

CYPROTERONE ACETATE

Other names: Siterone®



Important note: The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

Why you are taking this medication

Cyproterone is an antiandrogen. Androgens (male sex hormones), for example testosterone, are implicated in the growth of prostate cancer. Therefore, taking an antiandrogen (cyproterone), can slow the growth or reduce the size of the cancer.

Cyproterone can also be used to decrease sexual activity.

When to take this medicine

Cyproterone tablets can be taken with or without food.

If you miss a dose

Take your dose as soon as possible except when it is close to the time for your next dose. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and return to your regular dosing schedule. You should not take two doses at the same time.

Side effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects on your body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Call your doctor **immediately** if you have any of these side effects:

- fluid retention - swollen legs
- pain in legs
- pain in the chest
- shortness of breath
- visual disturbance
- yellow skin and eyes (jaundice)
- stomach discomfort and pain

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have these side effects:

- tiredness
- weight gain
- nipple tenderness/enlarged breasts
- changes in hair pattern
- mood changes

Since cyproterone can lead to **tiredness**, this could impair your ability to drive or operate machinery.

The list of side effects is not complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects are of a concern to you.

Other medicines

The requirements of insulin or oral antidiabetic medication (e.g. metformin, glipizide, gliclazide) may change when taking cyproterone. You may need to monitor your blood sugar levels more closely, discuss this with your doctor.

Storage

Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist