

**NEWLIFE FERTILITY**  
**PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION**



## **Cetrotide**

Generic Name: cetorelix (injectable) (SE troe REL ix)

Brand Names: *Cetrotide*

### **What is cetorelix?**

Cetorelix blocks the effects of the naturally occurring gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH). GnRH controls the release of another hormone, luteinizing hormone (LH), which induces ovulation (release of an egg from the ovary) during the menstrual cycle. During hormone treatment for ovarian stimulation, premature ovulation may lead to eggs that are not suitable for fertilization. Cetorelix blocks this undesirable premature ovulation.

Cetorelix is used to prevent premature ovulation during controlled ovarian stimulation.

Cetorelix may also be used for purposes other than those listed in this medication guide.

### **What should I discuss with my healthcare provider before using cetorelix?**

Do not use cetorelix without first talking to your doctor if you have ever had an allergic reaction to gonadotropin-releasing hormone (Lupron, Antagon, Goserelin, Naferelin, Synarel, Zoladex), mannitol, or a medicine similar to cetorelix. Do not use cetorelix if you are pregnant. Cetorelix is in the FDA pregnancy category X. This means that cetorelix is known to cause birth defects. It is not known whether cetorelix passes into breast milk. Do not use cetorelix without first talking to your doctor if you are breast-feeding a baby.

Talk to your doctor before using cetorelix if you have kidney disease or any renal (kidney) problems. Cetorelix should not be used in patients with severe renal impairment.

## **How should I use cetorelix?**

Use cetorelix exactly as directed by your doctor. If you do not understand these directions, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist to explain them to you.

Cetorelix is intended for subcutaneous (under the skin) administration. If you are administering this medication at home, your doctor will give you detailed instructions on how to mix the solution and administer the injection. Do not inject cetorelix if you are not sure how.

Cetorelix may be prescribed for use as a single dose (3 mg), or for use once a day (0.25 mg). Your doctor will determine which treatment regimen is best for you. Follow your doctor's instructions.

Wash your hands well with soap and water before preparing and administering this medication.