

Palbociclib/ Faslodex treatment



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Introduction

Palbociclib is administered to patients with locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer. Palbociclib is combined with an anti-hormonal injection treatment (Faslodex®). Your doctor will advise you on which treatment you are eligible for.



How does the treatment proceed?

One cycle of treatment with Palbociclib is 28 days (or four weeks). You should take the medication for three weeks, followed by one week of rest. You do not take Palbociclib during the rest week.

During the first two cycles, blood should be taken occasionally:

- Before the start of treatment.
- On day 14 (two weeks after the start).

From cycle 3 onwards, a blood test is usually only required at the start of each treatment.

The injection (Faslodex) is given once every two weeks in the first cycle, then every four weeks.

This injection will be injected into the buttock muscle.

Preferably, the location will be alternated. Administration takes about 2-3 minutes, and the dose is divided over two syringes.

How do I take the medicine?


- You take 1 capsule of Palbociclib once a day for three weeks, followed by one week of rest. You do not take Palbociclib during the rest week.
- To keep the amount of Palbociclib in your blood stable, it is recommended that you always take the medicine at the same time.
- Palbociclib should always be taken with a meal.
- Swallow the capsules whole with a glass of water without chewing them.

Possible side effects

If you experience any side effects, please inform the nurse at the next treatment. Possibly something can be done about it.

You can get in touch with the oncology nurse (during office ours) at the following number: 780 0493.

Usually, Fulvestrant is well tolerated. Side effects that can occur are:

- Pain or bruising at the injection site.
 - Menopausal symptoms, such as hot flashes, sleeping problems, fatigue, concentration problems, mood disorders, headache, weight gain, skin and hair problems, dry vagina, loss of libido, complaints of urine loss.
 - Muscle or joint complaints.
 - You may be slightly more likely to have osteoporosis (bone decalcification).
 - Nausea.
 - Thrombosis and cardiovascular disease.
 - Fulvestrant slightly raises the risk of deep vein thrombosis or a pulmonary embolism. Please contact your treating physician or nurse specialist if you have any complaints.
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There are a number of reasons to call the oncology nurse/doctor or hospital immediately. See the form 'Reasons to call the oncology nurse/doctor.'





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