

## Department of Urology

# About Caverject

You have been taught how to use Caverject. Please read the patient information leaflet enclosed with your supply of Caverject Dual Chamber before you use the treatment at home. If you have problems using Caverject Dual Chamber you should stop using the treatment and using the number on your appointment letter contact the hospital to make an appointment to be seen in the Erectile Dysfunction Clinic. Alternatively contact the Hospital on 024 7696 4000 and ask to speak to your consultant's secretary to make this appointment.

## **Please be aware of the following side effects if you are using Caverject:**

### **An Erection which lasts too long**

Although rare, this complication could be serious. If you have an erection which lasts up to four hours, the following action may help to relieve the problem:

- Leg exercise such as running up and down stairs, performing knee bends or cycling may help to disperse the blood which has collected in your penis.
- Applying ice packs to your inner thighs may also help the blood to disperse.



## Patient Information

**You must seek medical help if an erection lasts for more than four hours.**

Either: Ring the hospital on 024 7696 4000 and ask to speak to the Urology Registrar on call. Or: Attend Accident and Emergency at University Hospital, Walsgrave.

### **Fainting/Low blood pressure**

Caverject may cause dizziness. If affected, avoid driving or operating machinery.

### **Contraception**

Adequate contraception should be used if your female partner can still have children.

### **Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

Caverject Dual Chamber does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases. You should use a latex condom to protect against these diseases.

### **Side Effects**

Bruising, redness and swelling of the penis can sometimes occur. Some men get lumps at the injection site. If these problems persist or you are worried about them, talk to your GP.

### **General Health**

If there are any changes in your health (such as heart disease or high blood pressure) since you started using Caverject ask your GP whether you should continue to use it.

# Patient Information

## Frequency of use

Caverject should not be used more than three times each week and you should leave 24 hours between injections. It should not be used with any other drug to treat your erection problem.

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 5296 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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