# BC Cancer Protocol Summary for Therapy for Prostate Cancer using LHRH Agonist (Goserelin or Leuprolide)

Protocol Code GUPLHRH

Tumour Group Genitourinary

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## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Patients must have:

- Locally advanced\* or metastatic prostate adenocarcinoma and decline orchiectomy, or
- Locally advanced\* prostate adenocarcinoma to be treated in combination with radiation therapy or brachytherapy
- \* Local disease with intermediate or high risk features

#### TESTS:

If clinically indicated: PSA

## TREATMENT:

goserelin long acting (ZOLADEX) (ZOLADEX LA)	<ul> <li>3.6 mg subcutaneous every month <i>or</i></li> <li>10.8 mg subcutaneous every 3 months</li> </ul>
OR	
leuprolide long acting	
(LUPRON DEPOT)	<ul> <li>7.5 mg IM every month, or</li> <li>22.5 mg IM every 3 months, or</li> <li>30 mg IM every 4 months, or</li> </ul>
(ELIGARD)	<ul> <li>7.5 mg subcutaneous every month, or</li> <li>22.5 mg subcutaneous every 3 months, or</li> <li>30 mg subcutaneous every 4 months, or</li> <li>45 mg subcutaneous every 6 months</li> </ul>

Duration: Depends on the indication for medical orchiectomy.

## SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

In order to cover for the disease flare during the first few days when the testosterone level may be elevated, patients should receive a non-steroidal or steroidal anti-androgen for one month.

#### SIDE EFFECTS:

Hot flushing, impotence, gynecomastia, erythema and irritation of the injection site. Muscle weakness and weight gain. Adverse CNS effects occur in 3% or more patients, including dizziness, pain, headache and paresthesias. Mood changes. Prolonged suppression of testosterone may occur in the elderly (over 75 years) and with the longer lasting preparations. Long-term use accelerates osteoporosis.

Call Dr. Kollmannsberger or tumour group delegate at (604) 877-6000 or 1-800-663-3333 with any problems or questions regarding this treatment program.