

**Home Health VNA  
IM/SC Medication Clinical Fact Sheet**

Medication: Teriparatide (r DNA-origin) / Forteo

Med Class: Antiosteoporotic- Recombinant Human Parathyroid Hormone (PTH)

Common Uses: Osteoporosis

Route(s): SC

Instructions/Precautions: Instructions: Colorless, clear liquid, do not use if discolored or particles present; Give while patient sitting to avoid orthostatic hypotension; Discard pen after 28 days; Treatment should not exceed 2 years; Monitor calcium level, orthostatic BP; Adverse effects: Syncope, Hypotension, Osteosarcoma, Angina, Pharyngitis, Dyspepsia, N/V/D or constipation, Hypercalcemia, Dyspnea, Rash, Sweating. Teach patient: self-injection.

First Dose Allowed: Y

Special Training Required: N

Note: Nurse will not administer medication if special training is required and nurse has not received training; Contact your Clinical Manager immediately