



Hormone Therapy

Hormone therapy treats breast cancer by preventing cancer cells from getting the hormones they need to grow. There are two main types of hormone therapy — tamoxifen and aromatase inhibitors. Other therapies, such as the suppression or removal of the ovaries, are sometimes used. *Note: Hormone therapy should not be confused with the term, hormone replacement therapy.*

Q: How does hormone therapy treat breast cancer?

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Q: Do I need hormone therapy? If so, why?

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Q: When will the hormone therapy be started? How long will I take it?

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Q: How do I take it? How often?

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Q: What are the possible side effects of hormone therapy? How long will they last? Which ones should I report to you?

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Q: What are the risks if I stop taking the hormone therapy?

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Q: Will insurance pay for hormone therapy? If not, do you know of any assistance to help cover the costs?

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Q: Is there a generic form of this hormone treatment? Is it as effective as the name-brand?

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