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If you have any questions, please consult your physician or call Hearst Cancer Resource Center at 805.542.6234. For emergency, call 911.

PATIENT EDUCATION

Lupron (Leuprolide)

SIDE EFFECTS

It is important for the patient to follow all prescription instructions carefully. You may experience some, all, or none of the following:

- **Hot Flashes** – Ranges from mild flushing to sweating. This tends to decrease with continued treatments.
- **Temporary Increase in Symptoms** – For about 2-3 weeks after your first injection you may have worsening of signs/symptoms of disease – temporary weakness of legs, bone pain, difficulty urinating. This should subside about 14-21 days after the injection.
- **Sexual Changes** – Decreased interest; impotence, decreased size of testes
- **Weight Gain**
- **Breast Swelling and Tenderness**
- **Amenorrhea/Irregular Vaginal Bleeding** – in women – tell doctor if regular periods persist
- **Headaches/Blurred Vision/Dizziness** – May occur
- **Nausea**
- **Swelling at injection site**
- **Constipation** – More common in men

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Changes in heart beat, irregular heart beat
- Any shortness of breath, itching, edema, tickle in throat, dizziness, facial swelling
- Any pain, redness, or swelling at injection site
- Uncontrolled nausea or inability to eat or drink for 24 hours.
- Any changes in personality or behavioral changes; depression
- Constipation not relieved by usual laxative routine
- Inability to urinate
- Bone pain not relieved by pain medication

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Before any dental procedure, be sure and tell your dentist you are taking this medication.**
- **Birth Control Measures** – need to be used during treatment and for at least 4-6 months after finishing treatment.