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Drug Treatment - Endocrinology Patient Information Leaflet

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About your treatment

When we choose to take a drug we are trying to balance likely benefits against potential side effects.

Every drug can cause side effects: some common and predictable; others rare, possibly even affecting only us and something that is acceptable to one person may be intolerable to someone else.

We expect that you discussed your treatment at your appointment and we expect that you were given the opportunity to ask questions.

There is a very detailed description of the drug in the leaflet that comes with it. Please read that leaflet before taking the medicine.

What I should know

For each drug you take, you should know:

- The name of the drug
- What the drug is for
- How the drug is expected to benefit you
- Common or serious side-effects (specific to you)
- Your dose and when you must take it
- The duration of the treatment

If you are unsure

If there is anything you do not understand; or you feel unsure about whether the drug is right for you, please discuss it with your doctor or practice nurse ideally **before** starting the treatment.

What should I do if I become unwell?

Some drugs should be stopped if you become unwell, (for example with diarrhoea), others must be continued.

If in doubt, ask your GP or practice nurse or ask NHS 111.

What should I do if I feel the drug is not working or it is causing unacceptable side effects?

Because some drugs should not be stopped suddenly, it is better to contact your GP or practice nurse or NHS 111 urgently before you stop the drug.

Sometimes your GP or practice nurse will be able to reassure you, sometimes they will be able to prescribe an alternative treatment immediately and sometimes you may need further assessment, possibly even an appointment with a specialist.

You can report suspected drug side effects to the medicines regulator (MHRA) by going online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/yellowcard> or by telephoning:

0808 100 3352.