

NEWLIFE FERTILITY
PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION



What is ganirelix? ORGALUTRAN

Ganirelix is a man-made protein that inhibits the actions of the naturally-occurring hormone gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH).

Ganirelix is used along with other medications to regulate hormone response in the treatment of infertility in women.

Ganirelix may also be used for purposes other than those listed in this medication guide.

What is the most important information I should know about ganirelix?

Ganirelix should be prescribed by a doctor experienced in infertility treatment. Before starting treatment with ganirelix, it should be determined that you are not already pregnant. Ganirelix may be harmful to an unborn baby.

Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS) is an uncommon complication of treatment with ganirelix and other fertility medications. Symptoms of OHSS include severe pelvic pain, swelling of the hands or legs, abdominal pain and swelling, shortness of breath, weight gain, low urine output, diarrhea, severe nausea, and vomiting. OHSS can be fatal. Notify your doctor immediately or seek emergency medical attention if you develop any of these symptoms.

How should I take ganirelix?

Use ganirelix exactly as directed by your doctor. If you do not understand these directions, ask your pharmacist, nurse, or doctor to explain them to you.

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Ganirelix is administered as a subcutaneous (under the skin) injection once daily on specific days of the menstrual cycle between the use of other infertility medications.

Ganirelix may be administered by your healthcare provider or your doctor may want you to administer this medication at home. If you are administering the medication at home, your doctor will give you detailed instructions on how and where to administer the injection. In general, the injection should be administered as follows:

Rotate injection sites as directed by your healthcare provider.

Never reuse a needle or syringe. Dispose of all needles and syringes in an appropriate, puncture resistant disposal container.

Your healthcare provider may want to perform blood tests or other forms of monitoring during treatment with ganirelix to evaluate progress and side effects.

Store ganirelix at room temperature protected from light.

What happens if I miss a dose?

It is important not to miss a dose of ganirelix. Contact your doctor immediately if you miss a dose of this medication.

What should I avoid while taking ganirelix?

There are no restrictions on food, beverages, or activity during treatment with ganirelix, unless otherwise directed by your doctor.