

## **Cetrotide .25 mg**

### **This medication should be refrigerated**

This medication comes with 1 vial of powder, a syringe filled with diluent, a long needle and a shorter needle

Flip the cap off of the vial of powder and wipe the rubber stopper with alcohol

**If you are using Gonal-F Pen or Follistim Pen, as well, only inject ½ of syringe of saline then inject the Gonal-F pen or Follistim into the vial of Cetrotide after.**

Remove the white cap from the syringe of diluent and replace it with the longer needle

Inject only enough of the diluent into the vial of powder to dissolve it (swirl, don't shake the contents) and discard the rest of the diluent

(inject the diluent into the vial slowly when powder is completely dissolved remove needle and squirt out the rest of the diluent into the sink) insert needle back into the vial

Invert the vial, withdraw all the liquid (make sure the tip of your needle is as close as possible to the rubber stopper, you should be able to visualize the tip of the needle through the break in the rubber stopper)

Remove the needle from the vial; hold the syringe with the needle pointing up

Pull back on the plunger to clear the needle of any liquid

Remove the 1 ½" needle and replace it with a ½" needle

With the needle pointing up, gently press on the plunger until a drop appears at the tip of the needle

Snap on any air bubbles to remove them (snap out what you can and do not worry about the rest they will not hurt you)

Inject subcutaneously into the fatty tissue

Cleanse the area approximately 2 inches on either side of the navel with alcohol, let the alcohol dry (do not blow on it)

Take a pinch of fatty tissue

Hold the syringe like a pencil or a dart, the needle should be approximately 1 inch away from the skin, insert the needle quickly into skin (not hard but quick)

Let go of the pinch and inject the medication (it does not matter how quickly you inject the medication)

Remove the needle and place entire syringe into a sharps container

***If you have any questions please contact Patient Educational Services at 781-434-6524***