

# Questions to ask your doctor about taking IRESSA

It is important to understand metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with your type of EGFR mutation and IRESSA therapy. Talking with your doctor can help you get the answers to questions you may have.

Print this list of questions and bring it to your next appointment. It can be helpful to write the answers down so you can refer to them later.



How long will I be taking IRESSA?

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What can I expect from IRESSA?

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What can I do about a particular side effect? Are there other medications or treatments that can help?

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What changes can I expect?

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What is the timeline for my appointments and tests, and what will happen at each point?

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What does my latest X-ray or CT scan show? Can I look at it?

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Will I need any further tests?

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Should I change what I eat or how I eat?

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Would exercise be helpful for me?

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What websites, books, or brochures do you recommend?

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How will I know if my disease is progressing?

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What do we do next if my disease starts to progress again?

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What support services and support groups are available to me?

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## Important Safety Information

### What is IRESSA?

IRESSA is a prescription medicine used to treat people with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) that has spread to other parts of the body and:

- that have certain types of abnormal epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) genes, and
- who have not had previous treatment for cancer

Your healthcare provider will perform a test to make sure that IRESSA is right for you.

**IRESSA may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **Lung or breathing problems.** IRESSA may cause inflammation of the lung that may lead to death. Symptoms may be similar to those symptoms from lung cancer. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new or worsening lung problems, or any combination of the following symptoms: trouble breathing or shortness of breath, cough, or fever.

Please see additional Important Safety Information on the reverse and the accompanying full [Prescribing Information](#) including Patient Information, also available at [www.iressaPI.com](http://www.iressaPI.com).

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## Additional Important Safety Information

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Before taking IRESSA, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have lung or breathing problems
- ever had liver problems
- have vision or eye problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. IRESSA can harm your unborn baby.
  - Females who are able to become pregnant should use an effective method of birth control during treatment with IRESSA and for at least 2 weeks after the last dose of IRESSA. You should avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with IRESSA.
  - Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant during treatment with IRESSA.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if IRESSA passes into your breast milk. Do not breastfeed during treatment with IRESSA. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby during this time.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements.

If you take a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), H2 blocker, or an antacid medicine, talk to your healthcare provider about the best time to take it during treatment with IRESSA.

If you take a blood thinner called warfarin, your healthcare provider should do blood tests regularly to check how fast your blood clots, during treatment with IRESSA.

### What are the possible side effects of IRESSA?

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- **Liver problems.** IRESSA may cause inflammation of the liver that may lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of a liver problem which may include: yellowing of your skin or the white part of your eyes (jaundice), dark or brown (tea colored) urine, light-colored bowel movements (stools), decreased appetite, or pain on the right side of your stomach (abdomen). Your healthcare provider will do blood tests to check your liver function during your treatment with IRESSA.
- **A tear in the wall of your stomach or intestines (perforation).** Get emergency medical help right away if you have severe stomach (abdomen) pain.
- **Diarrhea.** Diarrhea is common with IRESSA and can sometimes be severe. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have severe diarrhea or diarrhea that will not go away.
- **Eye problems.** Tell your healthcare provider if you get watery eyes, sensitivity to light, blurred vision, eye pain, eye redness, or vision changes.
- **Skin reactions.** Skin redness, rash, itching, and acne are common with IRESSA. This may occur on any part of your body. Get medical help right away if you develop severe skin reactions such as peeling or blistering of your skin.

IRESSA may cause fertility problems in females. Talk to your healthcare provider if you plan to become pregnant.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the possible side effects of IRESSA. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see the accompanying full [Prescribing Information](#) including Patient Information, also available at [www.iressaPI.com](http://www.iressaPI.com).



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