Fulvestrant (fool VES trant)
Patient Education

US Brand Names: Faslodex®
Therapeutic Category: Hormone therapy

What is this medicine used for?
- Used to treat hormone receptor positive breast cancer in postmenopausal women.

How does it work?
- This medicine blocks hormone action in your body. Blocking hormone actions that stimulate the growth of breast cancer cells reduces the risk of cancer cells growing.

What should my doctor or nurse know before I take this medication?
- If you are allergic to any medicines.
- If you are taking other over the counter or prescription medicines, including vitamins and herbal remedies.
- If you have liver problems.
- If you have bleeding problems.
- If you are taking a blood thinner.

How is this drug given?
- This medicine is given into your muscle. Ask your doctor or nurse how you will be taking this medication.

What are the general precautions when taking this medicine?
- Talk with your doctor or nurse before taking aspirin, aspirin-containing products, over the counter or prescription medications including vitamins and herbal remedies.

What are the common side effects of this medicine?
- Pain at the injection sites.
- Hot flashes or flushes, night sweats.
- Mood swings.
• Sore throat.
• Vaginal dryness.
• Increased risk of bladder infections.

Danger signals to report immediately to your doctor or nurse:

• Signs or symptoms of infection at the injection site. These include redness, swelling, burning or pain.
• Feeling extremely tired, weak, dizzy or light headed.

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