IRESSA is a tyrosine kinase inhibitor indicated for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test. (1)

Limitation of Use: Safety and efficacy of IRESSA have not been established in patients whose tumors have EGFR mutations other than exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations. (1)
2.3 Administration to Patients Who Have Difficulty Swallowing Solids
Immerse IRESSA tablets in 4 to 8 ounces of water by dropping the tablet in water, and stir for approximately 15 minutes. Immediately drink the liquid or administer through a naso-gastric tube. Rinse the container with 4 to 8 ounces of water and immediately drink or administer through the naso-gastric tube.

2.4 Dose Modification
Dose Modifications for Adverse Drug Reactions
Withhold IRESSA (for up to 14 days) for any of the following:
- Acute onset or worsening of pulmonary symptoms (dyspnea, cough, fever) [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]
- NCI CTCAE Grade 2 or higher in ALT and/or AST elevations [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]
- NCI CTCAE Grade 3 or higher diarrhea [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]
- Signs and symptoms of severe or worsening ocular disorders including keratitis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]
- NCI CTCAE Grade 3 or higher skin reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]

Resume treatment with IRESSA when the adverse reaction fully resolves or improves to NCI CTCAE Grade 1.

Permanently discontinue IRESSA for:
- Confirmed interstitial lung disease (ILD) [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]
- Severe hepatic impairment [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]
- Gastrointestinal perforation [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]
- Persistent ulcerative keratitis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]

Dose Modifications for Drug Interactions
Strong CYP3A4 Inducers
Increase IRESSA to 500 mg daily in the absence of severe adverse drug reaction, and resume IRESSA at 250 mg seven days after discontinuation of the strong CYP3A4 inducer [see Drug Interactions (7), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
250 mg tablets: round, biconvex, brown film-coated, debossed with “IRESSA 250” on one side and plain on the other side.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS
None.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
5.1 Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)
ILD or ILD-like adverse drug reactions (e.g., lung infiltration, pneumonitis, acute respiratory distress syndrome, or pulmonary fibrosis) occurred in 1.3% of the 2462 patients who received IRESSA across clinical trials; of these, 0.7% were Grade 3 or higher and 3 cases were fatal.

Withhold IRESSA and promptly investigate for ILD in any patient who presents with worsening of respiratory symptoms such as dyspnea, cough and fever. Permanently discontinue IRESSA if ILD is confirmed [see Dosage and Administration (2.4), Adverse Reactions (6.1)].

5.2 Hepatotoxicity
In patients who received IRESSA across clinical trials, 11.4% of patients had increased alanine aminotransferase (ALT), 7.9% of patients had increased aspartate aminotransferase (AST), and 2.7% of patients had increased bilirubin. Grade 3 or higher liver test abnormalities occurred in 5.1% (ALT), 3.0% (AST), and 0.7% (bilirubin) of patients. The incidence of fatal hepatotoxicity was 0.04%.

Obtain periodic liver function testing. Withhold IRESSA in patients with worsening liver function and discontinue in patients with severe hepatic impairment [see Dosage and Administration (2.4), Adverse Reactions (6.1), Use in Specific Populations (8.7)].

5.3 Gastrointestinal Perforation
Gastrointestinal perforation occurred in three (0.1%) of the 2462 IRESSA-treated patients across clinical trials [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. Permanently discontinue IRESSA in patients who develop gastrointestinal perforation [see Dosage and Administration (2.4)].

5.4 Severe or Persistent Diarrhea
Grade 3 or 4 diarrhea occurred in 3% of 2462 IRESSA-treated patients across clinical trials. Withhold IRESSA for severe or persistent (up to 14 days) diarrhea [see Dosage and Administration (2.4), Adverse Reactions (6.1)].

5.5 Ocular Disorders including Keratitis
Ocular disorders [keratitis (0.1%), corneal erosion and aberrant eyelash growth (0.2%), conjunctivitis, blephritis and dry eye (6.7%)] occurred in the 2462 IRESSA-treated patients across clinical trials. The incidence of Grade 3 ocular disorders was 0.1% [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. Interrupt or discontinue IRESSA for severe, or worsening ocular disorders [see Dosage and Administration (2.4)].

