

Raloxifene has antiestrogenic activity in breast tissue, making it useful in reducing the risk of breast cancer. It can decrease the incidence of invasive breast cancer by up to 72%.

Uterine Fibroids

Uterus Fiber-net

Raloxifene is the most studied SERM for the treatment of uterine fibroids. Data is still limited, but it has been shown to decrease the size of fibroids.

Side Effects

Hot Flashes

Burning Flash

One of the most common side effects of raloxifene is hot flashes. It occurs in roughly 10% of patients.

Thromboembolism

Trombone-Elmo

Raloxifene increases the risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism, and retinal vein thrombosis. These complications can occur within the first four months of treatment. If the patient has a history of thrombosis, raloxifene should be avoided. Raloxifene should be discontinued at least 72 hours before and during immobilization (e.g., post-surgical recovery).