





## How long will I need to take bicalutamide?

The length of time you take bicalutamide for depends on why you are taking it and how well it is working.

Speak to your specialist team or call our confidential Helpline for information on other treatments that can be used if hormone therapy is no longer controlling the cancer.

## More information

To find out more about hormone therapy you can read:

- The Tool Kit fact sheet **Hormone Therapy**. This gives an overview of different types of hormone therapy.
- The booklet **Living with hormone therapy: A guide for men with prostate cancer**. This includes more detailed information on side effects and ways to manage them.

To order these publications call our Helpline on 0800 074 8383 or email us at [literature@prostate-cancer.org.uk](mailto:literature@prostate-cancer.org.uk). You can also download all of our publications from our website [www.prostate-cancer.org.uk](http://www.prostate-cancer.org.uk)

### Reporting unusual side effects: The Yellow Card Scheme

If you think you are experiencing a side effect from your medication that is not mentioned in the information leaflet that comes with it, then you can report it using the Yellow Card Scheme. This is run by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). They will investigate and if they find a problem with a medication then the MHRA will take action to protect the public. There are three ways you can report a side effect:

- Use the online Yellow Card form at [www.yellowcard.gov.uk](http://www.yellowcard.gov.uk)
- Ask your pharmacist for a Yellow Card form
- Call the Yellow Card freephone on 0808 100 3352

## Notes

The Prostate Cancer Charity makes every effort to make sure that its services provide up-to-date, unbiased and accurate facts about prostate cancer. We hope that these will add to the medical advice you have had and will help you to make any decisions you may face. Please contact your doctor if you are worried about any medical issues.

The Prostate Cancer Charity funds research into the causes of, and treatments for, prostate cancer. We also provide support and information to anyone concerned about prostate cancer. We rely on charitable donations to continue this work. If you would like to make a donation, please call us on 020 8222 7666.

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	<p>Free and confidential Helpline <b>0800 074 8383*</b> Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm, Wed 7pm - 9pm</p>
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