



# NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

*the Physicians of Oncology Hematology West*

## **Tasigna®**

**Trade name:** Nilotinib

### **Drug type:**

Tasigna is a targeted therapy. Tasigna is classified as a signal transduction inhibitor - protein-tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

### **How Tasigna is given:**

- Tasigna is given by mouth.
- Take Tasigna on an empty stomach about 12 hours apart.

### **Side effects of Tasigna:**

Important things to remember about the side effects of Tasigna:

- 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 Tasigna:**

- Rash
- Headache

### **These are less common side effects for patients receiving Tasigna:**

- Itchy skin
- Hair loss
- Nausea/vomiting
- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Fatigue
- Muscle and joint aches and pains
- Back pain
- Cough
- Respiratory infections

## **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

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

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