

## DEFERASIROX-TEVA®

Active ingredient(s): deferasirox

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### Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using DEFERASIROX-TEVA. **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 DEFERASIROX-TEVA.**

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#### 1. Why am I using DEFERASIROX-TEVA?

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**DEFERASIROX-TEVA contains the active ingredient deferasirox.**

DEFERASIROX-TEVA is used to treat a condition called iron overload, which happens when the body has too much iron. This can occur after repeated blood transfusions. The body has no natural way to remove excess iron which comes with blood transfusions.

Over time, this excess iron can damage important organs such as the liver and heart. Deferasirox attaches itself to the iron molecules to remove the excess iron from the body. This will help prevent iron induced organ damage.

DEFERASIROX-TEVA is also used to treat patients who have iron overload associated with thalassemia syndromes, but who are not transfusion dependent. In patients with non-transfusion-dependent thalassemia syndromes, iron overload may develop over time due to increased absorption of dietary iron in response to low blood cell counts.

This type of medicine must be taken every day to help remove the excess iron from your body.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.**

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

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#### 2. What should I know before I use DEFERASIROX-TEVA?

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##### *Warnings*

**Do not use DEFERASIROX-TEVA if:**

- you are allergic to deferasirox, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.  
Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.  
Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- the medicine is past the expiry date printed on the pack.