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## Xgeva Vial

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## Description

**Side Effects** Tiredness, weakness, headache, back pain, diarrhea, and nausea may occur. If any of these effects last or get worse, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly. Remember that this medication has been prescribed because your doctor has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects. Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: jaw pain, new or unusual thigh/hip/groin pain, bone/joint/muscle pain, shortness of breath. Denosumab may cause very serious (rarely fatal) low levels of calcium in the blood, especially if you have kidney problems. Take calcium and vitamin D as directed by your doctor. () Get medical help right away if you have any symptoms of low calcium such as: severe muscle spasms/cramps, mental/mood changes (such as irritability or confusion), numbness/tingling (especially around lips/mouth or in fingers/toes), seizures, severe dizziness/fainting, fast/irregular heartbeat. Denosumab can affect your immune system. You may be more likely to get a serious infection, such as a skin, ear, stomach/gut, or bladder infection. Tell your doctor right away if you develop any signs of infection, such as: fever/chills, red/swollen/tender/warm skin (with or without pus), severe abdominal pain, ear pain/discharge, trouble hearing, frequent/painful/burning urination, pink/bloody urine. Denosumab can cause skin problems such as dryness, peeling, redness, itching, small bumps/patches, or blisters. However, you may not be able to tell it apart from a rare rash that could be a sign of a severe allergic reaction. Get medical help right away if you develop any rash or if any of these symptoms last or get worse. Denosumab may cause high levels of calcium in the blood weeks to months after treatment has stopped, especially if you have not reached your final adult height. Tell your doctor right away if you have any symptoms of high calcium after you have stopped using denosumab such as: nausea, vomiting, headache, unusual tiredness. After your treatment with denosumab is stopped, you may be at increased risk for bone fractures in your spine. This risk is greater if you have bone loss (osteoporosis) or have had broken bones. If your treatment is stopped, talk with your doctor about other medicines you can take. A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, trouble breathing. This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist. In the US – Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch). In Canada – Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345. How long does it take for this medicine to take effect?

Xgeva, or denosumab, begins to take effect shortly after administration, with its mechanism of action primarily targeting osteoclast activity to reduce bone resorption. The exact timing of its therapeutic effects may vary depending on the specific condition being treated, such as bone metastases or osteoporosis. How long do the effects of this medicine last? The effects of Xgeva can last for several weeks to months after each dose, depending on the indication for which it is prescribed and individual patient factors. Regular dosing intervals are typically recommended to maintain its therapeutic benefits. Is it safe to consume alcohol while taking this medicine? There are no specific contraindications regarding alcohol consumption while taking Xgeva. However, patients should consult their healthcare provider regarding any potential interactions between alcohol and their specific medical condition or other medications they may be taking. Is this a habit forming medicine? Xgeva is not known to be habit-forming. It is administered under the supervision of healthcare professionals for the management of bone-related conditions such as bone metastases or osteoporosis. Can this medicine be taken during pregnancy? Xgeva is not recommended for use during pregnancy due to the potential risk of harm to the developing fetus. Pregnant individuals should discuss alternative treatment options with their healthcare provider. Can this medicine be taken while breast-feeding? It is not recommended to use Xgeva while breastfeeding, as it may be excreted into breast milk and could potentially harm the nursing infant. Breastfeeding individuals should discuss the risks and benefits of Xgeva with their healthcare provider and explore alternative feeding options for their child. Uses Denosumab is used to treat bone problems that may occur in people with multiple myeloma or in people with cancer that has spread to the bones. It is also used to treat high blood calcium levels (hypercalcemia) that may occur with cancer. It may also be used by adults (and teenagers who have reached their final adult height) to treat a certain disease called giant cell tumor of the bone, if they cannot use surgery to treat the disease. How to use Xgeva Vial This medication is given by injection under your skin in the upper arm, upper thigh, or abdomen by a healthcare professional as directed by your doctor, usually every 4 weeks. If you are using this medication to treat giant cell tumor of the bone or high blood calcium levels, your doctor may also direct you to receive additional doses once a week during weeks 2 and 3 of the first month of treatment. Use this medication regularly in order to get the most benefit from it. Remember to receive it every 4 weeks. It may help to mark your calendar with a reminder. You may also be instructed to take calcium and vitamin D supplements. Follow your doctor's instructions carefully. Precautions Before using denosumab, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: low level of calcium in the blood (hypocalcemia), kidney disease. Some people using denosumab may have serious jawbone problems. Your doctor should check your mouth before you start this medication. Tell your dentist that you are using this medication before you have any dental work done. To help prevent jawbone problems, have regular dental exams and learn how to keep your teeth and gums healthy. If you have jaw pain, tell your doctor and dentist right away. Before having any surgery (especially dental procedures), tell your doctor and dentist about this medication and all other products you use (including prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and herbal products). Denosumab is not recommended for use in children except for the treatment of giant cell tumor of the bone . It may slow down a child's growth and affect tooth development. This medication must not be used during pregnancy. It may harm an unborn baby. Your doctor should order a pregnancy test before you start this medication. It is important to prevent pregnancy while using this medication and for at least 5 months after treatment. Females must use reliable forms of birth control during treatment and for at least 5 months after treatment. If you become pregnant or think you may be pregnant, tell your doctor right away. It is unknown if this medication passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding. Overdose If someone has overdosed and has serious symptoms such as passing out or trouble breathing, call 911. Otherwise, call a poison control center right away. US residents can call their local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. Canada residents can call a provincial poison control center. Lab and/or medical tests (such as calcium/phosphorus levels, kidney function) should be done while you are using this medication. Keep all medical and lab appointments. Consult your doctor for more details. Do not take this medication with any other product that contains denosumab. It is important to get each dose of this medication as scheduled. If you miss a dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist right away for a new dosing schedule. Not applicable. This medication is given in a clinic or doctor's office and will not be stored at home. Do not flush medications down the toilet or pour them into a drain unless instructed to do so.

Properly discard this product when it is expired or no longer needed. Consult your pharmacist or local waste disposal company. Interactions Drug interactions may change how your medications work or increase your risk for serious side effects. This document does not contain all possible drug interactions. Keep a list of all the products you use (including prescription/nonprescription drugs and herbal products) and share it with your doctor and pharmacist. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicines without your doctor's approval.

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## **Side Effects**

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## **Uses**

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## **Interactions**

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