# **LOROS**

Hospice Care for Leicestershire & Rutland

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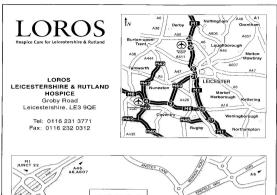
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**LOROS** GLENFIELD

The Leicestershire Hospice is situated off the Groby Road (A50), Leicester.

M1 / M69 Junction 21 Using Motorways:

> Then take A563 Outer Ring Road At island with A50, take 4th exit onto A50 towards Leicester

Turn left at next traffic lights into Heathley Park Development. Take first left (Duncombe Road) and follow the road round until to you come to the LOROS entrance.

#### M1 Junction 22

Take A50 towards Leicester

At 4th roundabout, Leics County Council, County Hall is on left-

At next roundabout, Glenfield General Hospital on left, take 3rd

exit (still on A50) towards Leicester City. Turn left at next traffic lights into Heathley Park Development. Take first left (Duncombe Road) and follow the road round until

#### From the East:

At new Leicester Western bypass roundabout (Hobby Horse pub visible from roundabout), turn right onto A46 North & West (also signed for M1 / M69).

Take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit off A46 signed Anstey & Beaumont Leys. At roundabout take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit (Gynsills Lane).

At A50 roundabout take 2nd exit (first one goes into County Hall) onto A50 towards Leicester City.

At next roundabout take 3rd exit still on A50 towards Leicester

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# **ZOLEDRONIC ACID INFORMATION**

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### WHAT IS ZOLEDRONIC ACID?

It is a drug used to:

- Relieve bone pain
- Reduce high levels of calcium in the blood

### **BEFORE TREATMENT:**

Tell the doctor:

- About any problems you have had with your liver, kidneys, heart, jaw or teeth.
- What medicines you have recently taken

Tell your dentist that you are having this drug. Ideally, see a dentist before treatment if you have problems with your teeth. To prevent dehydration, you may be asked to ensure you have adequate fluid intake before treatment.

DO NOT have this drug if you are allergic to it, or are pregnant or breast feeding.

### **TREATMENT**

- A doctor will see you at clinic.
- You will need to have a blood test during the week before your appointment at your GP's Surgery.
- The Zoledronic Acid infusion into a vein takes about 15 to 20 minutes.
- Some patients need further treatment. Your doctor will discuss this.

If you are one of the patients without high levels of calcium in your blood, we will ask your GP to prescribe a Calcium and Vitamin D supplement.

### **POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS**

The most common side effects are generally mild and do not last long.

Less than 1 in 10 people have reported the following side effects:

Flu-like symptoms, bone pain, fever, tiredness, nausea, vomiting, conjunctivitis, skin rash, chest pain, changes in tests of kidney function.

Please inform your GP about these if they persist and inform the LOROS Doctor.

Uncommonly, some patients have problems affecting the jaw bone. If you develop any symptoms in or around the mouth or jaw, tell your doctor and dentist immediately.

For further information, contact your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.