

# **Tovorafenib** (Ojemda)

#### **About This Medicine**

Tovorafenib is used to treat cancer. It is given orally (by mouth).

#### **Possible Side Effects**

- Nausea and vomiting (throwing up)
- Constipation (not able to move bowels)
- Tiredness
- Fever
- Abnormal bleeding symptoms may be coughing up blood, throwing up blood (may look like coffee grounds), red or black tarry bowel movements, abnormally heavy menstrual flow, nosebleeds, or any other unusual bleeding.
- Headache
- Infection
- · Upper respiratory tract infection
- Rash and/or a pimple like rash
- Dry skin
- Changes in your hair color and/or texture

**Note:** Each of the side effects above was reported in 30% or greater of patients treated with tovorafenib. All possible side effects are not included. Your side effects may be different depending on your cancer diagnosis, condition, or if you are receiving other medicines in combination. Please discuss any concerns or questions with your medical team.

## **Warnings and Precautions**

- Severe abnormal bleeding that can be life-threatening
- Risk of skin reactions- you may have a pimple like rash, and/ or sensitivity to sunlight/light. You may get a skin rash/reaction if you are in the sun or are exposed to sun lamps and tanning beds.
- Changes in your liver function



**Note:** Some of the side effects above are very rare. If you have concerns and/or questions, please discuss them with your medical team.

#### **How to Take Your Medicine**

- **Tablets:** Swallow the medicine whole with water. You can take it with or without food. Do not chew, cut, or crush it.
- **Suspension:** Follow the instructions on the package insert on how to prepare, measure, and take the medicine. Take the medicine within 15 minutes of preparing it. You may need to prepare 2 bottles of the medicine for a full dose.
- **Missed dose**: If you miss a dose by less than 3 days, take the missed dose right away and go back to your normal schedule. If you miss a dose by more than 3 days, then skip the missed dose and go back to your normal schedule.
- If you vomit a dose right after you take it, repeat the dose. Call your doctor and/or nurse if you're not sure if you should repeat or take a missed dose.
- **Handling:** Wash your hands with soap and water, before and after handling your medicine, your caretakers should not handle your medicine with bare hands and should wear latex gloves.
- Cytotoxic medicines leave the body through urine and stool, but they can also be present in other body fluids such as blood, vomit, semen, and vaginal fluids. Take precautions to prevent others from coming in contact with your medicine or your body fluids. Follow safety precautions during your treatment and for as long as directed by your health care provider after your treatment. If you take a cytotoxic pill each day, follow these precautions every day.
- Storage: Tablets: Store this medicine in the original container at room temperature.
- **Suspension:** Store the bottle at room temperature. Throw away your bottle(s), including any unused or expired medicine and the syringe after taking a dose.
- **Disposal of unused medicine:** Do not flush any expired and/or unused medicine down the toilet or drain unless you are specifically instructed to do so on the medicine label. Some facilities have take-back programs and/or other options. If you do not have a take-back program in your area, then please discuss with your nurse or your doctor how to dispose of unused medicine.

### **Treating Side Effects**

- Drink enough fluids to keep your urine pale yellow.
- If you throw up, you should drink more fluids so that you do not become dehydrated (lack of water in the body from losing too much fluid).
- To help with nausea and vomiting, eat small, frequent meals instead of three large meals a day. Choose foods and drinks that are at room temperature.
- Ask your doctor or nurse about medicines that are available to help stop or lessen nausea and/ or constipation.
- If you are not able to move your bowels, check with your doctor or nurse before you use enemas, laxatives, or suppositories.
- Manage tiredness by pacing your activities for the day.
- Be sure to include periods of rest between energy-draining activities.
- To decrease the risk of infection, wash your hands regularly.
- Avoid close contact with people who have a cold, the flu, or other infections.



- Take your temperature as your doctor or nurse tells you, and whenever you feel like you may have
  a fever.
- Keeping your pain under control is important to your well-being. Please tell your doctor or nurse if you are experiencing pain.
- If you get a rash do not put anything on it unless your doctor or nurse says you may. Keep the area around the rash clean and dry. Ask your doctor for medicine if your rash bothers you.
- To help with dry skin, moisturize your skin several times a day.
- Avoid sun exposure and apply sunscreen routinely when outdoors.
- Use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher when you are outdoors even for a short time. Cover up when you are out in the sun. Wear wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and pants. Keep your neck, chest, and back covered. Wear dark sunglasses when in the sun or bright lights.

#### **Food and Medicine Interactions**

- There are no known interactions of tovorafenib with food.
- Check with your doctor or pharmacist about all other prescription medicines and over-the-counter
  medicines and dietary supplements (vitamins, minerals, herbs, and others) you are taking before
  starting this medicine as there are known medicine interactions with tovorafenib. Also, check with
  your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new prescription or over-the-counter medicines, or
  dietary supplements to make sure that there are no interactions.
- This medicine interacts with hormonal birth control (i.e., birth control pills, skin patches, vaginal rings, injections) and affect how they work. Discuss with your doctor and/or nurse what method of birth control may be right for you during your treatment.

#### When to Call the Doctor

Call your doctor or nurse if you have any of these symptoms and/or any new or unusual symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher
- Chills
- Develop sensitivity to sunlight/light
- Headache that does not go away
- Tiredness that interferes with your daily activities
- Wheezing and/or trouble breathing
- Coughing up yellow, green, or bloody mucus
- Nausea that stops you from eating or drinking and/or is not relieved by prescribed medicines
- Throwing up more than 3 times a day
- No bowel movement in 3 days or when you feel uncomfortable
- Signs of abnormal bleeding such as coughing up blood, throwing up blood (may look like coffee grounds), easy bleeding or bruising, red or black tarry bowel movements, abnormally heavy menstrual flow, nosebleeds, or any other unusual bleeding
- Signs of possible liver problems: dark urine, pale bowel movements, pain in your abdomen, feeling very tired and weak, unusual itching, or yellowing of the eyes or skin
- New rash and/or itching or a rash that is not relieved by prescribed medicines



- · Dry skin that is bothersome
- Signs of infection: fever or chills, cough, trouble breathing, severe pain in your abdomen, difficulty urinating, burning or pain when you pass urine, redness and/or swelling of the skin
- If you think you may be pregnant or may have impregnated your partner

### **Reproduction Warnings**

- Pregnancy warning: This medicine can have harmful effects on the unborn baby. Women of
  childbearing potential should use effective non-hormonal methods of birth control during your
  cancer treatment and for 28 days after stopping treatment. Men with female partners of childbearing
  potential should use effective methods of birth control during your cancer treatment and for 2 weeks
  after stopping treatment. Let your doctor know right away if you think you may be pregnant or may
  have impregnated your partner.
- Birth control pills (oral contraceptives) and other hormonal forms of birth control may not be effective with this medicine.
- Breastfeeding warning: Women should not breastfeed during treatment and for 2 weeks after stopping treatment because this medicine could enter the breast milk and cause harm to a breastfeeding baby.
- Fertility warning: In men and women both, this medicine may affect your ability to have children in the future. Talk with your doctor or nurse if you plan to have children. Ask for information on sperm or egg banking.

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