

**Patient Leaflet: Information for the User****Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg Film-coated Tablets**  
Bicalutamide

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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**1. What Bicalutamide Teva is and what it is used for**

Bicalutamide contains a medicine called bicalutamide. This belongs to a group of medicines called 'anti-androgens'.

- Bicalutamide Teva is used to treat prostate cancer.
- It works by blocking the effects of male hormones such as testosterone.

**2. What you need to know before you take Bicalutamide Teva****Do not take Bicalutamide Teva**

- if you are allergic to bicalutamide or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- if you are already taking a medicine called cisapride or certain anti-histamine medicines (terfenadine or astemizole).
- if you are a woman.

Do not take Bicalutamide if any of the above apply to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Bicalutamide.

Bicalutamide must not be given to children.

**Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Bicalutamide Teva:

- if you have any of the following: any heart or blood vessel conditions, including heart rhythm problems (arrhythmia), or are being treated with medicines for these conditions. The risk of heart rhythm problems may be increased when using Bicalutamide Teva.
- if you are taking blood thinners or medicines to prevent blood clots.
- if you have problems with your liver.
- if you have diabetes and are already taking an 'LHRH analogue'. These include goserelin, buserelin, leuprorelin and triptorelin.
- if you go into hospital, tell the medical staff that you are taking Bicalutamide Teva.

- if you are taking Bicalutamide Teva, you and/or your partner should use birth control while you are taking Bicalutamide Teva and for 130 days after stopping Bicalutamide Teva.  
Talk to your doctor if you have questions about birth control.

### **Other medicines and Bicalutamide Teva**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This includes medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal medicines. This is because Bicalutamide Teva can affect the way other medicines work. Also some other medicines can affect the way Bicalutamide Teva works.

Do not take Bicalutamide Teva if you are already taking any of the following medicines:

- Cisapride (used for some types of indigestion)
- Certain anti-histamine medicines (terfenadine or astemizole).

Bicalutamide Teva might interfere with some medicines used to treat heart rhythm problems (e.g. quinidine, procainamide, amiodarone and sotalol) or might increase the risk of heart rhythm problems when used with some other drugs [e.g. methadone (used for pain relief and part of drug addiction detoxification), moxifloxacin (an antibiotic)], antipsychotics used for serious mental illness.

Also, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- Medicines taken by mouth to prevent blood clots (oral anti-coagulants) e.g. warfarin. Blood thinners or medicines to prevent blood clots.
- Ciclosporin (to suppress your immune system).
- Calcium channel blockers (to treat high blood pressure or some heart conditions).
- Cimetidine (for stomach problems).
- Ketoconazole (to treat infections caused by a fungus).

### **Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility**

Bicalutamide must not be taken by women, including pregnant women or mothers who are breast-feeding their babies.

Bicalutamide may have an effect on male fertility which could be reversible.

### **Driving and using machines**

Bicalutamide Teva is not likely to affect you being able to drive or use any tools or machines. However, if you feel sleepy take care with these activities.

### **Bicalutamide Teva contains lactose**

If you have been told by your doctor that you have **an intolerance to some sugars**, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

### **Bicalutamide contains Sodium**

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

## **3. How to take Bicalutamide Teva**

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- The recommended dose for an adult is one tablet each day.
- Swallow the tablet whole with a drink of water.
- Try to take your tablet at the same time each day.
- Do not stop taking this medicine even if you feel well, unless your doctor tells you to.

**If you take more Bicalutamide Teva than you should**

If you take more Bicalutamide than prescribed by your doctor, talk to a doctor or go to a hospital straight away.

**If you forget to take Bicalutamide Teva**

- If you forget to take a dose, skip the missed dose and take the next dose as usual.
- Do not take a double dose (two doses at the same time) to make up for a forgotten dose.

**If you stop taking Bicalutamide Teva**

Do not stop taking the medicine even if you feel absolutely healthy, unless your doctor tells you to.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

**4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

**Contact your doctor or seek medical help immediately if you experience any of the following:****Allergic reactions**

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

The symptoms can include sudden onset of:

- Rash, itching or hives on the skin.
- Swelling of the face, lips, tongue, throat or other parts of the body.
- Shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing. If this happens to you, **see a doctor straight away.**

**Also tell your doctor straight away if you notice any of the following:**

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- Pain in your abdomen.
- Blood in your urine.

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Yellowing of the skin or whites of your eyes (jaundice). These may be signs of liver problems or in rare cases (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people) liver failure.

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- Serious shortness of breath or shortness of breath which suddenly gets worse. This may be with a cough or high temperature (fever). These may be signs of an inflammation of the lungs called 'interstitial lung disease'.

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data

- Changes in ECG (QT prolongation).

**Other possible side effects:**

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- Dizziness.
- Constipation.
- Feeling sick (nausea).
- Swelling and tenderness of your breasts.
- Hot flushes.
- Feeling weak.
- Swelling.
- Low levels of red blood cells (anaemia). This may make you feel tired or look pale.

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Loss of appetite.
- Reduced sex drive.
- Depression.
- Feeling sleepy.
- Indigestion.
- Wind (flatulence).
- Hair loss.
- Hair re-growth or growth of extra hair.
- Dry skin.
- Itching.
- Skin rash.
- Being unable to get an erection (impotence).
- Weight gain.
- Chest pain.
- Reduced heart function.
- Heart attack.

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- Increased skin sensitivity to sunlight.

Your doctor may do blood tests to check for any changes to your blood.

Do not be concerned by this list of possible side effects. You may not get any of them.

### **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 this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRAs Pharmacovigilance, Website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **5. How to store Bicalutamide Teva**

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Store in the original package.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the blister and outer packaging. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

## **6. Contents of the pack and other information**

### **What Bicalutamide Teva contains**

- The active substance is bicalutamide. Each film-coated tablet contains 50 mg bicalutamide.
- The other ingredients are:  
*Core:* Microcrystalline cellulose, povidone, croscarmellose sodium, sodium laurilsulfate, lactose monohydrate, anhydrous colloidal silica, magnesium stearate,  
*Coating:* Hypromellose, polydextrose, titanium dioxide, macrogol 4000.

**What Bicalutamide Teva looks like and contents of the pack**

Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg Film-coated Tablets are white to off-white biconvex film-coated tablets, debossed with “93” on one side and “220” on the other.

Package sizes: 20, 28, 30, 40, 50, 56, 60, 84, 90 and 100 film-coated tablets

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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Austria	Bicalutamid Teva 50 mg Filmtabletten
Belgium	Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg filmomhulde tabletten
Czech Republic	Bicaluplex 50 mg
Denmark	Bicalutamide Teva
Estonia	Bicalutamide-Teva
France	BICALUTAMIDE TEVA 50 mg, comprimé pelliculé
Germany	Bicalutamid Teva 50 mg Filmtabletten
Greece	Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg
Ireland	Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg Film-coated Tablets
Italy	Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg, compresse rivestite con film
Latvia	BICALUTAMIDE-TEVA 50 mg apvalkotās tabletes
Lithuania	Bicalutamide-Teva 50 mg plėvele dengtos tabletės
Luxembourg	Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg comprimés pelliculés
Netherlands	Bicalutamide 50 PCH, filmomhulde tabletten 50 mg
Norway	Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg filmdrasjert tablet
Poland	Bicalutamide Teva, 50 mg, tabletki powlekane
Portugal	Bicalutamida Teva 50mg comprimido revestido por película
Slovakia	Bicalutamid-Teva 50 mg
Slovenia	Bikalutamid Teva 50 mg filmsko obložene tablete
Sweden	Bicalutamide Teva 50 mg filmdragerade tabletter
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