

Finasteride Oral Tablet

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What is this medication?

Brand Names: Proscar; Propecia.

Finasteride is used for: Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH): Helps reduce enlarged prostate in men, improving urine flow and reducing the need for surgery. Male Pattern Hair Loss (Androgenetic Alopecia): Helps increase hair growth and prevent further hair loss in men.

Note: Finasteride should not be used for use in women, especially those who are or may become pregnant.

What are the ingredients?

Active Ingredient: Finasteride (commonly in 1 mg or 5 mg doses).

If you have any further questions or concerns about the ingredients used in your customized, compounded formulation, please contact one of our pharmacists at 727-498-1228.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before I take this medication?

Inform your provider if you: Have liver disease or abnormal liver function tests. Have a history of prostate cancer. Are undergoing PSA (prostate-specific antigen) testing. Have a history of urinary or sexual disorders. Are pregnant, trying to conceive, or breastfeeding (note: finasteride is contraindicated in women who are or may become pregnant).

How should I use this medication?

Take exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider. Usually taken with or without food. Swallow tablet whole. Do not break or crush—especially important for women to avoid handling crushed tablets. Take at the same time each day to maintain steady levels.

What if I miss a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember, if it's early in the day. If it's later in the day, skip the missed dose to avoid trouble sleeping. Do not double up on doses.

What may interact with this medication?

Finasteride has relatively few drug interactions but always inform your provider about: Any other prescription or OTC medications. Herbal supplements (especially **saw palmetto**, which may have similar effects). Prior or current hormone therapy

Always check with your provider before starting or stopping any medication, including non-prescription products.

What side effects:

Common side effects: Decreased libido (sex drive). Erectile dysfunction. Decreased ejaculate volume. Breast tenderness or enlargement.

Rare but serious side effects: Breast lumps or pain. Nipple discharge. Depression or mood changes. Allergic reactions (rash, itching, swelling).

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects and any unusual problems while taking this medication. If you experience a serious side effect, you or your doctor may send a report to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program, online (www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch) or by phone (1-800-332-1088)

What should I watch while using this medication?

Inform your doctor if you notice changes in breast tissue or mood.

Men should not donate blood until at least 1 month after stopping finasteride.

Women who are pregnant or may become pregnant should not handle broken or crushed tablets—this can cause birth defects in male fetuses.

PSA test results may be affected (may cause a false negative) —notify your doctor that you're taking finasteride.

Where should I keep my medication?

Store at room temperature, away from moisture, heat, and direct light. Keep in a secure location away from children, pets, and unauthorized individuals.

Disposal: Do not flush or pour unused medication down the drain. The best option is to use a DEA-authorized drug take-back location, which you can find at rxdrugdropbox.org. If that's not available, mix the medication (still in its vial or drawn into a syringe) with an undesirable substance like used coffee grounds or cat litter, seal it in a plastic bag, and discard it in the household trash—after removing any personal information from the label. Used syringes must be placed in an FDA-cleared sharps container and taken to an appropriate sharps disposal site. If you're unsure, contact your pharmacist at 727-498-1228 for guidance.

OFFER TO COUNSEL NOTICE

You are receiving this notice because you or your physician recently requested a compounded prescription to be filled by our pharmacy. You are entitled to receive medication counseling from one of our pharmacists regarding the following: Name and description of medication. Dose, route of administration, and duration of medication. Intended use of medication and expected action. Special directions and precautions for use. Common adverse effects or interactions. Techniques for self-monitoring. Proper storage. Prescription refill information.

You may contact a pharmacist at (727) 498-1228 Monday through Friday, 9AM to 5PM EST and Saturday 9AM-1PM EST.

PharmaLabs' notice of Privacy Practices may be viewed on the company website. You may view and acknowledge receipt of these offers or refuse your right to be counseled online at: <http://www.plabrx.com/offer>

Our pharmacists will be happy to discuss any additional questions or concerns you may have.

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.