

Testosterone Cypionate Injection Solution

Pay attention to the various needles supplied and read all instructions.



Possible Uses

Hormone replacement.



Precautions

Patients with benign prostatic hypertrophy may develop acute urethral obstruction. Priapism or excessive sexual stimulation may develop. Oligospermia may occur after prolonged administration or excessive dosage. If any of these effects appear, the androgen should be stopped and if restarted, a lower dosage should be utilized.



Do not use this medication if you have:

1. Known hypersensitivity to the drug
2. Males with carcinoma of the breast
3. Males with known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate gland
4. Women who are pregnant
5. Patients with serious cardiac, hepatic or renal disease



Possible Side Effects

Gynecomastia, excessive frequency and duration of penile erections, hirsutism, male pattern baldness, acne, Myocardial infarction, stroke, fluid and electrolyte disturbances, jaundice, alterations in liver function tests, suppression of certain clotting factors, polycythemia, hypersensitivity, including skin manifestations and anaphylactoid reactions.



Storage

Store vials at room temperature. Discard excess 28 days after initial puncture.



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Directions for IM use:

Gather your supplies and wash up

1. Wash your hands
2. Gather the following:
 - a. 2 alcohol pads
 - b. Bottle of Medication
 - c. Syringe and Needle (18 gauge and 25 gauge)
 - d. Gauze or cotton ball in case of bleeding after administration

Prepare the injection

1. Remove the colored flip top cap from the vial of medication if not already removed
2. Wipe the top of vial with one clean swipe of the alcohol swab and allow the alcohol to evaporate.
3. Remove the syringe from its outer wrapping (NEVER REUSE THE NEEDLE OR SYRINGE). Add 18 gauge needle to end of syringe.
4. Remove the cap from the needle and place in an easily accessible place.
5. Pull the plunger of the needle back to the indicated dosage on your prescription label.
6. Insert the needle into the center of the rubber vial top.
7. Turn the vial and syringe upside down.
8. Push the air from the syringe into the vial and draw out the needed dosage as indication on your prescription label.
 - a. It may be helpful to pull back and then reinsert the contents until you are able to withdraw the liquid with no air bubbles
 - b. You should never inject if there are air bubbles present in the syringe
9. Remove the needle from the vial and cap the syringe by scooping the cap up with the syringe. Do not attempt to pick up the cap and insert it. This increases your risk of stabbing yourself with the needle.

Change the Needle

1. Remove 18 gauge needle from syringe and place in sharps container.
2. Now carefully open the 25 gauge needle and without touching the open end (handle by the needle cover) attach 25 gauge needle to the syringe.

Prepare the Injection Site

1. The correct injection sites are located in the picture to the right. Never inject into visible veins or arteries. This injection is intended for the muscle.

Administer the Injection

1. Remember to alternate injections sites with each use. Do not use the same site twice in a row.
 - a. Clean the injection site with a new alcohol swab
 - b. Remove the cap from the needle.
 - c. Hold the syringe between your thumb and index finger.
 - d. Using a smooth steady motion, push the needle straight into the selected site until the metal syringe is almost completely inserted.
 - e. With a steady motion push the plunger of the syringe to inject the medication. The entire injection should take between 3-5 seconds to complete. You don't want to quickly administer the medication as you need to allow time for the muscle to absorb the medication.
 - f. Remove the needle and if needed place gauze or a cotton ball on the injection site for up to 5 minutes to stop the site from bleeding.
 - g. Place the used syringe in a sharps container for disposal. Do not reuse the syringe ever.