5.6 Bullous and Exfoliative Skin Disorders
Bullous conditions including toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens Johnson syndrome and erythema multiforme have been reported from treatment with IRESSA. Erythema multiforme and dermatitis bullous have been reported in two patients (0.06%) across NSCLC trials [Study 2, Study 3 and Study 4]. IRESSA treatment should be interrupted or discontinued if the patient develops severe bullous, blistering or exfoliating conditions.

5.7 Embryo-fetal Toxicity
Based on its mechanism of action and data from animal reproduction studies IRESSA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal reproduction studies, oral administration of gefinitib from organogenesis through weaning resulted in fetotoxicity and neonatal death at doses below the recommended human dose. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with IRESSA and for at least two weeks following completion of therapy [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS
The following adverse drug reactions are discussed in more detail in other sections of the labeling:
- Interstitial Lung Disease [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]
- Hepatotoxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]
- Gastrointestinal Perforation [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]
- Severe or Persistent Diarrhea [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]
- Ocular Disorders including Keratitis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]
- Bullous and Exfoliative Skin Disorders [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience
Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

The safety of IRESSA is based on the data from 2462 patients with NSCLC who received IRESSA 250 mg daily monotherapy in three randomized clinical studies (Study 2, Study 3 and Study 4). Patients with a history of interstitial lung disease, drug-induced interstitial disease, radiation pneumonitis that required steroid treatment or any evidence of clinically active interstitial lung disease were excluded from these studies.

Controlled Studies:
Study 2 was a randomized, multicenter, open-label trial in which 1217 patients were randomized to receive first-line treatment for metastatic NSCLC; 607 patients received IRESSA 250 mg daily and 589 patients received carboplatin/paclitaxel. The median duration of treatment with IRESSA was 5.9 months. The study population characteristics were: median age 57 years, age less than 65 years (73%), female (79%), Asian (100%), NSCLC adenocarcinoma histology (100%), never smoker (64%), right ex-smoker (6%), EGFR PS 0 or 1 (96%)

Study 3 was a randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in which 1692 patients were randomized to receive second- or third-line treatment for metastatic NSCLC; of which 1126 patients received IRESSA 250 mg daily and 562 patients received placebo. The median duration of treatment with IRESSA was 2.9 months. The study population characteristics were: median age 62 years, age less than 65 years (60%), female (33%), Caucasian (75%), Asian (21%), NSCLC adenocarcinoma histology (48%), never smoker (22%), EOG PS 0 or 1 (65%), PS 2 (29%), PS 3 (5%) and two or more prior therapies (51%)

Study 4 was a randomized, multicenter, open-label trial in which 1466 patients were randomized to receive second-line treatment for metastatic NSCLC; 729 patients received IRESSA 250 mg daily and 715 patients received docetaxel. The median duration of treatment with IRESSA was 2.4 months. The study population characteristics were: median age 61 years, age less than 65 years (60%), female (33%), Caucasian (79%), Asian (100%), NSCLC adenocarcinoma histology (73%), female (79%), Asian (21%), NSCLC adenocarcinoma histology (48%), never smoker (22%), EOG PS 0 or 1 (65%), PS 2 (29%), PS 3 (5%) and two or more prior therapies (16%)

The pooled safety database from the three randomized trials was used to evaluate for serious and uncommon adverse drug reactions. Common adverse reactions were evaluated in Study 3. The most frequent adverse reactions in Study 3 (incidence of ≥ 20% and greater than placebo) reported in IRESSA-treated patients were skin reactions (47%) and diarrhea (29%). The most frequent fatal adverse reactions in IRESSA-treated patients were respiratory failure (0.9%), pneumonia (0.8%), and pulmonary embolism (0.5%).

Approximately 5% of IRESSA-treated patients and 2.3% of placebo-treated patients discontinued treatment due to an adverse event. The most frequent adverse reactions that led to discontinuation in patients treated with IRESSA were nausea (0.5%), vomiting (0.5%) and diarrhea (0.4%).
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5.4 CYP3A4 Inhibitor

Drugs that are strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 (e.g., ketoconazole and itraconazole) decrease gefitinib metabolism and increase gefitinib plasma concentrations. Monitor adverse reactions when administering strong CYP3A4 inhibitors with IRESSA.

