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## **Finasteride 1mg for the treatment of early-stage hair loss: an information pack and video to aid in adverse reaction reporting**

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In our ongoing efforts to promote proper and safe use of finasteride 1 mg, we are making available two new tools designed in collaboration with the Association for Aid to the Victims of Finasteride (AVFIN): (a) a thematic file of information and (b) a “step-by-step” video, from the French Network of Regional Pharmacovigilance Centers, to facilitate the reporting of adverse reactions associated with this drug. You will recall that finasteride 1 mg is used to treat a particular form of baldness, called “androgenetic alopecia.”

These tools are intended for the public, in particular young patients, as well as healthcare professionals, whether engaged in prescribing this drug or managing its adverse reactions, particularly those of a sexual and/or psychiatric nature.

By reporting the adverse reactions associated with a drug, you contribute to the knowledge of its risks and to improving the safety of its use.

### **A complete file to consult on our website**

Here you will find detailed information on androgenetic alopecia and the hormonal action of finasteride, as well as on the drug's potential side effects, which may appear during and even after stopping treatment. A particular focus is on sexual and psychological side effects.

This file details important messages and presents actions to be taken, both for patients and health care professionals, when starting treatment, and in the context of the patient follow-up by health care professionals.

### **Please keep in mind**

Considering the impact that some of the adverse reactions associated with finasteride can have on the patient's quality of life, it is essential to be aware of them before starting treatment. By the same token, it is important that a rigorous and regular medical follow-up is conducted during treatment. This requires an in-depth discussion between the patient and his doctor before any prescription is written.

As a reminder, finasteride 1 mg can only be prescribed to men between the ages of 18 and 41.

### **What to do in case of an adverse reaction?**

#### Information for patients

Sexual, psychological or physical disorders have been observed in some people taking finasteride, either during treatment or after stopping it. If you or those around you think you suffer from these disorders, contact your doctor or pharmacist. If he deems it useful, he can refer you to a specialist.

#### Information for healthcare professionals

If a patient complains of psychological or sexual disorders, ask him as a matter of course about treatment with finasteride.

### A video to help patients report side effects of finasteride 1mg

Educational and detailed, this interactive video complements the tools available to educate patients and healthcare professionals about the risks associated with the use of finasteride. It provides a step-by-step guide for anyone wishing to report an adverse effect potentially linked to taking this medicine.

To play the video, click [here](#).



To report an adverse reaction, go to the reporting portal: [www.signalement-sante.gouv.fr](http://www.signalement-sante.gouv.fr)

### Useful resources

Information document for patients, drawn up in 2019 (03/06/2022): Currently being updated.