# How to inject

Menopur<sup>®</sup> (menotropins for injection)

Step-by-step instructions for preparing and injecting MENOPUR in the comfort of your own home

Your healthcare provider (HCP) has prescribed MENOPUR for the ovarian stimulation part of your in vitro fertilization (IVF) journey. Always take MENOPUR exactly as directed by your HCP.



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- Wash your hands well with soap and water
- Dry your hands with a clean towel
- Set out all the supplies you'll need on a clean surface



There are different types of needles for injections. Your HCP will tell you which kind of needle to use.







## INSPECT

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- Check:
  - Your MENOPUR® (menotropins for injection) vial(s) to make sure there is powder or a pellet inside. Be sure to look closely, because it's a small amount and might be difficult to see. If you don't see it, it could be stuck at the top of the vial. Try gently tapping on the vial with your finger to release it
  - The 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP vial to make sure the liquid is clear and free of particles
  - The Q•Cap blister pack package to make sure it is intact



If any of these items do not pass inspection, do not use the item. Call your pharmacist or healthcare provider for assistance.







# MIX

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- Remove the plastic caps from the vials of MENOPUR® and 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP
- Wipe the tops of the vials with an alcohol pad and allow them to dry.
   Do not touch the tops of the vials after you have wiped them
- Place the vial of 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP on your surface
- Open the Q•Cap blister pack by peeling back the lid. Do not take the Q•Cap out of the blister pack at this time, and do not touch the spike or connector ends of the Q•Cap

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- Hold the 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP vial in one hand
- With your other hand, hold the sides of the Q•Cap blister pack, turn the blister pack over, and place it on top of the vial
- Push the Q•Cap straight down into the rubber stopper of the vial until the spike pierces the top of the vial and snaps into place. If the Q•Cap falls out of the blister pack, throw it away and use a new one
- Remove the blister pack and discard it. Do not touch the connector end of the Q•Cap
- Draw air into the syringe by pulling down on the syringe plunger rod until
  you have reached the line that corresponds to the amount of 0.9% Sodium
  Chloride, USP that your healthcare provider told you to use (typically 1 mL).
   Be very careful not to touch the syringe plunger during this step
- Place the tip of the syringe into the connector end of the Q•Cap
- Twist the syringe clockwise until it is tight. Be careful not to overtighten the syringe
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- Slowly push down on the syringe plunger to push air from the syringe into the vial
- Keeping the syringe and Q•Cap together, turn the vial upside down and pull
  down on the syringe plunger to withdraw the right amount of 0.9% Sodium
  Chloride, USP from the vial. Your healthcare provider should tell you the right
  amount of 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP to use (typically 1 mL)
- Separate the Q•Cap and syringe from the vial by pulling up on the syringe barrel. **Be careful not to remove the Q•Cap**
- Discard your 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP vial



- Hold the vial of MENOPUR powder in one hand
- Hold the sides of the syringe with your other hand and place the tip of the Q•Cap over the top of the vial
- Push the tip of the Q•Cap into the rubber stopper of the vial until it stops and snaps into place. Be careful not to push down on the syringe plunger during this step









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- Slowly push down on the syringe plunger to push the 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP into the vial with the MENOPUR powder in it
- Gently swirl the vial until the MENOPUR powder is completely dissolved.
   Do not shake the vial, as this will cause air bubbles



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- As soon as the powder has completely dissolved, push the plunger down to empty any remaining air from the syringe, then turn the vial upside down and pull down on the plunger to withdraw all of the MENOPUR into the syringe
- Be careful not to pull the plunger stopper all the way out of the syringe barrel



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- If your healthcare provider tells you to use more than one vial of MENOPUR:
  - Mix your first vial of MENOPUR powder with 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP, but do not inject your dose yet
  - Use the liquid in the syringe you have just mixed to mix the next vial of MENOPUR, repeating steps 4 through 7 for each additional vial of MENOPUR you need to mix. Note that you can use the liquid in the syringe to mix up to 5 more vials of MENOPUR. Your healthcare provider will tell you how many vials of MENOPUR to use





Keep in mind that the more vials you mix, the more concentrated the solution will become, meaning the mixture will appear less watery.

