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**If you have any questions, please consult your physician or call Hearst Cancer Resource Center at 805.542.6234. For emergency, call 911.**

# PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

**Halotesin (Fluoxymesterone, ORA-Testryl)**

## SIDE EFFECTS

**It is important for the patient to follow all prescription instructions carefully. You may experience some, all, or none of the following:**

- **Masculine Features** – May occur in females after using the drug for longer than three months (such as more hair on the face, deeper voice, more noticeable muscles and veins, baldness, and excessive body hair).
- **Increased Sex Drive** – May occur.
- **Acne** – May develop or worsen
- **Retention of Fluids** – May occur.
- **Increase in Calcium** – You may have an increase in your blood calcium while on this drug, especially during the first few weeks of treatment. Report any increased thirst, drowsiness, constipation, and increased urination.
- **Nausea/Vomiting** – May occur, but is not common. If this occurs tell your doctor so you can get medication to help with this.
- **Yellow or Itchy Skin** – May occur and may indicate liver problems.

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**Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:**

- If you notice an increase in weight, swelling of your hands or ankles.
- Increased thirst, drowsiness, constipation, and increased urination.
- If you have any nausea or vomiting.
- Yellow or itchy skin.
- Menstrual irregularities

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Birth Control Measures** (Don't use in women of child-bearing age until pregnancy is ruled out) – are necessary during and for 4 months after treatment.
- **Before any dental procedure, be sure and tell your dentist you are taking this medication.**