



NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

the Physicians of Oncology Hematology West

Affinitor®

Generic name: everolimus

Drug type:

Affinitor is a targeted therapy. It is classified as a tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

How Affinitor is given:

- Affinitor is given by mouth (in capsule form).
- If you miss a dose of Affinitor, you can take the missed dose up to 6 hours after the time you normally take it; if it is more than 6 hours, do not take the missed dose, just wait until it is time to take the next dose.

Side effects of Affinitor:

Important things to remember about the side effects of Affinitor:

- Most people do not experience all of the side effects listed.
- Side effects are almost always reversible and will usually go away after treatment is complete.
- There are many options to help minimize or prevent side effects.

The following side effects are common for patients receiving Affinitor:

- Redness and sores in the mouth
- Infections
- Tiredness and weakness
- Cough
- Diarrhea

These are less common side effects for patients receiving Affinitor:

- Nausea/vomiting
- Swelling in the hands and feet
- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Bloody noses
- Lung infections
- Rash
- Dry, itchy skin
- Decreased appetite/ altered sense of taste
- Headache

When to contact your doctor or health care provider:

Contact your health care provider ***immediately***, day or night, if you should experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 101° F or higher, chills (possible signs of infection)
- Difficulty breathing, sudden weight gain, swelling, vision changes
- Severe abdominal pain

The following symptoms require medical attention, but are not emergency situations. Contact your health care provider ***within 24 hours*** of noticing any of the following:

- Nausea (interferes with ability to eat and unrelieved with prescribed medications)
- Vomiting (vomiting more than 4-5 times in a 24-hour period)
- Mouth sores (painful redness, swelling or ulcers)
- Diarrhea (4-6 episodes in a 24-hour period)
- Constipation unrelieved by laxative use
- Any signs of bleeding, including black or tarry stools, or blood in your stools or urine
- Signs of infection such as redness or swelling, pain on swallowing, coughing up mucous, or painful urination
- Swelling of the feet or ankles
- Sudden weight gain
- Bone or joint pain
- Yellowing of the skin or eyes

Always inform your health care provider if you experience any unusual symptoms.