

# PATIENT ACCESS PROGRAMME

## A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS TAKING FASLODEX

Your doctor has recommended that you take FASLODEX (fulvestrant) for the treatment of your breast cancer. At this stage, FASLODEX is not reimbursed by the Australian government's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

AstraZeneca (the manufacturer of FASLODEX) has introduced the FASLODEX Patient Access Programme to reduce the financial impact on patients prescribed FASLODEX. Your doctor would like to enrol you in this programme so that you can receive a proportion of your treatment free of charge.

This leaflet provides information about FASLODEX and the FASLODEX Patient Access Programme. The information in this leaflet does not replace the advice provided by the doctors and nurses caring for you.

## WHAT DOES THE FASLODEX PATIENT ACCESS PROGRAMME OFFER?

Under this programme, AstraZeneca will provide a proportion\* of FASLODEX treatment free of charge for patients who:

- are using FASLODEX as per the approved indication for use of FASLODEX in Australia (your doctor will know if you fit this criteria);
- are enrolled in the programme and initiated on FASLODEX (first month free)
- have received 4 consecutive months of FASLODEX treatment (three months funded by the patient)
- are deemed by their doctor to be benefiting from treatment with FASLODEX.

\*AstraZeneca will continue to provide FASLODEX free of charge for any patient continuing on the programme, until either time as:

- their doctor believes there are no benefits in continuing treatment; or
- FASLODEX becomes available on the PBS (which may attract a fee), for the same purpose as you are receiving it.

### INITIAL THERAPY (1<sup>st</sup> month)

First and second dose funded by AstraZeneca\*



### SUBSEQUENT THERAPY (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> month)

3 months of therapy funded by patient



### ONGOING THERAPY (5<sup>th</sup> month onwards)

Ongoing therapy (5<sup>th</sup> consecutive month onwards) funded by AstraZeneca\*

## HOW DOES THE FASLODEX PATIENT ACCESS PROGRAMME WORK?

Initially, your doctor will enrol you in the FASLODEX Patient Access Programme. Once you are enrolled in this programme you will receive the first month's treatment free of charge. Your medication will be sent directly to the pharmacy nominated by your doctor.

After the first month your doctor will make a decision with you whether it's appropriate to continue with FASLODEX. If you continue on FASLODEX your doctor will give you a private prescription for up to 3 months treatment. You will need to cover this cost of treatment up to three months. The cost of FASLODEX at pharmacies will be approximately \$800 per month (your pharmacy may also charge you for dispensing your FASLODEX).

Before completing four consecutive months of FASLODEX treatment (first month provided by AstraZeneca and three months funded by yourself), your doctor will again determine whether you are benefiting from FASLODEX. If so, you will be able to receive ongoing treatment free of charge.

On a monthly basis your doctor will order FASLODEX on your behalf and you will continue to receive FASLODEX free of charge until your doctor determines that you no longer need this treatment, or until it becomes available on the PBS. Your medication will be sent directly to the pharmacy nominated by your doctor.

## A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR PATIENTS TAKING FASLODEX

### 1. How does the FASLODEX Patient Access Programme work?

- Doctor discusses the programme with you and provides you with the patient information guide.
- Doctor completes the [online enrolment](#).
- FASLODEX is couriered directly to the nominated pharmacy, at no additional charge. The pharmacy dispenses this for you. There may be dispensing fees charged by the pharmacy.

### 2. Doctor will determine if you continue to gain benefit from FASLODEX following your first month of free treatment.

- Doctor prescribes FASLODEX for the next 3 months (month 2,3 and 4 of treatment) and you purchase this directly from the pharmacy, using the prescription provided by the doctor.

### 3. Doctor confirms that you continue to gain benefit from FASLODEX following four consecutive months of therapy

- Your doctor will complete the [online continuation form](#). FASLODEX will be couriered directly to the nominated pharmacy, at no additional charge. The pharmacy will then dispense this for you.
- Each month, if you still require FASLODEX, your doctor will complete the [online continuation form](#). You continue to receive FASLODEX free of charge.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WILL ASTRAZENECA BE PROVIDED WITH MY PERSONAL DETAILS IF I AM INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAMME?

AstraZeneca, the company that manufactures FASLODEX and is providing the programme, will not be given details that identify individual patients. Your doctor will only provide your initials and date of birth on the registration form.

### HOW LONG CAN I CONTINUE ON THE PROGRAMME?

AstraZeneca will continue to provide FASLODEX free of charge to patients continuing on the programme, until either:

- your doctor believes there are no further benefits in continuing treatment with Faslodex; or
- until FASLODEX becomes available on the PBS.

### WILL MY HEALTH FUND HELP PAY FOR MY FASLODEX TREATMENT?

If you have health insurance you may want to consider approaching your health insurance company to request subsidy for the costs associated with your FASLODEX treatment.

Different health care funds vary in the way they operate, and depending on the nature of your cover, some health care funds may consider providing you with assistance with the cost of FASLODEX.

Your doctor may be able to provide you with a letter to your health care fund outlining the programme, to support your application for subsidy.

Please be aware that neither your doctor nor AstraZeneca will be able to influence your application to your health fund.

### WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT MY TREATMENT WITH FASLODEX?

Please contact your doctor for further information or advice about your treatment with Faslodex.

