

# Self-Administration Guide for Fragmin Subcutaneous Injections

## Patient Information

Surgical Admissions Lounge



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## Introduction

Following your admission, your Hospital Doctor has prescribed you to have 28 days of Fragmin injections from the day of your surgery.

Fragmin is given to reduce the risk of developing a blood clot before or after an operation.

Please read and observe this leaflet carefully to support you in self-administering Fragmin Subcutaneous Injections safely and effectively.

Fragmin Injections may cause mild pain, bruising and/or a burning, itchy sensation to the skin.

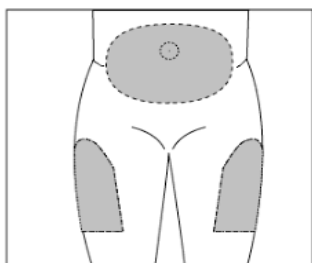
**Any other side effects should be checked with your GP/Pharmacist.**

## Be aware!

- Fragmin injections should be given at the same time every day.
- Always alternate the injection sites daily from left to right of the navel, or in the outer aspect of your thigh.
- There is a small air bubble in the syringe - this serves a purpose and should not be expelled prior to use.

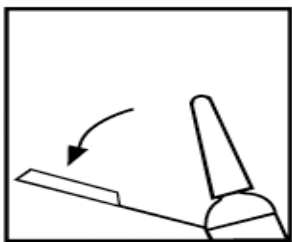
## Step By Step Guide to Self-Administer Fragmin

1. Have the syringe and sharps box ready.
2. Choose the site of injection. Left or right side of navel. Ensure that area is clean and dry. No alcohol wipe is necessary.

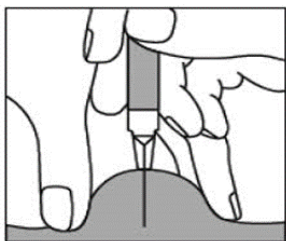


3. Remove the syringe from the packaging.

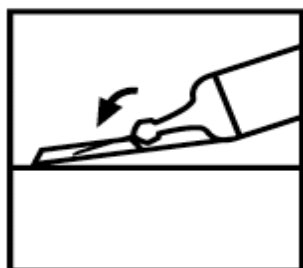
4. Pull back orange safety needle trap from the grey needle cap.



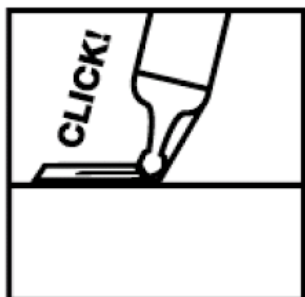
5. Pull off the protective rubber grey needle cap.



6. Administer injection into chosen site at a 90-degree angle, whilst pinching the skin. \*In slim/muscular patients, a 45-degree angle can be used.



7. Once the syringe is empty, withdraw from the skin, and press the syringe to a hard surface to close the orange safety cap over the needle point. Dispose of syringe following step 7 in the yellow sharps bin provided by the hospital. Once the course is completed, you may hand your yellow bin into your local pharmacy /hospital.



My injections need to be administered the same time every day at:

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**Use the day chart below each day. After injecting, mark with an X.**

| Wk | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|----|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1  |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |
| 2  |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |
| 3  |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |
| 4  |     |      |     |       |     |     |     |

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### **Orrell Ward**

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## Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

## Contact Us

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## Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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## How We Use Your Information

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