained exposure was expected throughout the period of organogenesis) caused adverse embryo-fetal toxicity in animals at doses less than the human dose, based on body surface area, using an estimated daily dose. Advise pregnant patients and females of reproductive potential of the potential risk to the fetus.

Effect on QT/QTc Interval

Androgen deprivation therapy may prolong the QT/QTc interval. Providers should consider whether the benefits of androgen deprivation therapy outweigh the potential risks in patients with congenital long QT syndrome, congestive heart failure, frequent electrolyte abnormalities, and in patients taking drugs known to prolong the QT interval. Electrolyte abnormalities should be corrected. Consider periodic monitoring of electrocardiograms and electrolytes.

Information for Patients

See **INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS** which appears after the **REFERENCE** section.

Laboratory Tests

Response to leuprolide acetate should be monitored by measuring serum levels of testosterone and prostate-specific antigen (PSA). In the majority of patients, testosterone levels increased above baseline during the first week, declining thereafter to baseline levels or below by the end of the second week of treatment. Castrate levels were reached within two to four weeks and once attained were maintained for as long as drug administration continued.

Drug Interactions

See **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics** section.

Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions

Administration of leuprolide acetate in therapeutic doses results in suppression of the pituitary-gonadal system. Normal function is usually restored within 4 to 12 weeks after treatment is discontinued.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Two-year carcinogenicity studies were conducted with leuprolide acetate in rats and mice. In rats, a dose-related increase of benign pituitary hyperplasia and benign pituitary adenomas was noted at 24 months when the drug was administered subcutaneously at high daily doses (0.6 to 4 mg/kg). There was a significant but not dose-related increase of pancreatic islet-cell adenomas in females and of testicular interstitial cell adenomas in males (highest incidence in the low dose group). In mice, no pituitary abnormalities were observed at a dose as high as 60 mg/kg for two years. Patients have been treated with

leuprolide acetate for up to three years with doses as high as 10 mg/day and for two years with doses as high as 20 mg/day without demonstrable pituitary abnormalities.

Mutagenicity studies have been performed with leuprolide acetate using bacterial and mammalian systems. These studies provided no evidence of a mutagenic potential.

Leuprolide may reduce male and female fertility. Administration of leuprolide acetate to male and female rats at dose of 0.024, 0.24, and 2.4 mg/kg as monthly depot formulation for up to 3 months (approximately as low as 1/30 of the human dose based on body surface area using an estimated daily dose in animals and humans) caused atrophy of the reproductive organs, and suppression of reproductive function. These changes were reversible upon cessation of treatment.

Pregnancy

Risk Summary

Based on findings in animal studies and mechanism of action, leuprolide acetate may cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. There are no available data in pregnant women to inform the drug-associated risk. In animal developmental and reproductive toxicology studies, administration of a monthly formulation of leuprolide acetate on day 6 of pregnancy (sustained exposure was expected throughout the period of organogenesis) caused adverse embryo-fetal toxicity in animals at doses less than the human dose based on body surface area using an estimated daily dose (see *data*). Advise pregnant patients and females of reproductive potential of the potential risk to the fetus.

Data

Animal Data

Major fetal malformations were observed in developmental and reproductive toxicology studies in rabbits after a single administration of the monthly formulation of leuprolide acetate administered on day 6 of pregnancy at test dosages of 0.00024, 0.0024, and 0.024 mg/kg (approximately 1/600 to 1/6 the human dose based on body surface area using an estimated daily dose in animals and humans). Since a depot formulation was utilized in the study, a sustained exposure to leuprolide was expected throughout the period of organogenesis and to the end of gestation. Similar studies in rats did not demonstrate an increase in fetal malformations, however, there was increased fetal mortality and decreased fetal weights with the two higher doses of the monthly formulation of leuprolide acetate in rabbits and with the highest dose in rats.

Lactation

The safety and efficacy of leuprolide acetate have not been established in females. There is no information regarding the presence of leuprolide acetate in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or the effects on milk production. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed child from leuprolide acetate, a decision should be made to discontinue breastfeeding or discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

Infertility

Males

Based on findings in animals and mechanism of action, Leuprolide acetate may impair fertility in males of reproductive potential.

