

Questions to ask your doctor:

What kind of cancer do I have?

What stage is my cancer and how does it affect my treatment plan?

Has my tumour been tested for BRAF?

How can I get a BRAF test?

If so, is my cancer BRAF-positive?

Questions about treatment

What are my treatment options?

How long will I need to stay on these treatments?

How will I know this treatment is working?

Questions about Zelboraf

How does Zelboraf differ from other treatments?

How long will I need to be on Zelboraf?

How will I know if Zelboraf is working?

What side effects can I expect to have?

Notes



Zelboraf[®]
vemurafenib

Zelboraf[®] (vemurafenib), 240 mg film-coated tablets, is a **Prescription Medicine** used to treat a skin cancer called metastatic (spreading) melanoma that has a mutation (abnormal change) in the BRAF gene.

Do not use Zelboraf if: you are allergic to vemurafenib or any ingredients in Zelboraf tablets.

Before taking Zelboraf, tell your doctor if: you have a heart disorder or liver or kidney problems; you are pregnant or breast-feeding or plan to become pregnant or breastfeed, you have low levels of potassium, calcium or magnesium in your blood; you have been previously diagnosed with other types of cancer or received radiation treatment; you are allergic to any other medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives; you are taking any other medicines, including any that you have bought from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food store.

While you are taking Zelboraf, tell your doctor if you notice any skin changes such as a new wart, a sore or reddish bump that bleeds or does not heal. Avoid going out in the sun. Zelboraf can make your skin more sensitive to sunlight. You may burn more easily and get severe sunburn. Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while taking Zelboraf.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to your nearest Accident and Emergency Centre if you notice any of the following: difficulty breathing; chest tightness or wheezing; severe skin rash and/or fever associated with a mild to severe skin rash, severe skin reaction starting with painful red areas, then large blisters and ends with peeling of layers of skin, accompanied by fever and chills, aching muscles and generally feeling unwell; itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips or mouth; severe light-headedness or dizziness, or feel your heart beating irregularly or fast; problems with your eyes or eyesight, such as blurred or altered vision, irritation, eye pain or redness; severe blisters or bleeding of your lips, mouth, nose or eyes; yellowing of the skin and eyes, light coloured bowel motions, dark coloured urine; severe upper stomach pain, often with nausea and vomiting (signs of inflammation of the pancreas) .

Possible common side-effects may also include: rash, itching, dry or scaly skin, skin inflammation (hard, painful red lumps or patches on the skin), other skin problems including warts, sunburn or increased sensitivity to light; loss of appetite and weight loss; headache; changes in the way things taste; drooping eyelid and sagging muscles on one side of the face caused by a paralysed nerve in the face (often reversible); tingling, burning or pain in your hands or feet; diarrhoea; constipation; hair loss; joint, muscle or back pain; feeling sick or vomiting; feeling tired; fever; swelling (usually in the legs); cough, frequent infections (fever, chills, sore throat).

Zelboraf has risks and benefits. Ask your doctor if Zelboraf is right for you. Use strictly as directed. If symptoms continue or you have side effects, see your healthcare professional. For further information on Zelboraf, please talk to your health professional or visit www.medsafe.govt.nz for Zelboraf Consumer Medicine Information.

Zelboraf is not funded by PHARMAC. You will need to pay for this medicine. A prescription charge and normal doctor fees may apply.

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