

Antagon (Ganirelix) basics

Helps women become pregnant through in-vitro fertilization. Antagon (Ganirelix) will have less overall injections compared to alternative medications, but your doctor will help you decide the best protocol and options for you.

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
Antagon (Ganirelix) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects					
Pain in pelvic area†					
Headache 3% chance					
Vaginal Bleeding 2% chance					
Irritation at the injection site†					
Nausea†					
Abdominal pain†					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Antagon (Ganirelix) can be given at home, but you need to be instructed on how and when to inject the medicine. Your doctor will review this with you.
- Wash your hands with soap and water before injecting. Clean the injection area with an alcohol swab. Pinch the skin where you want to inject Antagon (Ganirelix) between your thumb and finger. After you inject the medicine and remove the needle, cover the site with an alcohol swab and apply pressure for 1 to 2 minutes. Be sure to rotate injection sites.
- Never reuse the needles or vials. Use a brand new needle and vial for each injection of Antagon (Ganirelix).
- The best place to inject Antagon (Ganirelix) is around the abdomen or upper thigh.
- Tell your doctor right away if you get very dizzy, faint, vomit, or have diarrhea while using Antagon (Ganirelix).
- Store the vials at room temperature in a cool and dry place.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Allergic reaction

Get emergency medical help right away if you notice trouble breathing, chest tightness, swelling in the face or tongue, or blue skin color after using Antagon (Ganirelix). These are signs of a life-threatening allergic reaction. If you know you are allergic to any fertility medicines, tell your doctor before starting Antagon (Ganirelix).

Blood work changes

Antagon (Ganirelix) can cause the levels of certain cells in your blood to change. Your doctor will do blood tests before you start treatment and regularly while you are using it. It's important these tests done.

Breastfeeding

Antagon (Ganirelix) may cross into breast milk, and it's unknown if this could have harmful effects. Do not breastfeed while using Antagon (Ganirelix).