Geriatric Use

In the clinical trials for leuprolide acetate injection, the majority (69%) of subjects studied were at least 65 years of age. Therefore, the labeling reflects the pharmacokinetics, efficacy, and safety of leuprolide acetate in this population.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Clinical Trials

In the majority of patients testosterone levels increased above baseline during the first week, declining thereafter to baseline levels or below by the end of the second week of treatment. This transient increase was occasionally associated with a temporary worsening of signs and symptoms, usually manifested by an increase in bone pain (see **WARNINGS** section). In a few cases a temporary worsening of existing hematuria and urinary tract obstruction occurred during the first week. Temporary weakness and paresthesia of the lower limbs have been reported in a few cases.

Potential exacerbations of signs and symptoms during the first few weeks of treatment is a concern in patients with vertebral metastases and/or urinary obstruction which, if aggravated, may lead to neurological problems or increase the obstruction.

In a comparative trial of leuprolide acetate injection versus DES, in 5% or more of the patients receiving either drug, the following adverse reactions were reported to have a possible or probable relationship to drug as ascribed by the treating physician. Often, causality is difficult to assess in patients with metastatic prostate cancer. Reactions considered not drug related are excluded.

	Leuprolide Acetate (N=98)	DES (N=101)
	Number of Reports	
Cardiovascular System		
Congestive heart failure	1	5
ECG changes/ischemia	19	22
High blood pressure	8	5
Murmur	3	8
Peripheral edema	12	30
Phlebitis/thrombosis	2	10
Gastrointestinal System		
Anorexia	6	5
Constipation	7	9
Nausea/vomiting	5	17
Endocrine System		

Decreased testicular size*	7	11
Gynecomastia/breast tenderness or pain*	7	63
Hot flashes*	55	12
Impotence*	4	12
Hemic and Lymphatic System		
Anemia	5	5
Musculoskeletal System		
Bone pain	5	2
Myalgia	3	9
Central/Peripheral Nervous System		
Dizziness/lightheadedness	5	7
General pain	13	13
Headache	7	4
Insomnia/sleep disorders	7	5
Respiratory System		
Dyspnea	2	8
Sinus congestion	5	6
Integumentary System		
Dermatitis	5	8
Urogenital System		
Frequency/urgency	6	8
Hematuria	6	4
Urinary tract infection	3	7
Miscellaneous		
Asthenia	10	10

* Physiologic effect of decreased testosterone.

In this same study, the following adverse reactions were reported in less than 5% of the patients on leuprolide acetate.

Cardiovascular System—Angina, Cardiac arrhythmias, Myocardial infarction, Pulmonary emboli

Gastrointestinal System—Diarrhea, Dysphagia, Gastrointestinal bleeding, Gastrointestinal disturbance, Peptic ulcer, Rectal polyps

Endocrine System—Libido decrease, Thyroid enlargement

Musculoskeletal System—Joint pain

Central/Peripheral Nervous System—Anxiety, Blurred vision, Lethargy, Memory disorder, Mood swings, Nervousness, Numbness, Paresthesia, Peripheral neuropathy, Syncope/blackouts, Taste disorders

Respiratory System—Cough, Pleural rub, Pneumonia, Pulmonary fibrosis

Integumentary System—Carcinoma of skin/ear, Dry skin, Ecchymosis, Hair loss, Itching, Local skin reactions, Pigmentation, Skin lesions

Urogenital System—Bladder spasms, Dysuria, Incontinence, Testicular pain, Urinary

obstruction

Miscellaneous–Depression, Diabetes, Fatigue, Fever/chills, Hypoglycemia, Increased BUN, Increased calcium, Increased creatinine, Infection/inflammation, Ophthalmologic disorders, Swelling (temporal bone).

In an additional clinical trial and from long-term observation of both studies, the following additional adverse events (excluding those considered not drug related) were reported for patients receiving leuprolide acetate.

