



# *PREPARING FOR YOUR APPOINTMENTS*

Learning about your treatment and what to expect on the day of your injection can help you feel more prepared.

## **What is SOMATULINE® DEPOT (lanreotide) Injection?**

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- the treatment of a type of cancer known as neuroendocrine tumors, from the gastrointestinal tract or the pancreas (GEP-NETs) that has spread or cannot be removed by surgery; and
- the treatment of carcinoid syndrome to reduce the need for the use of short-acting somatostatin medicine.

It is not known if SOMATULINE DEPOT is safe and effective in children.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

- **Do not take SOMATULINE DEPOT** if you are allergic to lanreotide.
- **SOMATULINE DEPOT may cause serious side effects**, including:
  - Gallstones
  - Changes to your blood sugar (high or low blood sugar),
  - Slow heart rate, and
  - High blood pressure.

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# 1 How often will I receive Somatuline® Depot (lanreotide) Injection 120 mg?



Somatuline Depot is approved as a deep subcutaneous injection given every 4 weeks. Your healthcare provider may change your dose or the length of time between your injections

If you're already being treated with Somatuline Depot for GEP-NETs,\* your doctor will not give you an additional dose to treat carcinoid syndrome

\*GEP-NETs=gastrointestinal and pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors.

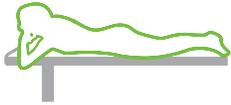
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- **Tell your healthcare provider (HCP) if you have any of the following symptoms:**
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- **The most common side effects of SOMATULINE DEPOT in people with:**
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## 2 What should I expect on the day of my injection?

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You may be asked to lie down, and it is important to remain as still as possible during the injection



Your injection site should be alternated between your right and left buttock from one injection of Somatuline Depot to the next



Once Somatuline Depot reaches room temperature, your healthcare provider will inject it at a 90-degree angle into your upper right or upper left buttock, avoiding areas with moles, scar tissue, or reddened skin or skin that may feel bumpy



The skin of the injection site area is flattened and Somatuline Depot is injected into the tissue between skin and muscle, over the course of about 20 seconds

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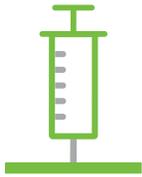
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- **Before taking SOMATULINE DEPOT, tell your HCP about all your medical conditions including if you:** have diabetes; have gallbladder, heart, thyroid, kidney or liver problems; are pregnant or plan to become pregnant; or are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if SOMATULINE DEPOT will harm your unborn baby or pass into breast milk. You should not breastfeed if you receive SOMATULINE DEPOT and for 6 months after your last dose. SOMATULINE DEPOT may affect your ability to become pregnant.

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# 3 How does Somatuline Depot work?



Somatuline Depot contains lanreotide, a synthetic, or man-made, version of a hormone called somatostatin, which is found naturally in the human body



Once Somatuline Depot is injected beneath your skin, it is believed the injection forms a reservoir of the medicine between the skin surface and the muscle beneath—in an area called the subcutaneous space



Over time, tiny parts of the reservoir are slowly released into your bloodstream to deliver the medicine to the rest of your body, allowing Somatuline Depot to be slowly released over the course of a month

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

- **Tell your HCP about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. SOMATULINE DEPOT and other medicines may affect each other, causing side effects. SOMATULINE DEPOT may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how SOMATULINE DEPOT works. Your dose of SOMATULINE DEPOT or your other medications may need to be changed. If you have diabetes, your HCP may change your dose of diabetes medication when you first start receiving SOMATULINE DEPOT or if your dose of SOMATULINE DEPOT is changed.
- **Especially tell your HCP if you take:**
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  - Medicines that lower your heart rate, such as beta blockers.

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**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS,** contact Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-855-463-5127 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

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