

FILGRASTIM

- Also known as G-CSF, Neupogen®, Grastofil®
- Available as 300mcg or 480mcg prefilled syringes for injection

What does the medication look like?



What is this medication for?

- Your anti-rejection, antiviral, antibiotic or combination of these medications may decrease your white blood cells. This decreases your body's ability to fight infection. Filgrastim tells your bone marrow to make more white blood cells and decrease your risk of infections.

How should I take this medication?

Your white blood cell counts determine how much filgrastim you need. Usually you receive a daily injection for 3 days and a white blood cell count is repeated afterward to ensure you have received just the right amount.

This medication is usually given every day for 3 days	Your medication dates & time: _____
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- Filgrastim may be given subcutaneously (injected under the skin). Your clinic nurse can show you how to administer the medication under the skin at home.

Missed Dose or Vomited Dose:

If you miss a dose, take your medication as soon as you remember and then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not double or take extra doses.

If you are to come into the clinic to get the injection, it is important that you come at your regular time and not miss days. The medication will not work properly if you miss injections and the missed doses will not be “made up” by giving extra.

What are some possible side effects of this medication?

Side Effect	Management
Irritation at injection site	May resolve; your doctor may suggest an over-the-counter painkiller or cold compresses.
Bone, joint or muscle pain	Regular blood work will be done to check your white blood cell counts. because you will experience more side effects if overused.
Headache, flu-like symptoms	May resolve; your doctor may suggest an over-the-counter painkiller.