



Patient Education

Fulvestrant (fool-VES-trant)

Other Names	Faslodex® (There may be other names for this medication.)
How is it Administered?	Your medication will be given by intramuscular (IM) injection, usually into a large muscle in the buttocks. It is usually given once a month.
Why am I Taking Fulvestrant?	This drug is used to treat hormone receptor positive breast cancer in women who have been through menopause (no periods for at least 1 year) and women whose breast cancer has worsened after being treated with anti-estrogen medications such as tamoxifen.
How Does it Work?	<p>Cancer is a group of diseases in which abnormal cells divide without control. In some cancers, the presence of a particular hormone may cause the tumors to grow. For example, the presence of estrogen causes some types of breast cancers to grow.</p> <p>Hormone therapy may be used in a few different ways to fight hormone-dependent cancers. Fulvestrant is an estrogen receptor antagonist; it works by the attaching itself to the (estrogen) receptors on the cells. This blocks the effects of estrogen on the cancer cells, and tumor growth may slow or stop.</p>