

Flutamide

Names	The generic drug name is flutamide (FLOO-ta-mide). The brand name is Eulexin®. There may be other brand names for this medication.
How is it Given?	Your medicine will be taken by mouth.
What is it Used For?	This drug is used with other medications to treat prostate cancer. It blocks the action of the hormone testosterone on the prostate gland.
How does it Work?	Flutamide is an anti-androgen. Androgens are male hormones (testosterone and dihydrotestosterone). Some prostate cancers are sensitive to androgen; it makes the tumor grow. Decreasing the amount of androgen may slow down tumor growth.
What Should I Tell My Doctor Before I Begin Receiving Flutamide?	<p>Tell your doctor if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have had an allergic reaction to flutamide or have allergies• smoke or have any inherited blood diseases• have liver disease <p>This drug may interact with other medications or cause harmful, side effects. Tell your doctor and pharmacist about ALL prescription or over-the-counter medications, vitamins, herbal supplements that you are taking.</p>
What Are Some Possible Side Effects?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot flashes• Swelling of the breasts• Decreased libido (loss of interest in sex)• Nipple discharge• Impotence• Diarrhea• Nausea, vomiting (less common)• Discolored urine (greenish)
How Can I Manage These Side Effects?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You may be more sensitive to the sun. Use sunscreen with SPF 30 or above. Cover up when you are out in the sun; wear wide-brimmed

hats, long-sleeved shirts, and pants. Keep your neck, chest, and back covered. Avoid sun lamps, tanning booths, and tanning beds.

- Ask your doctor about medication to help prevent or lessen diarrhea.
- If this medication upsets your stomach, take it with food.
- Speak with your doctor/nurse if you plan to have children in the future.

When Should I Call the Doctor?

Call your doctor immediately if you have:

- signs of infection: Temperature of **100.4 F (38 C)** or above. Chills, sore throat, or sores in your mouth
- signs of liver damage: Nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, extreme tiredness, flu-like symptoms, muscle aches, soreness, pain in the upper right part of the stomach, yellowing of the skin or eyes, or dark urine.

Call your doctor if you have:

- diarrhea of 5-6 stools in 1 day or diarrhea with weakness
- decreased sexual function
- bothersome pain in the nipple
- persistent abdominal discomfort or gas or loss of appetite
- yellowing of the skin or eyes
- dark-colored urine or pale stools

What Else Should I Know About Flutamide?

- Flutamide may cause liver damage that can be serious or life-threatening. Report any signs of liver problems (above) right away.
- This medication should not be taken by females.
- Use a condom to keep your semen out of contact with your sexual partner, especially if she is pregnant.
- Your doctor may want to test your blood while you are taking this medicine. Make sure you keep all your appointments.
- Your doctor will tell you how much of this medicine to take and how often. Do not take more medicine or take it more often than your doctor tells you.
- If you miss a dose or forget to take your medicine, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and return to your normal schedule. Do not take a double dose.
- Store this medicine at room temperature in a closed container, away from heat, moisture, and direct light.
- If you would like more information about flutamide, talk to your doctor or pharmacist