5.5 Drugs Affecting Gastric pH

Drugs that elevate gastric pH (e.g., proton pump inhibitors, histamine H₂-receptor antagonists, and antacids) may reduce plasma concentrations of gefitinib. Avoid concomitant use of IRESSA with proton pump inhibitors, if possible. If treatment with a proton-pump inhibitor is required, take IRESSA 12 hours after the last dose or 12 hours before the next dose of the proton-pump inhibitor. Take IRESSA 6 hours after or 6 hours before an H₂-receptor antagonist or an antacid [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

6.2 Hemorrhage in Patients taking Warfarin

International Normalized Ratio (INR) elevations and/or hemorrhage have been reported in some patients taking warfarin while on IRESSA therapy. Patients taking warfarin should be monitored regularly for changes in prothrombin time or INR.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

Based on its mechanism of action and animal data, IRESSA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal reproductive studies, oral administration of gefitinib from organogenesis through weaning resulted in fetotoxicity and neonatal death at doses below the recommended human dose [see Animal Data]. Advise pregnant women of the potential hazard to a fetus or potential risk for loss of the pregnancy. The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown; however, the background risk in the U.S. general population of major birth defects is 2.4% and miscarriage is 15-20% of clinically recognized pregnancies.

Data

Animal Data

A single dose study in rats showed that gefitinib crosses the placenta after an oral dose of 5 mg/kg (30 mg/m², about 0.2 times the recommended human dose on a mg/m² basis). When pregnant rats were treated with 5 mg/kg from the beginning of organogenesis to the end of weaning there was a reduction in the number of offspring born alive. This effect was more severe at 20 mg/kg (approximately the human clinical dose on a mg/m² basis) and was accompanied by high neonatal mortality soon after parturition. In rabbits, a dose of 20 mg/kg/day (240 mg/m², about twice the recommended dose in humans on a mg/m² basis) reduced fetal weight.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

It is not known whether IRESSA is excreted in human milk. Animal studies indicate the gefitinib and its metabolites are present in rat milk at a concentration higher than those in maternal plasma. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from IRESSA, advise women to discontinue breast-feeding during treatment with IRESSA.

Data

Animal Data

Levels of gefitinib and its metabolites were 11-to-19-fold higher in milk than in blood, after oral exposure of lactating rats to a dose of 5 mg/kg.

8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

Contraception

Based on its mechanism of action and animal data, IRESSA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)]. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with IRESSA and for at least two weeks following completion of therapy.

Infertility

IRESSA may result in reduced fertility in females of reproductive potential [see Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)].

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of IRESSA in pediatric patients have not been established.
8.5 Geriatric Use
Of the 823 patients enrolled in two randomized, active-controlled clinical trials 374 patients (45%) were 65 years and older, and 93 patients (11%) were 75 years and older. No overall differences in safety were observed between patients 65 years and older and those younger than 65 years. There is insufficient information to assess for differences in efficacy between older and younger patients.

8.6 Renal Impairment
Less than four percent (<4%) of gefitinib and its metabolites are excreted via the kidney. No clinical studies were conducted with IRESSA in patients with severe renal impairment.

8.7 Hepatic Impairment
The systemic exposure of gefitinib was compared in patients with mild, moderate, or severe hepatic impairment due to cirrhosis (according to Child-Pugh classification) and healthy subjects with normal hepatic function (N=10/group). The mean systemic exposure (AUC_{\infty}) was increased by 40% in patients with mild impairment, 263% in patients with moderate impairment, and 166% in patients with severe hepatic impairment. Monitor adverse reactions when IRESSA is administered to patients with moderate and severe hepatic impairment.

In a study comparing 13 patients with liver metastases and moderate hepatic impairment (addition of CCT grade of baseline AST/SGOT, ALP, and bilirubin equals 3 to 5) to 14 patients with liver metastases and normal hepatic function, the systemic exposure of gefitinib was similar [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].

10 OVERDOSAGE
Twenty three patients were treated weekly with doses from 1500 mg to 3500 mg, and IRESSA exposure did not increase with increasing dose. Adverse events were mostly mild to moderate in severity, and were consistent with the known safety profile of IRESSA. In the event of suspected overdose, interrupt IRESSA, institute supportive care, and observe until clinical stabilization. There are no specific measures/treatments that should be taken following IRESSA overdosing.

