

## TESTOSTERONE (capsule)

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### What does it do?

*Testosterone* is a male sex hormone. It is used when the levels of *testosterone* in your body are too low.

### Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have heart, liver or prostate problems, or if you have ever had breast cancer, a blood clot or a stroke.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

### How should you take it?

Take *testosterone* regularly as directed with food and a glass of water. Swallow the capsules whole.

### What if you forget a dose?

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Do not take two doses at the same time.

### Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects  | Recommended action              |
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| Symptoms of liver problems including: yellow skin or eyes, itching, dark urine, pale bowel motions, abdominal pain<br>Prolonged erection (longer than four hours)   | Tell your doctor immediately    |
| Mood changes, headache<br>Head hair loss, more body and facial hair<br>Acne<br>Sore or enlarged breasts<br>More or less interest in sex<br>Swollen feet or legs<br>Stomach upset<br>In women: changes in periods, voice deepening | Tell your doctor if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

### Other information:

- You will need regular blood tests while you are taking *testosterone* to check your blood and your prostate (for men), and to make sure you are taking the right dose.