

Denosumab (Prolia[®])

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This medicine is used to treat thinning bones (osteoporosis).

The medicine is not a cure, but it can help slow down bone thinning.

How Is It Given?

This medicine is given as a shot (injection). It is given every 6 months.

What Side Effects May Occur?

This is a partial list of the side effects you may have with this medicine. You may have some, all or none of those listed, or you may have other side effects not listed. Most side effects last only a short time.

Common:

- rash
- itchy or dry skin
- bone, muscle or joint pain.

Less common:

A less common side effect is low blood calcium which can cause:

- jaw pain which can be worse after you visit the dentist
- muscle cramps or weakness
- tingling in hands or feet
- tingling around the mouth.

Special Notes

- This medicine may cause you to get infections more easily. Talk with your health care provider if you have a fever or think you have an infection.
- To help build your bones you should also take calcium and vitamin D. Talk with your health care provider or pharmacist about the amount of each that is right for you.
- Do not take if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Your health care provider will monitor how well this medicine is working by testing your bone mineral density. This test is done every 1 to 3 years.
- Talk with your doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicine (prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, herbals or natural products).
- **Do not stop taking this medicine on your own.** Talk with your health care provider first. He or she may have other medicines for you to try.

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When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you:

- are pregnant or you plan to become pregnant
- have a fever or think you might have an infection
- have tingling in your hands, feet or around your mouth.
- have sudden pain in your jaw
- get muscle or joint weakness
- get muscle or joint pain.

Talk with your health care provider or pharmacist for more complete drug information.