

NEWLIFE FERTILITY
PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION



Bravelle

Generic Name: urofollitropin (UE roe FOL i TROE pin)

Brand Names: *Bravelle*

What is Bravelle (urofollitropin)?

Urofollitropin is a purified form of a hormone called follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH). FSH is important in the development of follicles (eggs) that are produced by the ovaries in women.

Urofollitropin is used to treat infertility in women whose own natural FSH is not sufficient in stimulating follicles to mature. Urofollitropin also is used to help the ovaries produce multiple eggs for use in "in vitro" fertilization.

Urofollitropin may also be used for other purposes not listed in this medication guide.

What is the most important information I should know about Bravelle (urofollitropin)?

Some women using this medicine have developed a condition called ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS). This syndrome may be more likely to occur within the first 10 days after receiving the last dose in a treatment cycle. OHSS can be a life-threatening condition. Call your doctor right away if you have any symptoms of OHSS: severe pelvic pain, swelling of the hands or legs, stomach pain and swelling, shortness of breath, weight gain, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, and urinating less than usual.

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How should I use Bravelle (urofollitropin)?

Use this medication exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Do not use it in larger amounts or for longer than recommended. Follow the directions on your prescription label.

Urofollitropin is given as an injection under the skin or into a muscle. Your doctor, nurse, or other healthcare provider will give you this injection. You may be shown how to inject your medicine at home. Do not self-inject this medicine if you do not fully understand how to give the injection and properly dispose of used needles and syringes.

Urofollitropin comes as a powder and liquid (diluent) that must be mixed together before you draw your dose into a syringe.

Do not shake the mixture. Vigorous shaking can ruin the medicine. Do not draw your urofollitropin dose into a syringe until you are ready to give yourself an injection. Do not use the medication if it does not clear after mixing, or if it has any particles in it. Call your doctor for a new prescription.

After giving the injection, throw away any portion of the mixed medicine that is not used right away. Do not save it for later use.

Use each disposable needle only one time. Throw away used needles in a puncture-proof container (ask your pharmacist where you can get one and how to dispose of it). Keep this container out of the reach of children and pets.

To be sure this medication is helping your condition, your doctor will need to check you on a regular basis. Do not miss any scheduled appointments.

Infertility is often treated with a combination of different drugs. For best results, use all of your medications as directed by your doctor. Be sure to read the

Bravelle (urofollitropin) side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have any of these signs of an allergic reaction: hives; difficulty breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat. Some women using this medicine have developed a condition called ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS). This syndrome may be more likely to occur within the first 10 days after receiving the last dose in a treatment cycle. OHSS can be a life-threatening condition. Stop using urofollitropin and call your doctor at once if you have any symptoms of OHSS:

- severe pelvic pain;
- swelling of your hands or legs;
- stomach pain and swelling;
- shortness of breath;
- weight gain;
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea; or
- urinating less than usual.

Less serious side effects may include:

- mild stomach upset, constipation;
- mild pelvic pain, cramps;
- breast tenderness;
- skin rash;
- hot flashes;
- acne; or
- pain, swelling, redness, itching, or irritation where the medicine was injected.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Tell your doctor about any unusual or bothersome side effect.

What other drugs will affect Bravelle (urofollitropin)?

There may be other drugs that can interact with urofollitropin. Tell your doctor about all your prescription and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, minerals, herbal products, and drugs prescribed by other doctors. Do not start a new medication without telling your doctor.