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- When you have finished mixing the last vial needed for your injection and have withdrawn all the medicine into the syringe, remove the syringe from the Q•Cap by twisting the syringe counterclockwise while holding the Q•Cap steady
- Discard the Q•Cap with the attached vial
- While holding the syringe with the syringe tip pointing up, place the needle on the top of the syringe
- Gently push down on the needle and twist it onto the syringe in a clockwise direction until it is tight. Do not remove the needle cap until you are ready for your injection
- Carefully set the syringe with the needle down on your surface





# INJECT

 Select a site on your abdomen, 1-2 inches below the navel, to inject MENOPUR®



Choose a different injection site each day, alternating between the left and right sides of your lower abdomen, to help reduce soreness and skin irritation

Clean the site with an alcohol pad and let it air-dry



- Carefully remove the needle cap from the syringe
  - Hold the syringe with the needle pointing straight up
  - Pull down slightly on the plunger and tap the barrel of the syringe so that any air bubbles rise to the top
  - Slowly press the plunger up until all the air is out of the syringe and a small drop of liquid is seen at the tip of the needle
  - Tap the syringe to remove the small drop of liquid at the tip of the needle. Do not let the needle touch anything, so that it remains sterile



- Hold the syringe in one hand
  - With your other hand, gently pinch a fold of skin where you will insert the needle
  - Hold your skin between your thumb and index finger
  - Hold the syringe at a 90-degree angle to your skin
  - Quickly insert the needle all the way into your skin fold. You might feel a small pinch or stinging sensation
  - Push down the plunger of the syringe with a steady motion and keep pushing until all the fluid is injected into your skin
  - Release the skin fold and pull the needle straight out of your skin



- If there is any bleeding at your injection site, place a gauze pad over it and apply gentle pressure to stop the bleeding. Do not rub the site
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If your injection site becomes sore or red, place ice on your injection site for 1 minute, take it off for 3 minutes, and repeat 3 or 4 times if needed







### **CLEAN UP**

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- Put your used needles and syringes in an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container right away after use. Do not throw away loose needles and syringes in your household trash
- Discard the rest of your debris (empty vials, packaging, gauze, etc) in your household trash





Please see Patient Information and Instructions for Use if you do not have an FDA-cleared sharps container and for additional information on proper disposal of your sharps container





Visit **MENOPUR.com** for more information about MENOPUR, including a helpful step-by-step video of this guide.





### **MENOPUR®** (menotropins for injection)

MENOPUR® (menotropins for injection) is a prescription medicine that contains hormones. MENOPUR contains follicle stimulating hormone and luteinizing hormone activity. These hormones stimulate healthy ovaries to make eggs. MENOPUR is used for women who need medical help to get pregnant. Your doctor may prescribe more than one medicine as part of a pregnancy plan.

#### **Important Safety Information**

- Do not use MENOPUR if you: have ovaries that are not able to make eggs even with the use of hormones, are pregnant or think you may be pregnant, have problems with your thyroid gland or adrenal gland that are not controlled by taking medicine, have tumors in your female organs (including breasts), have a tumor of your pituitary gland or any other tumor in your brain, or have heavy or irregular vaginal bleeding and the cause is not known. Do not use MENOPUR if you have a known previous allergic reaction to these medications.
- MENOPUR may cause serious side effects. They sometimes stimulate the ovaries too much. This is called
  ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS) and can be a serious medical problem. OHSS may cause pelvic
  pain or breathing problems, or it may make you urinate less. In rare cases, patients with this problem have
  had serious lung problems. MENOPUR can also cause blood clots and strokes. Call your doctor or get
  medical help right away if you have: severe pelvic pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sudden weight gain,
  trouble breathing, or decreased or no urination.
- MENOPUR may cause pregnancies with twins or more than two babies at the same time, miscarriages, birth defects, and pregnancies located outside the uterus.
- Do not use MENOPUR if you are nursing.
- The most common side effects with MENOPUR are headache, stomach pain, and upset stomach. Sometimes there is an injection-site reaction that can cause bruising, pain, or redness.

These are not all the possible side effects of MENOPUR. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088, or you can call Ferring Pharmaceuticals at 1-888-FERRING.

Please <u>click here</u> for full Prescribing Information, including Patient Information, for MENOPUR.