11 DESCRIPTION
Gefitinib is a kinase inhibitor.

The chemical name of gefitinib is 4-(Quinazolin-3-yl)-3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl-7-methoxy-6-[3-(morpholin-4-yl)propoxy] and the following structural formula:

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Gefitinib has the molecular formula C_{44}H_{34}ClF_2NO_9, a relative molecular mass of 446.9 daltons and is a white-colored powder. Gefitinib is a free base. The molecule has pK_a of 5.4 and 7.2. Gefitinib can be defined as sparingly soluble at pH 1, but is practically insoluble above pH 7, with the solubility decreasing sharply between pH 4 and pH 6. In non-aqueous solvents, gefitinib is freely soluble in glacial acetic acid and dimethyl sulfoxide, sparingly soluble in pyridine, and is a substrate for the membrane transport P-glycoprotein (P-gp), but it is unlikely to influence gefitinib absorption as P-gp is saturated at higher concentrations.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
12.1 Mechanism of Action
The epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) is expressed on the cell surface of both normal and cancer cells and plays a role in the processes of cell growth and proliferation. Some EGFR activating mutations (exon 19 deletion or exon 21 point mutation L858R) within NSCLC cells have been identified as contributing to the promotion of tumor cell growth, blocking of apoptosis, increasing the potency of gefitinib in one of the cell-based assays.

Gefitinib is a selective, reversible inhibitor of EGFR tyrosine kinase activity in vitro and in vivo. Gefitinib inhibits gefitinib kinase activity at clinically relevant concentrations; inhibition of other tyrosine kinase receptors has not been fully characterized.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics
Absorption and Distribution
The mean oral bioavailability of gefitinib is 60%, with peak plasma levels occurring 3–7 hours after dosing. Food does not alter gefitinib bioavailability to a clinically meaningful extent. IRESSA can be administered with or without food. Gefitinib is extensively distributed throughout the body with a mean steady state volume of distribution of 1400 L following intravenous administration. In vitro binding of gefitinib to human plasma proteins (serum albumin and α1-acid glycoprotein) is 96%, independent of drug concentrations. Gefitinib is a substrate for the membrane transport P-glycoprotein (P-gp), and thus, it is unlikely for gefitinib absorption to be saturated at higher concentrations.

Metabolism and Elimination
Gefitinib undergoes extensive hepatic metabolism in humans, predominantly by CYP3A4. Three sites of biotransformation have been identified: metabolism of the N-proxyporphinolmoine-group, demethylation of the methoxy-substituent on the quinazoline, and oxidative defluorination of the halogenated phenyl group. Five metabolites have been fully identified in fecal extracts and the major active component was O-desmethyl gefitinib produced by CYP2D6 metabolism and accounted for 14% of the dose.

Eight metabolites were identified in human plasma. Only O-desmethyl gefitinib has exposure comparable to gefitinib. Although this metabolite has similar EGFR-TK activity to gefitinib in the isolated enzyme assay, it had only 1/14 of the potency of gefitinib in one of the cell-based assays.

Hepatic Impairment: The systemic exposure of gefitinib was compared between patients with mild, moderate, or severe hepatic impairment due to cirrhosis (according to Child-Pugh classification) and healthy subjects with normal hepatic function (N=10/group). The mean systemic exposure (AUC_{\infty}) was increased by 40% in patients with mild impairment, 263% in patients with moderate impairment, and 166% in patients with severe hepatic impairment. In a study comparing 13 patients with liver metastases and moderate hepatic impairment to 14 patients with liver metastases and normal hepatic impairment, the systemic exposure of gefitinib was similar [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].

CYP2D6 Poor metabolizer: CYP2D6 metabolizes gefitinib to O-desmethyl gefitinib in vitro. In healthy CYP2D6 poor metabolizers, O-desmethyl gefitinib concentration was not measurable and the mean exposure to gefitinib was 2-fold higher as compared to the extensive metabolizers. This increase in exposure in CYP2D6 poor metabolizers may be clinically important because some adverse drug reactions are related to higher exposure of gefitinib. No dose adjustment is recommended in patients with a known CYP2D6 poor metabolizer genotype, but these patients should be closely monitored for adverse reactions. The impact of CYP2D6 inhibiting drugs on gefitinib pharmacokinetics has not been evaluated. However, similar precautions should be used when administering CYP2D6 inhibitors with IRESSA because of the possibility of increased exposure in these patients.

