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# **SEMAGLUTIDE (COMPOUNDED) WITH VITAMIN B12 PATIENT EDUCATION**

MEDICATION TYPE: Weekly injectable medication

PRESCRIBED FOR: Weight management, blood sugar control in type 2 diabetes, or as directed by your provider.

### WHAT IS THIS MEDICATION?

Semaglutide is a peptide-based medication that mimics a natural hormone (GLP-1) involved in regulating blood sugar, reducing appetite, and slowing digestion. It supports weight loss and helps stabilize glucose levels.

**Vitamin B12** is added to support energy metabolism and may help reduce nausea or discomfort at the injection site in some patients.

#### **HOW TO USE**

- Inject once weekly, on the same day each week.
- Administer subcutaneously (under the skin) in the abdomen, thigh, or upper arm.
- Rotate injection sites each week to minimize irritation.
- Do not mix with other medications unless advised by your provider.

### **STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS**

- Store in the refrigerator at 36°F-46°F (2°C-8°C).
- Do not freeze.

#### **COMMON SIDE EFFECTS**

- Nausea or decreased appetite
- · Constipation or diarrhea
- Mild injection site redness or discomfort

These side effects are common and usually improve over time.

# SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS (CONTACT YOUR PROVIDER IMMEDIATELY)

- Severe stomach pain (especially if persistent or with vomiting)
- Signs of an allergic reaction (swelling, rash, difficulty breathing)
- Vision changes or dizziness
- Yellowing of the skin or eyes

## **IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS**

- Not recommended during pregnancy or breastfeeding unless approved by your provider.
- Notify your provider if you have or have had:
  - o Pancreatitis
  - o Gallbladder issues
  - o Kidney disease
  - o Personal or family history of thyroid cancer
- Do not use alongside other medications in the same class unless directed.

#### **HELPFUL TIPS**

- Eat smaller meals and avoid high-fat foods to reduce nausea.
- Stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Keep a log of your weight, side effects, and weekly injection dates.
- Contact your provider if you miss more than one dose or experience ongoing issues.

### **QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP**

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