Cardiovascular System–Bradycardia, Carotid bruit, Extrasystole, Palpitations, Perivascular cuffing (eyes), Ruptured aortic aneurysm, Stroke, Tachycardia, Transient ischemic attack

Gastrointestinal System–Flatus, Dryness of mouth and throat, Hepatitis, Hepatomegaly, Occult blood (rectal exam), Rectal fistula/erythema

Endocrine System–Libido increase, Thyroid nodule

Musculoskeletal System–Ankylosing spondylosis, Arthritis, Blurred disc margins, Bone fracture, Muscle stiffness, Muscle tenderness, Pelvic fibrosis, Spasms/cramps

Central/Peripheral Nervous System–Auditory hallucinations/tinnitus, Decreased hearing, Decreased reflexes, Euphoria, Hyperreflexia, Loss of smell, Motor deficiency

Respiratory System–Chest tightness, Decreased breathing sounds, Hemoptysis, Pleuritic chest pain, Pulmonary infiltrate, Rales/rhonchi, Rhinitis, Strep throat, Wheezing/bronchitis

Integumentary System–Boil (pubic), Bruises, Hives, Keratosis, Mole, Shingles, Spiders

Urogenital System–Blisters on penis, Inguinal hernia, Penile swelling, Post void residual, Prostatic pain, Pyuria

Miscellaneous–Abdominal distention, Facial swelling/edema, Feet burning, Flu, Eyelid growth, Hypoproteinemia, Accidental injury, Knee effusion, Mass, Pallid, Sallow, Weakness.

Postmarketing

During postmarketing surveillance which includes other dosage forms and other patient populations, the following adverse events were reported.

Symptoms consistent with an anaphylactoid or asthmatic process have been rarely (incidence rate of about 0.002%) reported. Rash, urticaria, and photosensitivity reactions have also been reported.

Localized reactions including induration and abscess have been reported at the site of injection.

Symptoms consistent with fibromyalgia (e.g., joint and muscle pain, headaches, sleep disorders, gastrointestinal distress, and shortness of breath) have been reported individually and collectively.

Cardiovascular System– Hypotension, Myocardial infarction, Pulmonary embolism

Endocrine System– Diabetes

Gastrointestinal System– Hepatic dysfunction

Hepato-biliary disorder – Serious drug-induced liver injury

Hemic and Lymphatic System– Decreased WBC

Integumentary System– Hair growth

Central/Peripheral Nervous System– Convulsion, Peripheral neuropathy, Spinal fracture/paralysis, Hearing disorder

Miscellaneous– Hard nodule in throat, Weight gain, Increased uric acid

Musculoskeletal System– Tenosynovitis-like symptoms

Respiratory System– Respiratory disorders, Interstitial lung disease

Urogenital System - Prostate pain

Changes in Bone Density

Decreased bone density has been reported in the medical literature in men who have had orchiectomy or who have been treated with an LH-RH agonist analog. In a clinical trial, 25 men with prostate cancer, 12 of whom had been treated previously with leuprolide acetate for at least six months, underwent bone density studies as a result of pain. The leuprolide-treated group had lower bone density scores than the nontreated control group. It can be anticipated that long periods of medical castration in men will have effects on bone density.

Pituitary Apoplexy

During post-marketing surveillance, rare cases of pituitary apoplexy (a clinical syndrome secondary to infarction of the pituitary gland) have been reported after the administration of gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonists. In a majority of these cases, a pituitary adenoma was diagnosed, with a majority of pituitary apoplexy cases occurring within 2 weeks of the first dose, and some within the first hour. In these cases, pituitary apoplexy has presented as sudden headache, vomiting, visual changes, ophthalmoplegia, altered mental status, and sometimes cardiovascular collapse. Immediate medical attention has been required.

See other leuprolide acetate for depot suspension and leuprolide acetate injection package inserts for other events reported in the same and different patient populations.

OVERDOSAGE

In rats subcutaneous administration of 250 to 500 times the recommended human dose, expressed on a per body weight basis, resulted in dyspnea, decreased activity, and local irritation at the injection site. There is no evidence at present that there is a clinical counterpart of this phenomenon. In early clinical trials with leuprolide acetate doses as high as 20 mg/day for up to two years caused no adverse effects differing from those observed with the 1 mg/day dose.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose is 1 mg (0.2 mL or 20 unit mark) administered as a single daily subcutaneous injection. As with other drugs administered chronically by subcutaneous

injection, the injection site should be varied periodically. Each 0.2 mL contains 1 mg of leuprolide acetate, sodium chloride for tonicity adjustment, 1.8 mg of benzyl alcohol as preservative and water for injection. The pH may have been adjusted with sodium hydroxide and/or acetic acid.

