

Abiraterone (originator and generics) for treating newly diagnosed high-risk hormone-sensitive metastatic prostate cancer

Information for the public

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Abiraterone (originator and generics) with androgen deprivation therapy is available on the NHS. It is a possible treatment for newly diagnosed high-risk hormone-sensitive metastatic prostate cancer in adults.

An originator is the branded medicine that was originally licensed. Generics contain the same active ingredient as the originator but are developed by other companies after the patent for the branded medicine has ended.

Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. See [our webpage on shared decision making](#).

Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

Information and support

The [NHS webpage on prostate cancer](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Prostate Cancer UK](#), 0800 074 8383
- [Prostate Cancer Research](#), 0203 735 5444
- [Tackle Prostate Cancer](#), 0800 035 5302
- [Cancer Research UK](#), 0808 800 4040
- [Macmillan Cancer Support](#), 0808 808 0000

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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