

## Possible Side Effects (*continued*):

### Shortness of Breath / Cough

#### What to do:

- Call your doctor if you have shortness of breath or any changes in your ability to breathe.
- Tell your doctor if you have a cough that will not go away.
- Call your doctor if you have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) or higher.

### Diarrhea

#### What to do:

- Drink extra fluids during the day.
- Call your doctor if this happens more than 4 times in a day, or lasts for more than 1 to 2 days or if you feel lightheaded or dizzy.
- Your doctor may tell you to take a medicine called Loperamide (Imodium). It is important to follow your doctor's orders for taking this medicine, not the instructions on the box.

### Muscle / Nerve Pain

**What this means:** You may have muscle pain, tenderness or weakness, nerve pain or numbness/tingling in your hands and feet.

#### What to do:

- Talk to your doctor before you take any over-the-counter pain medicine.
- Drink water during the day.
- Get plenty of rest.
- **Do not** lift heavy objects.
- Call your doctor if your muscle or nerve pain makes you unable to do your normal daily activities.

**This is not a complete list of all possible side effects. Tell your doctor if you have these or any other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine. Your James health care team will give you further help to manage side effects.**

## PATIENT EDUCATION

# Taking Your Treatment Home

## What you need to know about your Anti-Cancer Medicine

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### Lorlatinib (Lorbrena)

This brochure has important information on how to use, handle, and store your medicine, what side effects to look for and how to manage those side effects.

#### What it looks like:

- 25 mg tan round tablet
- 100 mg lavender oval tablet

#### How to handle and store:

- **There are special safe handling instructions for this medicine.** Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse about the precautions you need to follow when you take this medicine home.
- It is safe to handle this medicine as a whole tablet.
- Store in closed container at room temperature in a dry place such as a cabinet away from light, heat, and moisture.
- **Do not** store in your bathroom or in refrigerator.
- Keep this medicine away from children and **do not** share it with anyone.

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**Filling your Lorlatinib prescription:**

- You will need to get your medicine from a specialty pharmacy that has Lorlatinib in stock.
- Talk to your treatment team to find a specialty pharmacy near you.

**How to take:**

- Swallow the tablet whole with a full glass of water 1 time each day. You may take this medicine with or without food.
- **Do not** take more tablets than ordered by your doctor.
- **Do not** crush, break, chew or split the tablets.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is less than 12 until your next dose, skip the missed dose. **Do not double up on doses.**

**Disposal:**

- Talk with your doctor or pharmacist about how to get rid of prescription medicines safely.

**Precautions:**

- Tell your doctor or pharmacist about any medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal products.
- **Do not get pregnant or plan a pregnancy while on this medicine.** This medicine can cause **birth defects** when taken by both **women and men**. Talk with your doctor about using **2 methods** of birth control.
- **Do not breastfeed while on this medicine** and for 6 months after your last dose.

**Possible Side Effects**

You can find more information on side effects in the Patient Education booklet, *Treatment with Chemotherapy and Anti-Cancer Medicines*.

**Abnormal Blood Tests**

**What this means:** Your doctor will order blood tests often while you take this medicine.

**What to do:**

- It is important to keep your appointments to have your blood work checked.
- Your doctor will order the following blood tests: cholesterol, triglycerides and liver function.
- Eat a healthy, well-balanced diet and drink plenty of fluid during the day.
- Your doctor may order other medicine to help manage this problem.
- Call your doctor if you have yellowing of your skin or eyes.

**Heart Problems****What to do:**

- Call your doctor if you have any of the following symptoms:
  - Abnormal heartbeat
  - Chest pain or shortness of breath
  - Swelling in your feet or ankles
  - Dizziness or you feel faint
- Tell your doctor if you have heart problems or high blood pressure.
- Your doctor may check your heart while you are taking this medicine.

**Changes in Mental Status****What to do:**

- Call your doctor if you have any of the following:
  - Severe headaches
  - Dizziness
  - Changes in your ability to think (forgetfulness or confusion)
  - Changes in your mood, speech or sleep

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