



Chemotherapy: Lanreotide (Somatuline Depot®)

Pronounced: "*lan-REE-oh-tide*"

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

Purpose: To slow the growth of neuroendocrine tumors and certain hormonal disorders

Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

- 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

- You may have stomach pain. If this bothers you, ask your cancer care team what type of drugs you may use to help with this pain.
- Some patients may have mild nausea. You may be given medicine to help with this.
- Loose stools or diarrhea may occur within a few days after the drug is started. You may take loperamide (Imodium A-D®) to help control diarrhea. You can buy this at most drug stores. Be sure to also drink more fluids (water, juice, sports drinks). If these do not help within 24 hours, **call your cancer care team**.
- Rarely, you may have a slow or unusual heartbeat. If you feel any changes in your heartbeat, tell your cancer care team **right away**.

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

Sexual health and fertility concerns

- If you are concerned about any of this, please talk with your cancer care team.
- It is not safe to take this medicine during pregnancy. It could harm an unborn baby.

Women

- To keep from getting pregnant, use a barrier form of effective birth control.
- Barrier methods of birth control prevent the sperm from reaching the egg. Discuss with your cancer team which type of barrier method is best for you. Some barrier methods are cervical caps, female/male condoms, and diaphragms with spermicides. Some are available over the counter; others must be prescribed.
- Women should not breast-feed while receiving this medicine and for 6 months after you stop treatment.

Men

- It is very important to use birth control if you are having sex with a woman of child-bearing age, because this drug could harm an unborn baby.

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The information in this document includes some, but not necessarily all, of the possible side effects of this medication. The side effects listed here 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 cancer care team if you have questions about possible side effects you may experience. This document should not take the place of conversations with members of your cancer care team.

If you experience any significant change in your health during or after treatment, contact a member of your cancer care team right away.