

What is Cetrotide used for?

Cetrotide is used to prevent premature ovulation during controlled ovarian stimulation as part of an IVF or ICSI cycle. It prevents production of a natural hormone called luteinising hormone releasing hormone (LHRH) which controls the production of luteinising hormone (LH), which induces ovulation during the menstrual cycle.

Cetrotide is not addictive.

This medicine is available only on a doctor's prescription.

DO NOT use Cetrotide if:

- ◆ You have a history of allergy to Cetrotide, Mannitol or other similar medicines
- ◆ Moderate or severe liver disease
- ◆ Moderate or severe kidney disease
- ◆ Have already reached menopause
- ◆ Do not take Cetrotide after the expiry date on the package has been passed
- ◆ Do not take Cetrotide if the packing is torn or shows signs of tampering
- ◆ Do not breastfeed; it is not known whether Cetrotide passes into breast milk
- ◆ If your medicine has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist/clinic for disposal

Before you use Cetrotide

TELL YOUR DOCTOR if you have any allergies to:

- ◆ Any other medicines
- ◆ Any other substance such as foods, preservatives or dyes

Cetrotide has not been found to interact with other commonly used medicines.

TELL YOUR DOCTOR

If you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

How to use Cetrotide

- ◆ Cetrotide is given by a daily subcutaneous injection (under the skin), usually below your navel. Your clinic nurse or doctor will explain to you how to give the injection. Cetrotide comes in two strengths 250mcg or 3mg. The dose can vary and will be determined by your doctor.
- ◆ Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or clinic nurse carefully.
- ◆ They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you forget to take Cetrotide

It is important that you do not miss a dose of Cetrotide. If you have forgotten a dose you must take that dose as soon as you can and have your next dose at the usual time. If you are worried contact your clinic nurse or doctor.

Side effects

TELL YOUR DOCTOR or clinic nurse if you do not feel well while taking Cetrotide

All medicines have side effects. Sometimes they are more serious, most of the time they are not.

If you think you have side effects do not stop taking Cetrotide without first talking to your doctor.

The most common side effects are:

- ◆ Redness, itching, swelling of the injection site (these are usually mild and short-lasting)
- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Feeling sick

Less common side effects are:

- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Diarrhoea
- ◆ Breathing difficulties
- ◆ Stomach pain or discomfort

Other side effects not listed may happen in some patients. Tell your doctor or clinic nurse if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.

Storage

- ◆ Cetrotide should be stored in a refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C in its original packaging
- ◆ **DO NOT LEAVE IN THE CAR**
- ◆ Keep this medicine where children cannot reach it

Disposal

If you have any Cetrotide that has expired or is left over return it to your clinic or pharmacy.