

Abemaciclib (Verzenio®)

Abemaciclib is a targeted therapy medicine used to treat certain types of breast cancer.

How Is It Given?

- tablet by mouth

What Side Effects May Occur?

This is a partial list of the side effects you may have with this medicine. You may have some, all or none of those listed, or you may have other side effects not listed. Most side effects last only a short time.

Common:

- diarrhea (loose, watery stools)
- nausea (upset stomach) or vomiting (throwing up)
- abdominal (belly) pain
- decreased appetite
- headache
- fatigue (tiredness)
- hair thinning or hair loss
- signs of infection such as fever or chills, cough, sore throat, pain or problems passing urine
- lowered white blood cell, red blood cell and platelet counts

Less common:

- lung or breathing problems
- liver problems
- risk of developing blood clots in the lungs, brain, heart or veins

Special Notes

- A negative pregnancy test is needed before starting this medicine.
- You may have changes in your menstrual cycle or sperm count. Discuss birth control measures with your doctor. You should not get pregnant or father a child while taking this medicine.
- Your blood counts will be checked often during the first 2 months of treatment and then they will be checked monthly.

When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- fever or chills
- trouble breathing or shortness of breath
- chest pain
- dark urine or pale stools
- yellowing of your skin or eyes
- unusual bleeding, bruising, or weakness
- numbness or weakness in arm or leg.

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you want more complete medicine information or if you have questions.