

Patients undergoing dental surgery (e.g. tooth extraction(s)), who do not receive routine dental care or patients who have gum disease, are smokers, who receive different types of cancer treatments or who were previously treated with a bisphosphonate (used to treat or prevent bone disorders) may have a higher risk of developing ONJ.

While being treated:

- You should maintain good oral hygiene, make sure your dentures fit properly and receive routine dental check-ups
- If you are undergoing dental treatment or will undergo dental surgery (e.g. tooth extraction(s)), inform your doctor and tell your dentist that you are being treated with zoledronic acid (Zometa)
- Contact your doctor and dentist immediately if you experience any problems with your mouth or teeth such as loose teeth, pain or swelling, non-healing of sores or discharge, as these could be signs of ONJ

Read the package leaflet for further information.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: <http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard>.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.