

Nilotinib (Tasigna[®])

Nilotinib is an anti-cancer medicine used to treat some types of leukemias.

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:

- night sweats
- feeling itchy
- skin rash
- constipation
- nausea (feel like throwing up) and a decrease in appetite
- diarrhea (loose stools)
- muscle pain
- headache
- fatigue (feeling very tired)
- swelling
- cough

- higher cholesterol levels
- anemia (low red blood cell count)
- fever
- high blood glucose

Less common:

- swelling
- heart disease
- high blood pressure

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.