

Cheng Hsin General Hospital

Iressa Drug Information

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage Form	Appearance
Gefitinib	Iressa	250mg Tab	艾瑞莎錠劑 Iressa 250mg Tab

1. Why do I need this medicine?

First-line treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer with genetic mutations.

2. How is this drug best taken?

- (1) Please take as directed by your doctor. Do not adjust the dosage or stop medication without consulting your doctor.
- (2) Take once daily at the same time each day, with or without food.

3. What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- (1) Seek medical attention immediately if you experience symptoms such as difficulty breathing, coughing, or fever while taking this drug.
- (2) May cause asymptomatic elevation of liver enzymes, requiring regular monitoring of liver function.
- (3) Inform your doctor about any chemotherapy or radiation therapy you've undergone.
- (4) Inform your doctor beforehand if you have any other medical conditions (e.g., liver or kidney disease) or are taking other medications, herbal supplements, or dietary supplements.
- (5) If warfarin is used concurrently, it may increase the risk of bleeding, requiring regular monitoring of clotting function.
- (6) Avoid becoming pregnant or breastfeeding when taking this drug. Inform your doctor if you are planning to become pregnant.
- (7) Do not share this drug with others.

4. Possible side effects

- (1) More common: diarrhea, rash, acne, dry skin, nausea, vomiting.
- (2) Common: hives, loss of appetite, weakness, oral inflammation, asymptomatic elevation of liver enzymes, interstitial lung disease.
- (3) Less common: blurred vision, conjunctivitis, difficulty breathing.
- (4) Seek medical attention immediately if you experience new eye symptoms, severe or persistent nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, or intolerable side effects.

5. What do I do if I miss a dose?

Take it as soon as you remember. If it's close to your next dose, skip the missed one and continue with your regular schedule. Do not take 2 doses at the same time and be sure to inform your doctor.

6. How do I store this drug?

Store at temperatures below 30°C.

*This leaflet cannot provide complete drug information. Please consult a doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

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