

Thalidomide (Thalomid[®])

Thalidomide is an anti-cancer medicine that helps your immune system kill the cancer cells. This medicine is used to treat multiple myeloma.

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
- fatigue (feeling very tired)
- feeling drowsy or dizzy
- diarrhea (loose stools)
- nausea (feel like throwing up) and vomiting (throwing up)
- low calcium level
- skin rash
- low white blood cell count
- liver damage
- fever
- trouble breathing

- tremors (shaking)

Less common:

- low blood pressure
- headache
- anemia (low red blood cells)
- 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.