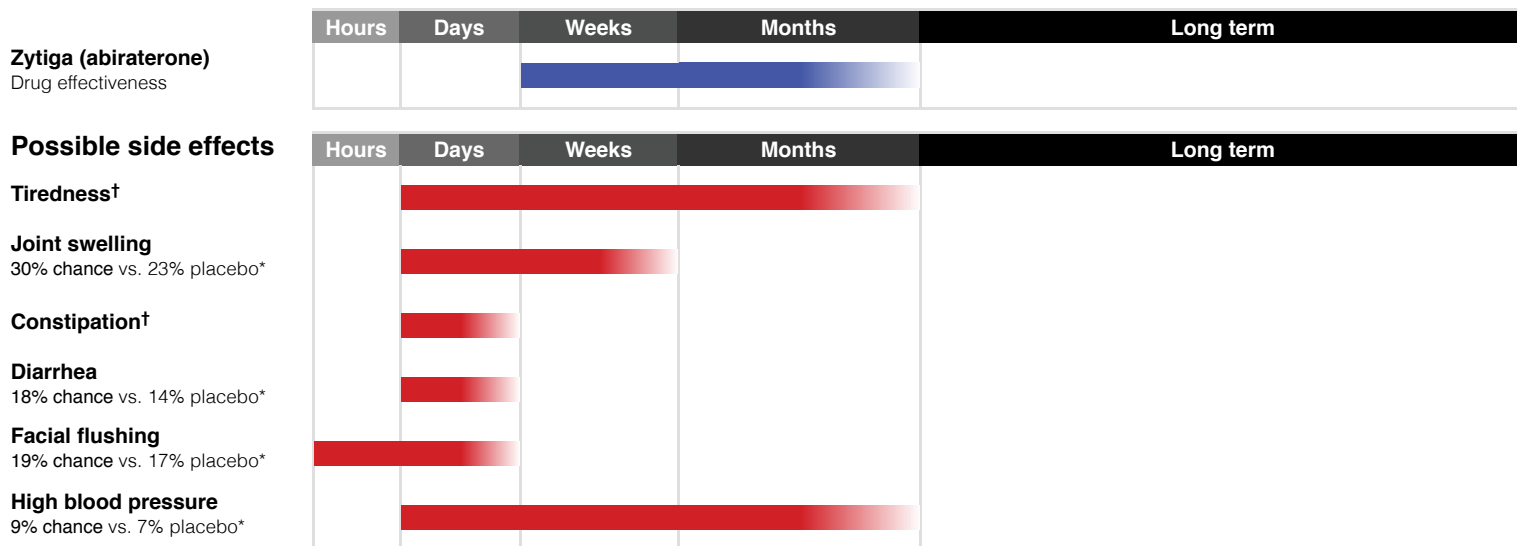


Zytiga (abiraterone) basics

Helps treat prostate cancer. Zytiga (abiraterone) is an effective oral treatment for prostate cancer that has spread to other parts of the body, but it needs to be taken with another medicine called prednisone.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.



* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Zytiga (abiraterone) must be taken on an empty stomach. Don't eat any food for at least 2 hours before or 1 hour after your dose.
- Don't crush or chew Zytiga (abiraterone). Swallow the tablets whole with a glass of water.
- Zytiga (abiraterone) must be taken with another medicine called prednisone to reduce unwanted side-effects from Zytiga (abiraterone).
- Take Zytiga (abiraterone) once a day. Take prednisone twice a day.
- Zytiga (abiraterone) can cause birth defects. Men should use a condom plus another form of birth control while taking Zytiga (abiraterone).
- Zytiga (abiraterone) interacts with a lot of medicines. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before starting Zytiga (abiraterone) or any other new medicine.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Worsening liver function

Zytiga (abiraterone) is processed by the liver. If you have history of liver disease, talk to your doctor. Laboratory tests are need to monitor your liver function before starting Zytiga (abiraterone) and while on treatment.

High blood pressure

Zytiga (abiraterone) can increase your blood pressure. Consistently high blood pressure can lead to heart attack or stroke. Talk to your doctor about monitoring your blood pressure regularly.

Low hormone levels

Adrenal suppression, or low hormone levels, may occur if you get an infection, are under stress, or stop taking prednisone. Tell your doctor if you notice any fatigue, dizziness, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or muscle aches.