



For the Patient: Clodronate Injection

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BC Cancer Agency

- **Clodronate** (claw-DROE -nate) is a drug that is used to treat the increased amount of calcium in the blood (hypercalcemia) that may occur with some kinds of cancer. It is also used to treat spread of cancer into bones (bone metastases). It is a clear liquid that is injected into a vein.
- Tell your doctor if you have ever had an unusual or **allergic reaction** to alendronate (FOSAMAX®), etidronate (DIDRONEL®, DIDROCAL®), pamidronate (AREDIA®) or zoledronic acid (ZOMETA®) before starting clodronate treatment.
- If you are receiving clodronate for **increased blood calcium**, other drugs such as corticosteroids (eg, dexamethasone, prednisone), phosphate supplements, vitamin D, calcitonin, and diuretics (eg, furosemide) may **interact** with clodronate. Tell your doctor if you are taking these or any other drugs as you may need extra blood tests or your dose may need to be changed. Check with your doctor or pharmacist before you start taking any new drugs.
- The **drinking of alcohol** (in small amounts) does not appear to affect the safety or usefulness of clodronate.
- For women: clodronate may harm the baby if used during pregnancy. It is best to use **birth control** while being treated with clodronate. Tell your doctor right away if you become pregnant. Do not breast feed during treatment.
- **Tell** doctors or dentists that you are being treated with clodronate before you receive any treatment from them.

Side effects are listed in the following table in the order in which they may occur. Tips to help manage the side effects are included.

SIDE EFFECTS	MANAGEMENT
Pain or tenderness may occur where the needle was placed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply cool compresses or soak in cool water for 15-20 minutes several times a day.
Problems with the jaw bone may rarely occur.	Refer to patient information handout <i>Bisphosphonates and Oral Health.</i>

