Lanreotide (Somatuline Depot®)  
(“lan-REE-oh-tide”)

How drug is given: by subcutaneous (under the skin) injection

Purpose: to control neuroendocrine tumors and certain hormonal disorders

Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

1. Burning, itching, redness, or swelling at the injection site may occur. These reactions are usually mild and go away. Applying a cold pack to the area may help.

Things that may occur a few days to weeks later

1. You may have a slow or unusual heartbeat. If you feel any changes in your heartbeat, tell your cancer care team right away.

2. You may have a stomach ache. If these bother you, ask your cancer care team what type of drugs you may use to help with this pain.

3. Some patients may have mild nausea. You may be given medicine to help with this.

Things that may occur after treatment ends (even months to years later)

• Fertility and Related Precautions:
  o It is very important to use birth control if you are having sex, because this drug may be harmful to an unborn baby.
  o Women should not breastfeed while receiving this drug.
  o If you are concerned about any of this, please talk with your cancer care team.

The above information includes some, but not necessarily all, of the possible side effects of this medication. The side effects listed in this teaching sheet may not be the same ones you experience. Your side effects may be different depending on how often you receive treatment (your schedule) and how much you receive each time (your dosage). Side effects may also vary if you are taking other medications. Please speak with your doctor or nurse if you have questions about possible side effects you may experience. This document should not take the place of conversations with members of your health care team.
If you experience any significant change in your health during or after treatment, contact a member of your health care team right away.

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