

Degarelix (Firmagon)

About This Medicine

DEGARELIX (deg a REL ix) treats prostate cancer. It works by decreasing levels of the hormone testosterone in the body. This prevents prostate cancer cells from spreading or growing. It belongs to a group of medications called GnRH blockers. It is given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneously).

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your care team if you have questions.

Possible Side Effects

- Injection site reaction - you may get a rash, swelling or bruising or your skin may get red, warm, itchy, or painful at the site of your injection.
- Hot flashes or sudden skin flushing may happen. You may also feel warm or red.
- Changes in your liver function

Note: Each of the side effects above was reported in 10% or greater of people treated with degarelix. All possible side effects are not included. Your side effects may be different depending on your cancer diagnosis, condition, or if you are receiving other medicines in combination. Please discuss any concerns or questions with your care team.

Warnings and Precautions

- Abnormal electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG)
- Allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, are rare but may happen in some people. Signs of allergic reaction to this medicine may be swelling of the face, feeling like your tongue or throat are swelling, trouble breathing, rash, itching, fever, chills, feeling dizzy, and/or feeling that your heart is beating in a fast or not normal way. **If this happens, do not take another dose of this medicine. You should get urgent medical treatment.**

Note: Some of the side effects above are very rare. If you have concerns and/or questions, please discuss them with your care team.

Food and Medicine Interactions

- There are no known interactions of degarelix with food.

- This medicine may interact with other medicines. Tell your care team about all the prescription and over-the-counter medicines and dietary supplements (vitamins, minerals, herbs, and others) that you are taking at this time. Also, check with your care team before starting any new prescription or over-the-counter medicines, or dietary supplements to make sure that there are no interactions.

When to Call Your Care Team

Call your care team if you have any of these symptoms and/or any new or unusual symptoms:

- Feeling that your heart is beating in a fast or not normal way (palpitations)
- Signs of possible liver problems: dark urine, pale bowel movements, pain in your abdomen, feeling very tired and weak, unusual itching, or yellowing of the eyes or skin
- Signs of allergic reaction: swelling of the face, feeling like your tongue or throat are swelling, trouble breathing, rash, itching, fever, chills, feeling dizzy, and/or feeling that your heart is beating in a fast or not normal way. **If this happens, call 911 for emergency care.**
- While you are getting this medicine, please tell your right away if you get a rash, swelling or bruising or your skin gets red, warm, itchy or painful at the site of your injection.

Reproduction Warnings

- **Pregnancy warning:** This medicine can cause serious birth defects. Talk with your care team if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant while taking this medicine. Tell your care team right away if you think you might be pregnant or think your partner might be pregnant.
- **Breastfeeding warning:** Talk with your care team about breastfeeding during treatment. You may need to stop breastfeeding.
- **Fertility warning:** This medicine may affect your ability to have children in the future. If you plan to have children, talk with your care team.

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