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# Brand change: goserelin injection

***(Say 'go-ser-el-in')***

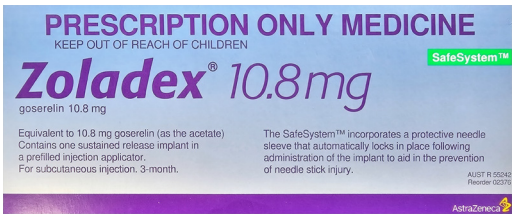
Goserelin is a type of hormone therapy. It's used for conditions such as endometriosis, uterine fibroids, breast cancer and prostate cancer. It's also used in fertility and transgender treatment.

**From 1 November 2023, the brand of goserelin will be changing. To make sure you can continue your medicine, Teva-Goserelin will be replaced by a different brand.**

## What is the new brand of goserelin?

The new brand is called **Zoladex** (say 'zoh-lah-deks').

- Zoladex has the same amount of active ingredient and works the same way as Teva-Goserelin.
- The injection is given just under the skin of your tummy (abdomen) by your doctor or nurse.
- Inside the syringe is a small pellet, about the size of a grain of rice, that holds the medicine. This is called an implant.
- Once injected, the pellet dissolves, slowly releasing the medicine into your body.




### Zoladex is available in 2 strengths:

→ 3.6 mg given every 4 weeks (28 days)

→ 10.8 mg given every 12 weeks.

Depending on its use, your doctor will select the right dose for you.

## It's important to keep taking your medicine

Book your next appointment early so you can get your injection on time. If you miss your appointment, contact your healthcare provider as soon as possible.

If you have questions or concerns about Zoladex or its side effects, talk to your healthcare provider. Don't stop using your medicine.

### Note

Zoladex is approved by Medsafe and has been available in Aotearoa New Zealand before.

For more information about goserelin, visit www.healthify.nz/goserelin

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