

# TESTOSTERONE USE IN WOMEN



## ANDROGEN INSUFFICIENCY

*in women can be treated with testosterone replacement.*

*Testosterone replacement in women is not FDA approved. When low levels of serum free testosterone are detected, significant improvement can be achieved.*

While there is more than one route for testosterone administration, most patients have experienced superior results with injections. These periodic injections can be offered in the office or through a compounding pharmacy.

## POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- *increased libido*
- *increased energy*
- *stimulation of bone formation*
- *diminished hot flush frequency*
- *improved sense of well-being*

## POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

- *Acne or oily skin*
- *Male pattern hair loss from the scalp*
- *Hirsutism (Male pattern hair growth on the face and body)*
- *Anger and hostility problems*
- *Shrinking breast size*
- *Hoarseness or a deeper voice*
- *Irregular menstrual cycles, if you have been menstruating*
- *Increased clitoral size*
- *Higher cholesterol*
- *It is unknown if there is an increased cardiovascular risk*
- *Upper or lower extremity edema (swelling)*

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