



TAMOXIFEN CITRATE

TAMOXIFEN CITRATE 20 mg
Presented as box with 2 Blisters containing 15 capsules per carton

DESCRIPTION

Tamoxifene Citrate is approved for use to treat some types of breast cancer in men and women. It is also used to lower a woman's chance of developing breast cancer if she has a high risk (such as a family history of breast cancer).

Chemical: Tamoxifen citrate

CAS Name: (Z)-2-[4-(1,2-Diphenyl-1-butenyl)phenoxy]-N,N- dimethyl-ethanamine-citrate; 1-p-beta-Dimethylaminoethoxyphenyl-trans-1,2-diphenylbut-1-ene citrate Molecular Formula: C₂₆H₂₉NO. C₆H₈O₇

Molecular Weight: 563.64

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Tamoxifen is used to treat different types of breast cancer in men and women. It is also used to lower a woman's chance of developing breast cancer if she has a high risk (such as a family history of breast cancer).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Usual Adult Dose for Breast Cancer

For the treatment of metastatic breast cancer in women and men: 20 to 40 mg orally Dosages greater than 20 mg should be given in divided doses (morning and evening).

For the treatment of women with Ductal Carcinoma in Situ, following breast surgery and radiation:

20 mg orally daily for 5 years.

To reduce the incidence of breast cancer in women at high risk for breast cancer:

20 mg orally daily for 5 years.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Tamoxifen should not be used if there is any allergy to it.

Tamoxifen should not be used to reduce your risk of breast cancer if blood thinners, such as warfarin (Coumadin, Jantov en) are used at the same time.

Do not take tamoxifen if you are pregnant. It could harm the unborn baby. Avoid becoming pregnant while you are using this medicine, and for at least 2 months after your treatment ends.

Hormonal contraception (such as birth control pills, injections, implants, skin patches and vaginal rings) may not be effective enough to prevent pregnancy while taking tamoxifen. Ask your doctor about using non-hormonal birth control

(condom, diaphragm with spermicide, or intrauterine device/IUD). If you are taking tamoxifen to reduce your risk of breast cancer, you may need to take your first dose while you are having a menstrual period. You may also need to have a pregnancy test before you start taking tamoxifen, to make sure you are not pregnant. Follow your doctor's instructions.

Taking tamoxifen may increase the risk of uterine cancer, stroke, or a blood clot in the lung, which can be fatal. Talk with your doctor about your specific risks in taking this medicine.

To make sure tamoxifen is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have:

- a history of stroke or blood clot;
- liver disease;
- high cholesterol or triglycerides (a type of fat in the blood);
- a history of cataracts; or if you are receiving chemotherapy or radiation.

It is not known whether tamoxifen passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. This medicine may slow breast milk production. You should not breast-feed while taking tamoxifen.

PRESENTATION

20mg tablets in blister packs of 15 capsules — 2 blisters per box (30 capsules).

STORAGE

Store below 25°C. Store in the original package.