Follow the pictorial directions on the Administering the Injection Insert.

NOTE: As with all parenteral products, inspect the solution for discoloration and particulate matter before each use.

HOW SUPPLIED

Leuprolide acetate injection is a sterile solution supplied in a 2.8 mL multiple-dose vial. The vial is packaged as a 14 Day Patient Administration Kit with 14 disposable syringes and 28 alcohol swabs, NDC 0781-4003-32.

Store below 77°F (25°C). Do not freeze. Protect from light; store vial in carton until use.

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INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Be sure to consult your physician with any questions you may have or for information about leuprolide acetate injection and its use.

What is leuprolide acetate injection?

Leuprolide acetate injection is chemically similar to gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH or LH-RH) a hormone which occurs naturally in your body.

Normally, your body releases small amounts of LH-RH and this leads to events which stimulate the production of sex hormones.

However, when you inject leuprolide acetate injection, the normal events that lead to sex hormone production are interrupted and testosterone is no longer produced by the testes.

Leuprolide acetate must be injected because, like insulin which is injected by diabetics, leuprolide acetate is inactive when taken by mouth.

If you were to discontinue the drug for any reason, your body would begin making testosterone again.

Directions for Using Leuprolide Acetate Injection

1. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
2. If using a new bottle for the first time, flip off the plastic cover to expose the grey rubber stopper. Wipe metal ring and rubber stopper with an alcohol wipe each time you use leuprolide acetate. Check the liquid in the container. If it is not clear or has particles in it, DO NOT USE IT. Exchange it at your pharmacy for another container.
3. Remove outer wrapping from one syringe. Pull plunger back until the tip of the plunger is at the 0.2 mL or 20 unit mark.
4. Take cover off needle. Push the needle through the center of the rubber stopper on the leuprolide acetate bottle.
5. Push the plunger all the way in to inject air into the bottle.
6. Keep the needle in the bottle and turn the bottle upside down. Check to make sure the tip of the needle is in the liquid. Slowly pull back on the plunger, until the syringe fills to the 0.2 mL or 20 unit mark.
7. Toward the end of a two-week period, the amount of leuprolide acetate left in the bottle will be small. Take special care to hold the bottle straight and to keep the needle tip in liquid while pulling back on the plunger.
8. Keeping the needle in the bottle and the bottle upside down, check for air bubbles in the syringe. If you see any, push the plunger *slowly* in to push the air bubble back into the bottle. Keep the tip of the needle in the liquid and pull the plunger back again to fill to the 0.2 mL or 20 unit mark.
9. Do this again if necessary to eliminate air bubbles.
10. To protect your skin, inject each daily dose at a different body spot.
11. Choose an injection spot. Cleanse the injection spot with another alcohol wipe.
12. Hold the syringe in one hand. Hold the skin taut, or pull up a little flesh with the other hand, as you were instructed.
13. Holding the syringe as you would a pencil, thrust the needle all the way into the skin at a 90° angle. Push the plunger to administer the injection.
14. Hold an alcohol wipe down on your skin where the needle is inserted and withdraw the needle at the same angle it was inserted.
15. Use the disposable syringe only once and dispose of it properly as you were instructed. Needles thrown into a garbage bag could accidentally stick someone. NEVER LEAVE SYRINGES, NEEDLES OR DRUGS WHERE CHILDREN CAN REACH THEM.

Some Special Advice

- You may experience hot flashes when using leuprolide acetate injection. During the first few weeks of treatment you may experience increased bone pain, increased difficulty in urinating, and less commonly but most importantly, you may experience the onset or aggravation of nerve symptoms. In any of these events, discuss the symptoms with your doctor. Like other treatment options, leuprolide acetate may cause impotence. Notify your doctor if you develop new or worsened symptoms after beginning leuprolide acetate treatment.
- You may experience some irritation at the injection site, such as burning, itching or swelling. These reactions are usually mild and go away. If they do not, tell your doctor.
- If you have experienced an allergic reaction to other drugs like leuprolide acetate, you should not use this drug.
- Do not stop taking your injections because you feel better. You need an injection every day to make sure leuprolide acetate keeps working for you.

