

NEWLIFE FERTILITY
PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION



Menopur

Generic Name: menopur (injectable) Brand Names: *Menopur, Repronex*

What are menopurins?

Menopurins are an equal mixture of the naturally occurring follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH). FSH and LH are important for the development of follicles (eggs) produced by the ovaries and for the development of sperm.

Menopurins are used to stimulate ovulation (the release of an egg) when a woman's ovaries can produce a follicle but hormonal stimulation is deficient. Menopurins are also used to stimulate the development of multiple eggs for in vitro fertilization. Likewise, menopurins are used to stimulate the production of sperm in men who have functioning testes but in whom hormonal stimulation is deficient.

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

What is the most important information I should know about menopurins?

Menopurins may increase the likelihood of multiple births. Multiple births may carry additional risk both for the mother and for the fetuses.

You may not be able to use menopurins, or you may require a dosage adjustment or special monitoring if you have any of the conditions listed above.

How should I use menotropins?

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

Formulations of menotropins intended for intramuscular injection (an injection into muscle) must not be administered subcutaneously (under the skin), and vice versa. If you are administering this medication at home, your doctor will give you detailed instructions on how to mix the solution and give yourself the injection. Do not inject menotropins if you are not sure how.

Use the solution immediately after it is mixed. Throw away any medicine that is left over.

Never reuse a needle or syringe. Dispose of all needles and syringes in an appropriate, puncture-resistant disposal container.

Store menotropins at room temperature or in the refrigerator, away from direct light, moisture, and heat.

What happens if I miss a dose?

Contact your doctor if you miss a dose of menotropins. Do not use a double dose of this medication without first talking to your doctor.

What should I avoid while using menotropins?

There are no restrictions on food, beverages, or activity during therapy with menotropins unless your doctor directs otherwise.

Menotropins side effects

Stop using menotropins and seek emergency medical attention if you experience an allergic reaction (difficulty breathing; closing of your throat; swelling of your lips, tongue, or face; or hives).

Less than 2% of female patients treated with menotropins develop ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS), especially after the first cycle of therapy. Symptoms of OHSS include swelling of the hands or legs, abdominal pain and swelling, shortness of breath, weight gain, and nausea or vomiting. OHSS can be fatal. Notify your doctor immediately or seek emergency medical attention if you develop any of these side effects.

Serious pulmonary (lung and breathing) conditions have been reported in patients using menotropins. Seek medical attention if you experience any sudden changes in your breathing. Other side effects may also occur.