An exploratory exposure response analysis showed an increase in the incidence of interstitial lung disease (ILD) with a greater than 2-fold increase in the gefitinib exposure [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

12.4 Drug-Drug Interactions
Strong CYP3A4 Inducer: Concomitant administration of rifampin (600 mg OD for 16 days), a strong inducer of CYP3A4, with gefitinib (500 mg single dose on Day 10 of gefitinib administration) reduced mean AUC of gefitinib by 83% [see Dosage and Administration (2.4), Drug Interactions (7)].

CYP3A4 Inhibitor: Concomitant administration of itraconazole (200 mg OD for 12 days), an inhibitor of CYP3A4, with gefitinib (250 mg single dose on Day 4 of itraconazole administration) to healthy male subjects, increased mean gefitinib AUC by 80% [see Drug Interactions (7)].
Table 3 – Efficacy Results in Study 1

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<td><strong>Objective Response Rate</strong></td>
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1. BICR, Blinded Independent Central Review
2. 17 patients without target lesion at baseline detected by BICR were deemed non responders
3. Determined by RECIST v 1.1

The response rates were similar in patients whose tumors had EGFR exon 19 deletions and exon 21 L858R substitution mutations. Two partial responses were observed in both patients whose tumors had G719X substitution mutation with duration of response of at least 2.8 months and 5.6 months, respectively. One of two patients whose tumors had L861Q substitution mutation also achieved a partial response with duration of response of at least 2.8 months.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Gefitinib has been tested for genotoxicity in a series of in vitro (bacterial mutation, mouse lymphoma, and human lymphocyte) assays and an in vitro test. Under the conditions of these assays, gefitinib did not cause genetic damage.

In a two-year carcinogenicity study in mice, administration of gefitinib at a dose of 270 mg/kg/day (approximately twice the recommended daily dose of 250 mg on a mg/m2 basis; dose reduced from 375 mg/m2/day from week 22) caused hepatocellular adenomas in females. In a two-year carcinogenicity study in rats, administration of gefitinib at 60 mg/kg/day (approximately 0.4 times the recommended daily clinical dose on a mg/m2 basis) caused hepatocellular adenomas and hemangiom/hemagiosarcomas of the mesenteric lymph nodes in female rats. The clinical relevance of these findings is unknown.

In a dedicated fertility study in rats at doses >120 mg/m2 (approximately equal to the recommended human dose of gefitinib on a mg/m2 basis), animals presented with an increased incidence of irregular estrous, decreased corpora lutea, and decreases in uterine implants and live embryos per litter.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

Study 1

The efficacy and safety of IRESSA for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic NSCLC containing EGFR exon 19 deletions or L858R substitution mutations was demonstrated in a multicenter, single-arm, open-label clinical study (Study 1). A total of 106 treatment-naive patients with metastatic EGFR mutation positive NSCLC received IRESSA at a dose of 250 mg once daily until disease progression or intolerable toxicity. The major efficacy outcome measure was the response rate (ORR) according to RECIST v1.1 as evaluated by both a Blinded Independent Central Review (BICR) and investigators. Duration of response (DOR) was an additional outcome measure. Eligible patients were required to have a measurable lesion by ECOG PS 0 or 1 (95%) and PS 0 (17%). A total of 103 patients were randomized (1:1) to receive IRESSA 250 mg orally once daily or up to 6 cycles of carboplatin/paclitaxel. The efficacy outcomes included progression-free survival (PFS) and objective response rate (ORR) as assessed by BICR.

The median duration of treatment for IRESSA-treated patients was 9.8 months. The hazard ratio for PFS favored the IRESSA-treated patients (HR of 0.54 [95% CI: 0.38, 0.79]) with a median PFS of 10.9 months for the IRESSA-treated patients and 7.4 months for the carboplatin/paclitaxel-treated patients as assessed by BICR. In addition, the objective response rate was 67% (95% CI: 56, 77) for IRESSA-treated patients and 41% (95% CI: 31, 51) for carboplatin/paclitaxel-treated patients based on BICR assessment. The median duration of response was 9.6 months for IRESSA-treated patients and 5.5 months for carboplatin/paclitaxel-treated patients.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