- If you need to use an alternate to the syringe supplied with leuprolide acetate, low-dose insulin syringes should be utilized.
- When the drug level gets low, take special care to hold the bottle straight up and down and to keep the needle tip in liquid while pulling back on the plunger.
- Do not try to get every last drop out of the bottle. This will increase the possibility of drawing air into the syringe and getting an incomplete dose. Some extra drug has been provided so that you can withdraw the recommended number of doses.
- Tell your pharmacist when you will need leuprolide acetate so it will be at the pharmacy when you need it.
- Store below 77°F (25°C). Do not store near a radiator or other very warm place. Do not freeze. Protect from light; store vial in carton until use.
- Do not leave your drug or hypodermic syringes where anyone can pick them up.
- Keep this and all other medications out of reach of children.

Instructions for Use

LEUPROLIDE (loo-PROE-lide) ACETATE INJECTION

Read the Instructions for Use before you start using leuprolide acetate injection and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. Your doctor should show you how to draw up leuprolide acetate injection and give the injection the right way before you inject the first time.



Figure A

Do not share your syringes with other people, even if the needle has been changed. You may give other people a serious infection or get a serious infection from them.

Supplies you will need for the Leuprolide Injection:

- 1 vial of Leuprolide Injection
- a sterile 1 ml syringe (See Figure A)
- 1 cotton gauze
- 2 alcohol swabs
- 1 puncture resistant sharps container (See “Disposal of used syringes, needles, and vials”)



Figure B

Step 1.

Wash hands thoroughly (See Figure B) and dry them with a clean towel.



Figure C

Step 2.

- Check the liquid in the container. It should look clear. Do not use if it is not clear or if it has particles in it.
- If using a new bottle, flip off the plastic cover to expose the grey rubber stopper.
- Use an alcohol swab to cleanse the metal ring and rubber stopper on the medication bottle every day, just before you use it (See Figure C).

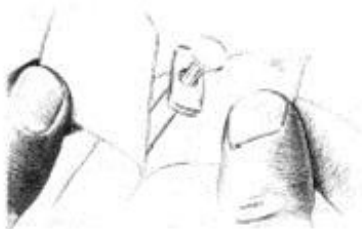


Figure D

Step 3.

Remove outer wrapping from one syringe (See Figure D).



Figure E

Step 4.

Pull the syringe plunger back until its tip is at the proper mark (See Figure E).



Figure F

Step 5.

Uncover needle (See Figure F). **Do not** touch the needle.



Figure G

Step 6.

- Place the bottle on a clean, flat surface.
- Push the needle through the center of the rubber stopper on the bottle.
- Push the plunger all the way in to inject air into the bottle (See Figure G).

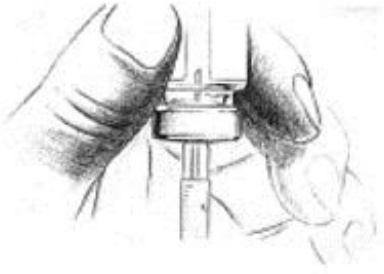


Figure H

Step 7.

- Keep the needle in the bottle.
- Lift the bottle and turn it straight upside down.
- Check to see that the needle tip is in the liquid (See Figure H).



Figure I

Step 8.

- With the needle tip in the liquid, slowly pull back the plunger until syringe fills to the proper mark
(See Figure I).
- If any bubbles appear in the syringe, remove them by pushing the plunger up slowly.
- With the needle tip still in the liquid, pull the plunger until it is once more at the proper mark.



Figure J

Step 9.

- Choose a different injection site each day.
- Clean the injection site with a new alcohol swab.
- Hold the skin fold between your thumb and your index finger or as you were instructed by your doctor.
- Insert the needle straight into the skin quickly, as shown by your doctor in a 90° angle (See Figure J).
- Push the plunger to inject the medicine.



Figure K

Step 10.

- Remove the needle at the same angle it was inserted (90°) (See Figure K).
- Wipe the skin with a cotton gauze.



Figure I

Step 11.

