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P A T I E N T I N F O R M A T I O N

The side effects listed below are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor or oncology nurse to report any medical problems.

Dose _____

TAMOXIFEN (Nolvadex) PO

More Frequent Reactions

- a. Menopause-like reactions: hot flashes, nausea, vomiting (less than 25% patients); tolerance develops rapidly.

Less Frequent Reactions

- a. Transient "flare" of breast cancer symptoms such as bone pain.
- b. Weight gain.
- c. Vaginal bleeding or discharge, vaginal itching, menstrual irregularities.
- d. Induction of ovulation, lactation in menopausal patients.

Rare

- a. Blurred vision or other visual disturbances.

Comments

When Tamoxifen is just started, bone pain may temporarily increase. This effect is not unexpected and not an indication that the medication is not effective.