

# Bravelle (urofollitropin) basics

**Helps women get pregnant.** Bravelle (urofollitropin) is effective at helping women conceive, but it requires multiple injections to be given at specific days and times.

## What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
<b>Bravelle (urofollitropin)</b> Drug effectiveness		[Blue gradient bar]			
<b>Possible side effects†</b>					
<b>Stomach cramps</b>		[Red gradient bar]			
<b>Headache</b>		[Red gradient bar]			
<b>Nausea</b>	[Red gradient bar]	[Red gradient bar]			
<b>Pain after egg retrieval</b>		[Red gradient bar]			
<b>Bloating</b>		[Red gradient bar]			
<b>Skin irritation where injection was given</b>	[Red gradient bar]	[Red gradient bar]			

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Bravelle (urofollitropin) can be injected into either a muscle or into the belly (similar to insulin). The injections in the belly can be given at home by yourself.
- The dose given and the times at which they are given is different depending on what you are using it for.
- It is very important to receive the injection on certain days of your menstrual cycle. Your doctor will tell you what your schedule is.
- You will need to give yourself an injection or have a doctor give an injection for several days in a row.
- There is an increased chance of conceiving multiple babies (twins, triplets) with Bravelle (urofollitropin).
- Other medicines may be necessary to make Bravelle (urofollitropin) work for you. It is important that you take any other medicines given to you by your doctor.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Abnormal enlargement of ovaries

Bravelle (urofollitropin) can increase the size of your ovaries. This is less likely to happen when the lowest dose is given for the shortest amount of time. You will be watched closely with ultrasounds to make sure your ovaries are not growing too much, and your doctor may have you get a blood test done. Bravelle (urofollitropin) should be stopped and you should not have sex if your ovaries are abnormally large. Tell your doctor right away if you feel any cramps or pain in the pelvic or lower belly area.

### Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome (OHSS)

Bravelle (urofollitropin) can cause OHSS, which is a condition that occurs when the ovaries grow too large after treatment has been finished. It is very painful and can cause vomiting and diarrhea. It can also cause more serious problems like problems breathing and bursting ovaries. It usually goes away on its own once your menstrual period starts. If you feel extreme belly pain, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea within 7 to 10 days after finishing Bravelle (urofollitropin), tell your doctor right away and don't have sex until the doctor tells you it is safe to do so.

### Lung and blood vessel complications

Bravelle (urofollitropin) can raise your risk of blood clots. Smoking and OHSS raise this risk even more. Blood clots can cause pain and discomfort from a clot in the arm or leg or serious disability due to a stroke or a clot in the brain or lung. Get medical care right away if you have pain in your legs or arms, bad headaches, trouble breathing, or sudden changes in your speech or vision.

