

DEPO PROVERA

(Medoxyprogesterone Acetate 150mg/1ml)

What is Depo-Provera?

Depo-Provera is a contraceptive injection that prevents pregnancy. The injection provides effective birth control for 3 months. The injection is given into a muscle. The injection is usually given during the first 5 days after the start of a menstrual period or 6 weeks after delivery of a baby and is administered by your health care professional. You must get an injection once every 3 months to maintain birth control. If you wait longer than 3 months between injections you will need to use another form of birth control as you could fall pregnant.

Side Effects

There are a number of contraindications to having these injections. Check with your health care provider if you are concerned regarding existing medical conditions. You should advise your health care provider of your current medications and any existing medical conditions you may have before proceeding.

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible include:

- Acne
- Fluid retention
- Headache
- Irregular periods, spotting, or absent periods
- Temporary pain, itching, or skin reaction at site where injected.
- Weight gain
- Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips or tongue
- Breast tenderness and discharge
- Changes in vision
- depression

Use of this product may cause you to lose calcium from your bones.