Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
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EVOLOCUMAB

ev-oh-lok-yoo-mab

What does it do?

Evolocumab is used to lower cholesterol. This reduces your chance of having a stroke, heart attack, and other related problems.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you use it?

Inject *evolocumab* under the skin regularly as directed, usually in the stomach, thigh or upper arm.
To make the injection more comfortable, you can take it out of the fridge at least 30 minutes before you inject it.
Choose a new place to inject each time so that you do not become sore in one area.
You, or the person giving the injections, will be given training on how to use them. Click here for a video on how to use *evolocumab*.

What if you forget a dose?

Inject the missed dose as soon as you remember, then continue a new schedule from that day.

Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Irritation or pain at injection site	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Keep *evolocumab* in the fridge. You can store it at room temperature for up to 30 days after you take it out of the fridge. Keep it in the box to protect from light.
- *Evolocumab* is not registered for use in New Zealand. Discuss with your doctor.