

Medication Information

Low Molecular Weight Heparin

Other names for this medication

Dalteparin: Fragmin[®]

Enoxaparin: Lovenox[®]

Tinzaparin: Innohep[®]

There are many other names for this medication.

How this medication is used

This medication is used to prevent or treat blood clots.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. This medication is given by needle just under the skin. This is called subcutaneous injection. You will need to take the injection 1 or 2 times a day.

This medication can be given at home by yourself or a caregiver, once you and your caregiver learn how to give the injection.

Some people may need a nurse to give the injections.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is within hours before the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Dispose of vials and used needles in a puncture resistant container. Needles must never be reused.

Do not refrigerate or freeze this medication.

How to take this medication (continued)

Tell all doctors, dentists and health care providers that you are taking Low Molecular Weight Heparin before they make any changes in your care or medications.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist about all the medications you take, even the ones you buy without a prescription. Always check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking any new medications, vitamins or topical products.

Avoid activities that could cause you to severely bruise or cut yourself.

While taking this medication you may notice

- mild bruising
- pain or redness at the injection site

To avoid bruising, use a different site each time you inject the medication and apply gentle pressure after each injection. Do not rub.

Contact your doctor if you notice

- signs of bleeding, such as sudden or excessive bruising, nosebleeds, black or bloody stools or red urine
- skin rash
- breathing problems