

# Tretinoin (Vesinoid<sup>®</sup> and ATRA<sup>®</sup>)

Tretinoin is an anti-cancer medicine that stops cancer cells from growing. This medicine is used to treat many types of cancers, including leukemia and lymphoma.

## 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:

- swelling
- headache
- feeling drowsy or dizzy
- nausea (feel like throwing up) and vomiting (throwing up)
- diarrhea (loose stools)
- skin rash
- high cholesterol and triglyceride (fats in your blood) levels
- weight gain
- bleeding
- liver damage

- infection
- lung problems such as a cough
- fever

### Less common:

- low or high blood pressure
- anxiety and depression
- feeling agitated (upset)
- trouble sleeping
- dry mouth

## When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- allergic reaction:
  - itching
  - hives
  - swelling in your face and hands
  - tingling in your mouth or throat
- chest pain
- pounding heartbeat
- fainting
- feeling dizzy
- fast weight gain.

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