How does this medication work?

Enfuvirtide is an antiretroviral drug that acts by preventing the fusion of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) with the cells of our immune system (CD4+ T lymphocytes).

Enfuvirtide is used in combination with other antiretroviral drugs to slow progression of the disease and reduce the risk of opportunistic infections (AIDS-related infections).

Enfuvirtide does not cure AIDS nor kill the virus. There is a permanent risk of transmitting HIV either through sexual or blood contact. It is therefore essential that precautions always be taken (latex condoms, clean syringes, etc.).

Fertile women must use an effective means of birth control.

How do I take this medication?

Your dosage

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<td>Inject 90 mg (1 mL) under the skin</td>
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The sites for injection are the abdomen, upper thighs or upper arms because there is enough fatty tissue under the skin to allow you to pinch enough skin to give the injection correctly. Do not inject into the same area as you did the time before. Do not inject in or near bumps or any other types of reactions from past injections. Also, do not inject into moles, scars, bruises, your belly button or areas that could be irritated by a belt or waistband.

For complete instructions for the preparation and injection of enfuvirtide, read the "Fuzeon administration guide" provided with the medication. You can also download the guide from www.hivmedicationguide.com/Pamphlets.htm

After the injection of enfuvirtide, it is important that you dispose of your used syringes in the container provided by the company.

It is important to take your antiretroviral medicine properly - i.e. never forget a dose, follow the instructions on how to take the medicine, and always keep on with your treatment.

It is important to take enfuvirtide regularly, at the same time each day, and to keep to this schedule as closely as possible. Adherence to therapy will help prevent resistance (HIV’s ability to recognize and defeat the effect of the medication) and avoid treatment failure (loss of efficacy of the antiretroviral treatment), which would result in an increased viral load and a lower number of CD4 cells, which are the ones that help your body fight infection.

Nearly everyone tends to relax their compliance with the treatment at some point. The key to success is motivation. Consult members of your care team so that they can explain the benefits of the treatment you are having. They can also suggest ways that will help you maintain it properly.

Unless you are having serious side effects, never stop your treatment without first speaking to your doctor. See section below.
What if I forget to take a dose?

Take the dose you missed as soon as possible, and then continue with your regular schedule.

If it is nearly time for your next dose, however, just take that one at the usual time. Do not double up doses.

What are the side effects of this medication?

A) Normal reaction that will disappear or can be treated.
Continue your treatment.

Almost all people get injection site reactions. Reactions are usually mild to moderate but occasionally may be severe. Reactions on the skin where enfuvirtide is injected include: itching, swelling, redness, pain or tenderness, hardened skin, and bumps. These reactions usually happen within the first week of treatment and can happen again as you keep using enfuvirtide. A reaction at one skin injection site usually last for less than 7 days but may persist for 14 days. Injection site reactions may be worse when injections are given again in the same place on the body, or when the injection is deeper than it should be (for example, into the muscle). To decrease the risk of infection, it is important to follow the instructions provided in your guide of administration provided by the company.

B) Contact your doctor.
Continue your treatment.

If the reaction is severe. If you have a discharge, a feeling of warmth, swelling, redness or intense pain at the injection site that limit your activities or necessitate pain medication. If the injection site reaction does not disappear within 7 to 10 days.

C) See your doctor immediately.

Allergic reaction: symptoms of a serious allergic reaction can include; trouble breathing, fever with vomiting and a skin rash, blood in your urine and, swelling of your feet.

Other side effects can include: pain and numbness in feet or legs, loss of sleep, decreased appetite, muscle pain, weakness, constipation and, depression.

Can I take enfuvirtide with my other medications?

It is unlikely that enfuvirtide interacts with other medications.

Nevertheless, consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking any new prescription or non-prescription medication, natural product or recreational drug.

Can I drink alcohol if I’m on enfuvirtide?

Avoid excessive or regular consumption of alcohol (beer, wine or hard liquor); alcohol can interact with some of your medications.

However, do not miss a dose of your medication because you want to have an alcoholic drink. Unless your doctor tells you otherwise, reasonable (social) consumption should not damage your health.
What if I’m pregnant or breast-feeding?

We still do not know the effect of enfuvirtide in pregnant women. Talk to your doctor if you want to take enfuvirtide and are pregnant or want to become pregnant.

Since the virus can be transmitted through maternal milk, breast-feeding is not recommended in HIV-positive women.

Storage

Keep the vial with the dry powder of enfuvirtide in a dry place, at room temperature (15-30°C or 59-86°F).

The vial with the dry powder mixed with sterile water for injection can be kept in the fridge for a maximum of 24 hours.

Keep out of sight and reach of children.

General Advice

Always keep your appointments with your doctor and the care team, so that your health can be closely monitored.

If you have any questions about your medications or need help to schedule when to take them, please contact your doctor or pharmacist, who is familiar with what you are taking.

Contact person: __________________________

Telephone: __________________________