

## Elonva Injection

Corifollitropin alfa (rch)



### What is Elonva used for?

Elonva belongs to a family of hormones known as gonadotrophins, which are involved with the normal control of reproduction. Elonva contains follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) which has been specially designed to work much longer. One injection of Elonva can replace a whole week of daily FSH injections in women having IVF treatments.

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

#### Do not use Elonva if you have:

- ◆ A history of allergy to any ingredients contained in this medicine
- ◆ Tumours of the uterus, ovaries, breasts, hypothalamus or pituitary gland
- ◆ You are pregnant or breast feeding
- ◆ Unexplained vaginal bleeding
- ◆ Have ovaries that do not work (primary ovarian failure)
- ◆ Ovarian enlargement or large ovarian cysts
- ◆ Have previously had ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS)
- ◆ Polycystic ovaries
- ◆ Fibroids in the uterus, which would make pregnancy impossible
- ◆ Do not take Elonva after the expiry date on the package has been passed
- ◆ Do not take Elonva if the packing is torn or shows signs of tampering
- ◆ If your medicine has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist/clinic for disposal

### Before you use Elonva

#### TELL YOUR DOCTOR if you have:

- ◆ any allergies to any other medicines
- ◆ any allergies to any other substance such as foods, preservatives or dyes
- ◆ any other pre-existing medical conditions

**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 Elonva

Elonva is given as a single subcutaneous injection usually below or near your navel. Your clinic nurse or doctor may give you the injection or they will explain to you how to give the injection yourself. Elonva comes in a pre-filled syringe containing either 100mcg or 150mcg.

The dosage is dependant on your body weight and your clinic nurse or doctor will explain the dosage to you.

Use Elonva only once during the same treatment cycle. Your risk of OHSS may increase if the dose of Elonva is too high.

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## 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 Elonva you should contact your doctor or clinic nurse immediately.

## While you are using Elonva

Your doctor will monitor your response to Elonva closely by using blood tests and ultrasound

## Side effects

### **TELL YOUR DOCTOR or clinic nurse if you do not feel well while taking Elonva.**

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

### **The most common side effects are:**

- ◆ Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome (OHSS) symptoms which include severe abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, shortness of breath and low urine output
- ◆ Pelvic pain or discomfort
- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Nausea
- ◆ Tiredness
- ◆ Breast tenderness

### **Less common side effects are:**

- ◆ Ovarian torsion (extreme lower abdominal pain)
- ◆ Dizziness
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Stomach pains
- ◆ Diarrhoea or constipation

If you are worried contact your doctor or clinic nurse.

## Storage

- ◆ Elonva must be refrigerated between 2-8°C in it's original packaging. Must be used within 1 month if stored out of a refrigerated below 25°C. Do not freeze.
- ◆ **DO NOT LEAVE IN THE CAR**
- ◆ Keep this medicine where children cannot reach it

## Disposal

Elonva syringes should be discarded in an appropriate disposal unit.

If you have any Elonva that has expired or is not used return it to your clinic or pharmacy.