

## Immune Treatment Programme Drugs' Common Side Effects Patient Information Leaflet

The prescribing doctor believes that this medicine would work well for your condition even though it is licensed for a different condition – when a medicine is used for a condition not stated in its licence, it is said to be "unlicensed"

## Fragmin

Fragmin belongs to a group of medicines called low molecular weight heparins, which helps prevent the formation of blood clots by thinning the blood. It is widely used in pregnancy for reducing the risk of blood clots in the mother and in conditions associated with baby growth restriction.

**Indication:** Routine with IVF/ICSI and in cases of abnormal thrombophilia.

**Dose:** 5000 units subcutaneous injection usually taken between 6-9pm. Duration of medication is decided on a case by case basis.

**Caution:** Hepatic and renal impairment; pregnancy; hypersensitivity to low molecular weight heparins

**Side-effects:** Haemorrhage, skin necrosis, low platelets, high potassium, hypersensitivity reactions (including urticaria, angioedema and anaphylaxis); osteoporosis after prolonged use (and rarely alopecia).

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