

Dutasteride/Tamsulosin Sandoz® 500/400

Active ingredient(s): dutasteride and tamsulosin hydrochloride

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Dutasteride/Tamsulosin Sandoz. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Dutasteride/Tamsulosin Sandoz.**

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1. Why am I using Dutasteride/Tamsulosin Sandoz?

Dutasteride/Tamsulosin Sandoz contains the active ingredients dutasteride and tamsulosin hydrochloride. Dutasteride belongs to a group of medicines called 5-alpha reductase enzyme inhibitors. Tamsulosin hydrochloride belongs

to a group of medicines called alpha-blockers.

Dutasteride/Tamsulosin Sandoz is used in men with benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).

BPH is a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland which is located at the lower portion of the urinary bladder surrounding the urethra (urine carrying tube). In men with BPH, the prostate gland become large enough to squeeze the urine tube running through it. If the urine tube is squeezed it narrows, making it more difficult for you to pass urine normally and you may have some or all of the following symptoms:

- difficulty in starting to urinate
- an interrupted, weak urinary stream
- more frequent urination, especially at night
- feeling that you need to urinate, right away
- leaking or dribbling
- a feeling that you cannot empty your bladder completely.

As the disease progresses, untreated BPH can lead to an increased risk of complete blockage of urine flow (acute urinary retention) and/or the need for surgery.