IRESSA® (gefitinib) is available as 250 mg tablets. IRESSA 250 mg tablets are round, biconvex, brown film-coated, debossed with “IRESSA 250” on one side and plain on the other side. IRESSA® (gefitinib) tablets are supplied as: Bottles of 30 Tablets (NDC 0310-0482-30)

Store at controlled room temperature 20°C–25°C (68°F–77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].
IRESSA® (gefitinib) tablets for oral use

Patient Information
IRESSA (eye-RES-sah) (gefitinib) tablets

What is IRESSA?
IRESSA is a prescription medicine used to treat people with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) that has spread to other parts of the body and:
• that have certain types of abnormal epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) genes, and
• who have not had previous treatment for cancer

Your healthcare provider will perform a test to make sure that IRESSA is right for you.

It is not known if IRESSA is safe and effective in people with NSCLC that have other types of EGFR genes.

It is not known if IRESSA is safe and effective in children.

Before taking IRESSA, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:
• have lung or breathing problems
• ever had liver problems
• have vision or eye problems
• are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. IRESSA can harm your unborn baby.
  o Females who are able to become pregnant should use an effective method of birth control during treatment with IRESSA and for at least 2 weeks after the last dose of IRESSA. You should avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with IRESSA.
  o Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant during treatment with IRESSA.
• are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if IRESSA passes into your breast milk. Do not breastfeed during treatment with IRESSA. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby during this time.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements.

If you take a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), H2 blocker, or an antacid medicine, talk to your healthcare provider about the best time to take it during treatment with IRESSA.

If you take a blood thinner called warfarin, your healthcare provider should do blood tests regularly to check how fast your blood clots, during treatment with IRESSA.

How should I take IRESSA?
• Take IRESSA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.
• Your healthcare provider may change your dose, temporarily stop, or permanently stop treatment with IRESSA if you have side effects.
• Take IRESSA 1 time each day.
• You can take IRESSA with or without food.
• If you miss a dose of IRESSA, take it as soon as you remember. If it is less than 12 hours until your next dose, skip the missed dose. Take your next dose at your regular time.
• If you take too much IRESSA, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest emergency room right away.
• If you cannot swallow IRESSA tablets whole:
  o place your dose of IRESSA in a container with 4 to 8 ounces of water and stir for about 15 minutes
  o drink the mixture right away
  o place another 4 to 8 ounces of water in the same container, and drink it right away

What are the possible side effects of IRESSA?
IRESSA may cause serious side effects, including:
• lung or breathing problems. IRESSA may cause inflammation of the lung that may lead to death. Symptoms may be similar to those symptoms from lung cancer. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new or worsening lung problems, or any combination of the following symptoms: trouble breathing or shortness of breath, cough, or fever.
• liver problems. IRESSA may cause inflammation of the liver that may lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of a liver problem which may include:
  o yellowing of your skin or the white part of your eyes (jaundice)
  o dark or brown (tea colored) urine
  o light-colored bowel movements (stools)
  o decreased appetite
  o pain on the right side of your stomach (abdomen)

Your healthcare provider will do blood tests to check your liver function during your treatment with IRESSA.

• a tear in the wall of your stomach or intestines (perforation). Get emergency medical help right away if you have severe stomach (abdomen) pain.
• diarrhea. Diarrhea is common with IRESSA and can sometimes be severe. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have severe diarrhea or diarrhea that will not go away.
• eye problems. Tell your healthcare provider if you get watery eyes, sensitivity to light, blurred vision, eye pain, eye redness, or vision changes.
• skin reactions. Skin redness, rash, itching, and acne are common with IRESSA. This may occur on any part of your body. Get medical help right away if you develop severe skin reactions such as peeling or blistering of your skin.

IRESSA may cause fertility problems in females. Talk to your healthcare provider if you plan to become pregnant.
Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of IRESSA. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

**How should I store IRESSA?**

Store IRESSA at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C)

**Keep IRESSA and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

**General information about the safe and effective use IRESSA.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in Patient Information leaflet. Do not use IRESSA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give IRESSA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about IRESSA that is written for health professionals.

**What are the ingredients in IRESSA?**

**Active ingredient:** gefitinib

**Inactive ingredients:** lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, povidone, sodium lauryl sulfate, magnesium stearate

Tablet coating contains: hypromellose, polyethylene glycol 300, titanium dioxide, yellow iron oxide and red iron oxide.

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