

## **Aclasta (zoledronic acid)**

Information for patients, relatives and carers

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### **Information about Aclasta**

Aclasta is from a group of drugs called Bisphosphonates.

\*\* If you are already taking the following medication: Alendronic acid, Risedronate, Ibandronate or Denosumab \*\* Please speak to your referring Consultant or Specialist nurse \*\*

These are bone strengthening drugs which help to prevent calcium from leaking out of the bones. It also helps to strengthen your bones and reduce pain.

Prior to attending the Medical Elective Services (MES) you are required to have a blood sample taken and a form should be enclosed for this purpose.

Your Aclasta will be given by the Nurses on MES. Once you have been admitted a cannula will be inserted into a vein in your arm. The Aclasta will be infused through this over 15 to 30 minutes. A saline flush is then administered post infusion.

### **Common side effects**

Common side effects reported include flu-like symptoms which could last up to two days. You may also experience worsening bone pain at the start of treatment. This should improve after a few days. If the pain persists contact your doctor. You can eat and drink as normal throughout the infusion. Following a short observation period your cannula will be removed and you will be discharged home. A nurse will give you any further appointments you may require on MES.

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