

CAPRELSA® vandétanib

PRESCRIPTION and DISPENSING



This drug is prescribed and renewed by your **hospital doctor, specialist in oncology or cancerology.**

The prescriber has to discuss about the risks of treatment by CAPRELSA with the patient. The patient will receive the **Patient's Alarm Card** with each prescription.

It is available in **city pharmacies.**



On leaving your home, don't forget to take your prescriptions along. For a better follow-up, have your pharmaceutical file activated by your pharmacist.



Do not throw away the opened boxes, packages nor the remaining tablets into your trash. Please bring them back to your pharmacist.

Your pharmacist can help you in taking your treatment. Please bring him back your unused boxes and tablets at the following renewal.

PRESENTATIONS AND STORAGE



Boxes of 30 layered tablets dosed at 100mg (1400€) or 300mg (4200€).



Store this drug at a temperature below 25°C protected from moisture.
Keep it out of sight and reach of children.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The dose is strictly personal and may be changed during treatment by your specialist doctor. The usual dose is **300mg in one take per day.**

The proper monitoring of the instructions for use is necessary for the effectiveness of your treatment.



CAPRELSA tablets are to be swallowed **whole with a full glass of non-fizzy water**, during or away from meals, **at the same hour if possible.**

If you can not swallow the tablet, you can dissolve it in a half-glass of non-fizzy water, stir with a spoon, and drink it right away. Your pharmacist can give you some advice.



Do not crush, cut nor chew the tablets.

It is advised against taking **grapefruit** (juice, pulp) during your treatment by CAPRELSA.

MEDICINAL INTERACTIONS




This drug can interact with other medicines, plants or herbal teas. For example, avoid taking **St John's Wort** (*Hypericum perforatum*) in all its forms (capsule, resin, herbal tea, drops,..).



Do not hesitate to tell your doctor what medicines, plants or herbal teas (with or without prescriptions) you are taking or wish to take.

SIDE EFFECTS	PREVENTION	BEHAVIOR
Palpitations, Headaches, vertigo, sight trouble, ear buzzing	Keep a regular close watch over your heart (electrocardiogram, blood analyses for mineral salts: potassium, calcium, magnesium), and over your blood pressure.	Inform your doctor as soon as these signs occur.
Diarrheas	If this is a frequent effect : avoid coffee, frozen drinks, milk, raw fruit and vegetables, cereals, wholemeal bread and alcohol. Keep a close watch over mineral salts by analyses.	Follow the medical prescription for diarrhea. If possible, drink 2 litres per day (water, tea, herbal teas, soup, sodas) and favor starchy food (rice, pasta), cooked carrots and bananas. Tell your doctor at the first persisting signs (over 3 diarrheas a day).

SIDE EFFECTS	PREVENTION	BEHAVIOR
Cramps and muscular pains	Drink regularly (salted water) Keep a close watch over mineral salts by analyses.	Inform your doctor as soon as these signs occur.
Nauseas and vomitings, alteration of taste	Eat slowly and make several small light meals. Avoid greasy, fried and spicy food. Rather drink between meals.	Take the prescribed nausea and vomiting medication in accordance with the doses. Tell your doctor at the first persisting signs (from 2 vomits a day).
Signs of infection : fever, shivers, cough, sore throat, urinary burns.	Limit contacts with persons with contagious infection, if possible. Wash your hands frequently. Disinfect any wound carefully. Make the blood tests prescribed by your doctor.	In case of fever over 38°C, tell your doctor.
Loss of appetite	Make several light snacks in the day (food that you like). Eat slowly, drink a lot.	Favor highly calorific food ; add butter, oil, fresh cream, grated cheese, honey... Ask a dietician for advice. In case of a loss of weight, tell your doctor about it.
Fatigue and insomnia	It is normal to be tired during treatment. See that you have a good and healthy life (eat and drink healthily). Respect moments of rest during the day, but try to remain active, even moderately.	Listen to your body. Be prudent if you have to drive vehicles. In case of unusual persisting fatigue, inform your doctor.
Œdemas	Raise your feet in sitting position. Eat food with a low content in salt. Avoid wearing tight clothes.	Watch your weight regularly. In case of a rapid, unexpected weight increase, contact your doctor.
Dryness, skin eruption, itching	Favor a mild soap, without alcohol nor perfume, and a hydrating cream. Solar cream.	Inform your doctor, some medical treatment may relieve you. Make sure you have an appointment at your dermatologist's in 4 weeks at the latest.
 Should you feel unmentioned effects, do not hesitate to tell your prescriber, doctor or pharmacist. Do not worry at reading these side effects, you may not experience any.		

A FEW ADVICE

Promptly contact your doctor in case of :



- Signs of infection (fever, cough, shivers..)
- Alteration of sight, change of the cornea, confusion, vertigo, headaches, trouble of concentration.
- Difficulty to urinate, intense pain in the bladder ou presence of blood in the urines
- Difficulty to breathe : thoracic pain, cough, breathlessness.



Avoid **prolonged exposure to the sun**, and **protect yourself** if you have to do it.



Never stop treatment or change the rhythm of administration without the advice of the prescribing doctor.



If you miss a dose in less than 12 hours, take the dose.

If you miss a dose in more than 12 hours, do not take the missed dose. The next dose will be taken at the usual hour, the following day. Please note it in your tracking book.

REMARKS :