

# **Cheng Hsin General Hospital**

# **Tykerb Drug Information**

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage Form	Appearance
Lapatinib	Tykerb	250mg Tab	Tykerb 250mg Tab  GSXJG  3 4 5

## 1. Why do I need this medicine?

In combination with capecitabine (Xeloda®) or aromatase inhibitors for the treatment of patients with advanced or metastatic breast cancer.

## 2. How is this drug best taken?

- (1) Please take the drug as prescribed by your doctor. Do not adjust the dosage or stop taking it without consulting your doctor.
- (2) This drug should be taken on an empty stomach (at least one hour before or one hour after a meal).
- (3) Doctors may adjust the dosage according to your condition. Please follow their instructions carefully.

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

- (1) Pregnant women taking this drug can harm the unborn baby. Women of childbearing age should use effective birth control during the treatment. Please tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant during the treatment.
- (2) Avoid breastfeeding during the treatment.
- (3) If you have a history of liver disease, lung disease, heart disease or cardiac arrhythmia, or have had an allergic reaction to this drug, inform your doctor before taking it.
- (4) This drug may cause an increase in liver function indicators. Please follow the doctor's instructions and attend regular check-ups to monitor your liver function.
- (5) This drug may interact with other drugs. Please inform your doctor if you are taking any other drugs at the same time.
- (6) Avoid eating or drinking grapefruit products during the treatment.

### 4. Possible side effects

- (1) Common: diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, dry skin, limb pain, back pain, insomnia, redness and swelling in the palms or soles of the feet (hand-foot syndrome), mouth ulcers or has white spots, indigestion, hiccups, gastrointestinal discomfort or abdominal pain.
- (2) Less common: chest pain, difficulty breathing, fainting, rapid or irregular heartbeat, severe diarrhea, shortness of breath, chest tightness, wheezing, unusual weakness or fatigue. Seek medical attention immediately if these side effects occur.

### 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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