

Sustol (granisetron) basics

Helps prevent nausea and vomiting due to cancer chemotherapies. Sustol (granisetron) is a long-acting injection that helps to prevent nausea and vomiting due to cancer chemotherapies, but causes bleeding and bruising at the injection site.

What to expect when starting

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



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Bruising, pain, and tenderness may occur at injection site for up to 2 weeks after use. Contact your doctor if injection site reactions last more than one day or become severe.
- Be aware of troublesome stomach side-effects that include cramping, loss of appetite, constipation, or bloating. Contact your doctor if you have new or worsening signs of constipation.
- Allergies to Sustol (granisetron) can occur up to 7 days or more after an injection. Contact your doctor right away if you develop hives or have difficulty breathing.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Serotonin syndrome

Serotonin syndrome is a rare, but serious problem caused by high levels of serotonin in the brain. This may occur if you also take other medicines that affect your serotonin levels such as anti-depressants. Call your doctor or go to the hospital right away if you experience agitation, confusion, hallucinations, high fever, or muscle twitching while taking Sustol (granisetron).

Troublesome stomach side-effects (ileus)

Sustol (granisetron) can cause constipation. Let your doctor know if you have new or worsening symptoms of constipation. Your doctor will conduct tests to rule out any blockage in your intestine.

Injection site reactions

Injection site reactions are common with Sustol (granisetron). Symptoms such as bruising, bleeding, pain, tenderness, and swelling may develop for up to 2 weeks after injection with Sustol (granisetron). Talk to your doctor if these symptoms are severe and last for more than 1 day.