- Put the used needles, syringes, and vials in a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container right away after use (See Figure L). **Do not** throw away (dispose of) loose needles, syringes, or vials in your household trash.
- If you do not have a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, you may use a

household container that is:

- o made of a heavy-duty plastic,
 - o can be closed with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid, without sharps being able to come out,
 - o upright and stable during use,
 - o leak-resistant, and
 - o properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.
- When your sharps disposal container is almost full, you will need to follow your community guidelines for the right way to dispose of your sharps disposal container.
 - There may be state or local laws about how you should throw away used needles, syringes, and vials. For more information about safe sharps disposal, and for specific information about sharps disposal in the state that you live in, go to the FDA's website at: <http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal>.
 - **Do not** dispose of your used sharps disposal container in your household trash unless your community guidelines permit this. Do not recycle your used sharps disposal container.


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1 mg .2 mL Carton

<p>Each 0.2 mL contains: leuprolide acetate, 1 mg (equivalent to 0.95 mg free base); sodium chloride for tonicity adjustment; benzyl alcohol, as preservative, 1.8 mg; in water for injection, pH may have been adjusted with sodium hydroxide and/or acetic acid. The pH range is 4.0 to 6.0.</p> <p>Manufactured by Oakwood Laboratories, L.L.C., Oakwood Village, OH 44146 for Sandoz Inc., Princeton, NJ 08540</p> <p>Rev. 05-2017 C-109-01</p>	<p>NDC 0781-3006-42</p> <h3>Leuprolide Acetate Injection</h3> <p>14 mg/2.8 mL (1 mg/0.2 mL)</p> <p>STERILE For Subcutaneous Injection Rx Only Multi-Dose Vial</p> <p>SANDOZ A Novartis Division</p>	<p>Usual Dosage: 0.2 mL (1 mg) subcutaneous injection once daily.</p> <p>See package insert for full prescribing information and patient use information.</p> <p>Store below 25°C (77°F). Do not freeze. Protect from light. Retain vial in carton until contents are used.</p> <p>KEEP THIS AND ALL DRUGS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.</p>  <p>N 3 0781-3006-42 8</p>	<p>NDC 0781-3006-42</p> <h3>Leuprolide Acetate Injection</h3> <p>14 mg/2.8 mL (1 mg/0.2 mL)</p> <p>STERILE For Subcutaneous Injection Rx Only Multi-Dose Vial</p> <p>SANDOZ A Novartis Division</p>
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Leuprolide Acetate Injection

14 mg/2.8 mL STERILE For Subcutaneous Injection

(1 mg/0.2 mL)

Rx only

Multi-Dose vial

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LEUPROLIDE ACETATE

leuprolide acetate kit

Product Information

Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:0781-4003
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Packaging

#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:0781-4003-32	1 in 1 CARTON; Type 0: Not a Combination Product	08/04/1998	

Quantity of Parts

Part #	Package Quantity	Total Product Quantity
Part 1	1 VIAL, MULTI-DOSE	2.8 mL
Part 2	28 PACKET	28 mL

Part 1 of 2

LEUPROLIDE ACETATE

leuprolide acetate injection, solution

Product Information

Item Code (Source)	NDC:0781-3006
Route of Administration	SUBCUTANEOUS

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
LEUPROLIDE ACETATE (UNII: 37JNS02E7V) (LEUPROLIDE - UNII:EFY6W0M8TG)	LEUPROLIDE ACETATE	1 mg in 0.2 mL

Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength
SODIUM CHLORIDE (UNII: 451W47IQ8X)	1.26 mg in 0.2 mL
BENZYL ALCOHOL (UNII: LKG8494WBH)	1.8 mg in 0.2 mL
ACETIC ACID (UNII: Q40Q9N063P)	
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (UNII: 55X04QC32I)	
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)	

Packaging

#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:0781-3006-42	1 in 1 CARTON		
1		2.8 mL in 1 VIAL, MULTI-DOSE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

Marketing Information

Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
ANDA	ANDA074728	08/04/1998	

Part 2 of 2

ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL

isopropyl alcohol swab

Product Information

Route of Administration TOPICAL

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL (UNII: ND2M416302) (ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL - UNII:ND2M416302)	ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL	0.7 mL in 1 mL

Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)	

Packaging

#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
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1	1 mL in 1 PACKET; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
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Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
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