

Somatuline® Depot (lanreotide) Injection is an injectable medicine used for the long-term treatment of patients with acromegaly when surgery or radiotherapy have not worked well enough, or for patients who are not able to have surgery or radiotherapy.

Like all other medications, Somatuline® Depot can cause side effects. The most common include stomach and intestinal problems (diarrhea, abdominal pain, or nausea), injection-site reactions (pain, itching, or a lump at the injection site), and gallbladder problems (cholelithiasis). Tell your doctor right away if you get severe pain in the right upper area of your stomach along with nausea and vomiting. These could be symptoms of a serious gallbladder problem (cholelithiasis).

Other side effects include a low heart rate, high blood pressure, and other heart problems. Tell your doctor if you have a history of heart problems. Somatuline® Depot can cause a change in blood sugar levels. If you have diabetes, carefully follow your doctor's instructions for monitoring your blood sugar levels. This list of side effects is incomplete; your healthcare professional can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects that may occur when taking Somatuline® Depot.

Tell your doctor if you take insulin or other diabetes medicines. These may need to be changed in order to control your blood sugar while taking Somatuline® Depot. Also tell your doctor if you take cyclosporine (Gengraf®, Neoral®, Sandimmune®), bromocriptine (Parlodel®), or medicines that lower your heart rate such as beta blockers. Always talk to your doctor before starting any new medications.

Please see full Prescribing Information or visit [www.somatulinedepot.com](http://www.somatulinedepot.com) for additional important information.



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For patients with  
acromegaly

## Fast Facts

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Somatuline® Depot

**For quick answers to the most commonly asked questions about Somatuline® Depot (lanreotide) Injection for the treatment of acromegaly, read on...**

### **1. What is Somatuline® Depot?**

Somatuline® Depot is a somatostatin analog, long-acting formulation of lanreotide and water.

### **2. Why did my doctor prescribe Somatuline® Depot?**

Doctors prescribe Somatuline® Depot for patients whose GH and IGF-1 levels do not return to normal after surgery or radiation therapy.<sup>1</sup>

Doctors also switch patients to Somatuline® Depot from other medications because:

- It lowers both GH and IGF-1 levels<sup>1</sup>
- It is generally well-tolerated therapy<sup>1</sup>
- It has the lowest injection volume of any 28-day somatostatin analog<sup>1-3</sup>
- It has the shortest needle of any 28-day somatostatin analog<sup>1,2</sup>
- It is the only medicine of its kind that comes in a ready-to-use, prefilled syringe, making it easier to use<sup>1,2</sup>

### **3. How does Somatuline® Depot help?**

Medical studies have proven that Somatuline® Depot provides long-lasting, consistent control of GH and IGF-1 levels to help normalize these hormone levels.<sup>1</sup>

### **4. How do I take Somatuline® Depot?**

Somatuline® Depot is given by deep subcutaneous injection once every 28 days, as directed by your doctor.<sup>1</sup> There is no daily injection introduction to Somatuline® Depot as there is with other 28-day therapy.<sup>1,2</sup>

### **5. How does Somatuline® Depot compare with Sandostatin LAR® Depot?**

Somatuline® Depot<sup>1-3</sup>:

- 80% less injection volume
- Shorter needle (20 mm vs 40 mm)
- Simple-to-prepare, deep subcutaneous injection
- Prefilled syringe with no reconstitution required

### **6. What can I expect when switching to Somatuline® Depot?**

Patients have switched to Somatuline® Depot for the ease and convenience of the ready-to-use, prefilled syringe. Studies have shown that patients who switched found Somatuline® Depot to be both effective and tolerable.<sup>4-6</sup>

### **7. What should I tell my doctor before I take Somatuline® Depot?**

Tell your doctor if you have diabetes, liver or kidney problems (renal or hepatic impairment), have ever had heart problems, are allergic to latex or natural dry rubber, or are pregnant or planning to breast-feed. You should also give your doctor a list of all the medicines you take.

### **8. Does Somatuline® Depot have side effects that I should be aware of?**

Like all medicines, Somatuline® Depot can cause side effects. The most commonly reported are<sup>1</sup>:

- Stomach and intestinal problems
- Gallbladder problems, such as gallstones
- Injection-site reactions

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or does not go away.

Please see enclosed patient information for additional information.

### **9. Where do I get Somatuline® Depot?**

Somatuline® Depot is available at retail pharmacies, large specialty pharmacies, hospitals, and clinics.

### **10. Is Somatuline® Depot covered by insurance?**

Most insurance companies are expected to cover Somatuline® Depot.

### **11. How do I store Somatuline® Depot?**

You should store Somatuline® Depot in its original package inside a refrigerator with the temperature set between 36°F and 46°F (2°C and 8°C).<sup>1</sup> Don't freeze or use after the expiration date on the label and box, or if the laminated package is damaged or opened.

### **12. Who can I call for patient assistance or other information?**

Call the TerciCare<sup>SM</sup> reimbursement hotline at **1-866-TERCICA** (1-866-837-2422) for answers to any of your questions about insurance coverage for Somatuline® Depot or where it may be purchased.

For other questions you might have that aren't listed here, please visit our Web site at [www.somatulinedepot.com](http://www.somatulinedepot.com).

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