

# TESTOSTERONE CYPIONATE 100mg/mL Injection

Other names: Depo-Testosterone®



**Important note:** The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

## Why you are taking this medicine?

When natural testosterone levels fall too low, a testosterone injection may be required. DEPO-Testosterone is used for replacement therapy in males in conditions associated with a deficiency or absence of naturally occurring testosterone such as:

- Primary hypogonadism
- Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism

## When to take this medicine

DEPO-Testosterone is a sterile solution (slightly yellowish in appearance) and administered as an intramuscular injection (given deeply into the gluteal muscle – into your buttocks). Your doctor will assess the dose of testosterone required and the duration between injections (usually every 2 to 4 weeks) as this depends on various factors such as your age and diagnosis. There may be some local pain at the site of the injection but this usually does not last very long.

**DO NOT STOP** using this medicine without your doctor's permission.

## Side Effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects on your body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Call your doctor **immediately** if you have any of these side effects:

- water retention or swelling
- yellowing of the eyes or skin
- breast enlargement
- skin rashes
- shortness of breath
- mood changes
- sexual difficulties

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if any of the following occur:

- nausea and vomiting
- acne
- headache
- sweating
- weight gain
- difficulty sleeping
- hot flushes

The list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any side effect is of a concern to you.

### **Other Medication**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicine including herbal or complementary products and medicines you can buy without a prescription.

Testosterone can interfere with other medication, such as:

- Diabetic medication (may require a reduction in dose – reduces blood sugar levels)
- Warfarin (increases sensitivity to warfarin which may require a reduction in dose)

### **Storage**

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

**Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.**