Medicine Safety and You
Dutasteride or Avodart®

New medicine:
Dutasteride

Brand name:
Avodart®

Use:
Treats symptoms of enlarged prostate. May take several months to see the effects. Can improve hair growth in male pattern baldness.

Potential side effects:
- Breast enlargement
- Change in sexual ability or desire

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other then the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.

If you experience any of these side effects tell your doctor or nurse right away.

Other important information:
If taking for an enlarged prostate, have a rectal exam (to check prostate gland) and blood work (PSA test). Talk with healthcare provider.

Please speak up at any time if you have any questions or concerns.