



**IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION PLEASE READ**

**PATIENT REMINDER CARD**

Patient Name:  
Doctor Name:  
Telephone:  
Date treatment started:

**This reminder card contains important safety information that you need to be aware of before and during treatment with:**

- **Zoledronic Acid Hospira 4 mg/5 ml concentrate for solution for infusion**
- **Zoledronic Acid Hospira 4 mg/100 ml solution for infusion**
- **Zoledronic Acid Hospira 5 mg/100 ml solution for infusion**

Your doctor has recommended that you receive Zoledronic Acid Hospira 4 mg/5 ml concentrate for solution for infusion or Zoledronic Acid Hospira 4 mg/100 ml solution for infusion, which are used to prevent bone complications in adult patients with bone metastases, and to reduce the amount of calcium in the blood in adult patients where it is too high due to the presence of a tumour.

Zoledronic Acid Hospira 5 mg/100 ml solution for infusion is used to treat Paget's disease of the bone in adults. This disease involves thinning and weakening of the bones so they may break more easily.

A side effect called osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ) (severe bone damage in the jaw) has been reported very rarely in patients receiving zoledronic acid for osteoporosis. ONJ can also occur after stopping treatment.

It is important to try and prevent ONJ developing as it is a painful condition that can be difficult to treat. In order to reduce the risk of developing ONJ, there are some precautions you should take:

**Before starting treatment:** Tell your doctor/nurse (healthcare professional) if you have any problems with your mouth or teeth. Your doctor may ask you to undergo a dental examination if you:

- were previously treated with another medication being a bisphosphonate
- are taking medicines called corticosteroids (such as prednisolone or dexamethasone)
- are a smoker
- have cancer
- have not had a dental check up for a long time
- have problems with your mouth or teeth

**While being treated:**

- You should maintain good oral hygiene, brush your teeth regularly and receive routine dental check-ups. If you wear dentures you should make sure these fit properly.
- If you are under dental treatment or will undergo dental surgery (e.g. tooth extractions), inform your doctor and tell your dentist that you are being treated with zoledronic acid.
- Contact your doctor and dentist immediately if you experience any problems with your mouth or teeth such as loose teeth, pain or swelling, or non-healing of sores or discharge, as these could be signs of osteonecrosis of the jaw.

Please read the package leaflet that comes with your medicine for further information.

**Please discuss any side effects you get during treatment with your doctor. You can also report side effects directly, reporting forms and information can be found at [www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal](http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal). Side effects should also be reported to the local distributor Drugsales Ltd (email [safety@drugsalesltd.com](mailto:safety@drugsalesltd.com) Tel: +356 21419070/1/2) or directly to Hospira UK Ltd. Telephone Medical Information: +44 0800 088 5133**