





## Tarceva Drug Information

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage Form	Appearance
Erlotinib	Tarceva	100mg FC Tab	
Erlotinib	Tarceva	150mg FC Tab	

### 1. Why do I need this medicine?

- (1) First-line and maintenance therapy in patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer who have EGFR-TK mutations.
- (2) Second-line treatment for patients with locally advanced or metastatic lung adenocarcinoma despite previous chemotherapy.

### 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 it on an empty stomach (at least one hour before or two hours after a meal).

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

- (1) May cause asymptomatic elevation of liver enzymes, requiring regular monitoring of liver function.
- (2) If warfarin is used concurrently, it may increase the risk of bleeding, requiring regular monitoring of clotting function.
- (3) Remind your doctor of any chemotherapy or radiation therapy you've undergone. Inform your doctor of any other medical conditions (e.g., liver disease) and any prescription or over-the-counter drugs you are currently taking.

- (4) Consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking other medications (e.g., over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, herbal remedies).
- (5) Avoid becoming pregnant or breastfeeding when taking this drug. Inform your doctor if you are planning to become pregnant.
- (6) Please schedule regular follow-up appointments to assess the effectiveness of the treatment and monitor your condition.
- (7) It is recommended to avoid smoking when taking this drug, as smoking can decrease the plasma concentration of erlotinib.

#### **4. Possible side effects**

1. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience the following symptoms:
  - (1) Onset or worsening of rash.
  - (2) Severe or persistent diarrhea, nausea, loss of appetite, or vomiting.
  - (3) Onset or worsening of unexplained shortness of breath or cough.
  - (4) Discomfort in the eyes.
2. The following symptoms may disappear as the body adjusts. Please inform your doctor if they persist:
  - (1) Stomach discomfort, bloating, indigestion, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, mild diarrhea, oral inflammation or swelling.
  - (2) Bone or joint pain, joint swelling, lower back pain, muscle pain, stiffness or cramps, difficulty walking.
  - (3) Dry or itchy eyes, redness and swelling of the eyelids, excessive tearing.
  - (4) Dry skin, itching, mild rash, hair loss.
  - (5) Unusual fatigue, weakness, dizziness, headaches, insomnia, nervousness, difficulty concentrating, feeling sad or empty, fear.
  - (6) Tremors, fever or chills, hoarseness of voice, etc.
3. Skin reactions may occur when taking Tarceva, and you can discuss preventive measures with your doctor. These may include using alcohol-free moisturizers, sunscreens and rash management.

#### **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.

## **6. How do I store this drug?**

Store at room temperature (15~30 °C). Avoid excessive heat, humidity, and direct sunlight.  
Do not freeze.

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

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