






WHAT IS ERIVEDGE® VISMODEGIB ?



- Cancer drug used in the treatment of some **skin cancers**.
- Prescribed and renewed by your hospital doctor specialized in oncology or by doctors competent in cancerology. Prescription limited to 1 month for women in procreating age.
- Available in city pharmacies on presentation of your prescription.



Opaque, pink capsule bearing « **150 mg** » with an opaque and grey cover bearing « **VISMO** » written in black.

-  • Store at a temperature not over 30°, out of reach and sight of children.
-  • Do not get the capsules out of the bottle to put them in a pill-box
-  • Wash your hands carefully before and after each handling of the capsules.
- Do not throw away the opened bottles, please bring them back to your pharmacist.


HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICINE?

When ?h.....	= 1 take a day at a fixed hour, during or away from meals.
How ?		Swallow the capsules whole, with water, every day at the same moment of the day. Do not chew, nor cut, crush or dissolve the capsules 

You can help yourself with **your tracking book*** and a **calendar** to spot the takes. Never stop or change the rhythm of administration of your treatment without your doctor's advice.

** This file is not a prescription ; refer to your latest prescription..

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF MISSING OR VOMITING?

-  • **In case of missing**, do not take the missed dose. The next dose will be taken at the usual hour, without doubling it. Please note it in your tracking book*.
- **In case of vomiting**, do not take a new dose. The next dose will be taken at the usual hour, without doubling it. Please note it in your tracking book*.

INTRACCTIONS WITH OTHER MEDICINES AND/OR FOOD



Check with your **doctor and your pharmacist** that the medicines (with or without prescription) and/or other substances (**food, plants, among which grapefruit and St John's Wort**, probiotics, essential oils, food supplements...) and by-products that you are using are **compatible with your treatment**. The molecules they contain, their measuring and consuming frequency may interact with your treatment and condition its efficiency.








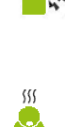

- Women treated with Erivedge must use efficient contraceptive methods (condoms and one other method) during the whole treatment, and **up to 24 months after the last take** .
- Men treated with Erivedge must use a condom (even if vasectomy and with spermicide, if possible) during the whole treatment, and **up to 2 months after the last take**.
- Stop breast feeding during the treatment, and **up to 24 months after he last take**

Female and male fertility may be affected during the treatment with Vismodegib.

*Tracking book available on the sites www.omeditbretagne.fr or www.omedit-paysdelaloire.fr

WHAT SIDE EFFECTS MAY OCCUR WITH ERIVEDGE® VISMODEGIB ?

Like all medicines, vismodegib may bring about side effects, although you may not experience any.

Side effects	Prevention
 Hair loss	Alopecia is slowly reversible, possibly persisting after stopping the treatment. Use a large comb or a soft natural hair brush. Choose a mild shampoo, or a fortifying one, rinse your hair in tepid water and let it dry in the open air or at a low temperature. Avoid blow drying, hair setting, perms and dyeing which weaken your hair.
 Itchings	Apply cold compresses on the areas concerned (do not apply lotions with alcohol). Favor wide and light cotton clothes. Use a gel or a hypoallergenic soap. Avoid hot water. Dab your skin dry. Apply a hydrating agent (cream or milk). Trim your nails short (favor a lime rather than a nail-clipper).
  Constipation, diarrhea, nausea, vomitings, loss of appetite	Remember to hydrate well (2litres of water a day) ; rather drink between meals. Watch over your weight. In case of constipation , favor food that is rich in fibers (bran, cereals, wholemeal bread, green vegetables, fruit and dried fruit) and take regular exercise. In case of diarrhea , favor food that is poor in fibers (starchy food, carrots and bananas...). Avoid food that may speed up your intestinal transit (dairy, raw fruit and vegetables, cereals, fat food, spices). Add salt to your food. In case of nausea/vomitings , take several small light meals and eat slowly.. Avoid greasy, fried and spicy food, and those whose smell may trigger nausea. Avoid staying on an empty stomach as this accentuates nausea. In case of vomitings, take the antiemetic medicines you have been prescribed.
 Pain in joints	Take regular and adapted physical exercise(walking, swimming). Use a stick to help you relieve your joints. Avoid repetitive gestures and strenuous physical effort.
 Pains in muscles	Remember to hydrate well before, during and after effort. Take regular and adapted physical exercise ; remember to warm up before.
 Fatigue	Favor healthy feeding. Limit the use of psychostimulants (e.g. coffee, tobacco and alcohol). Be prudent if you have to drive. Respect moments of rest during the day while remaining active, even moderately. Go to bed at a regular hour and sleep long enough at night.

Only some of the most frequent side effects mentioned above. For further information, please refer to your medicine leaflet or ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

You can also ask your question to [center for side effects monitoring](#) or notify any side effect on the following site : [signalement-sante-gouv-fr](#)



In all cases, remember to make the biological tests prescribed by your doctor.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF SIDE(S) EFFECT(S)?

- Take the medication prescribed for side effects in accordance with the doses.
- Respect measures of prevention.

Promptly contact your doctor in case of :

- New skin injuries
- Pregnancy or suspicion of it in a patient or in a patient's partner.
- Delay or absence of period.
- Any persisting or worsening side effect.



Useful contacts :

Remarks :
