



# Changing from Flutamide capsules to Bicalutamide tablets

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Kaiser Permanente doctors have approved a change in medicines from flutamide (Eulexin) to bicalutamide (generic Casodex).

Bicalutamide and flutamide belong to the same family of medicines called antiandrogens and are similarly effective for the treatment of prostate cancer. Both medicines are available generics and priced at the lower generic copay for members with a tiered drug benefit.

Bicalutamide is taken once-a-day and appears to have less incidence of diarrhea than flutamide.

### Tips to help you make a smooth transition

- Remember that bicalutamide and flutamide are the SAME type of medicine and should NOT be taken together.
- Finish any remaining supply of flutamide first, and then start taking bicalutamide as your medicine thereafter.
- Please read and follow the directions on your **new bicalutamide prescription label** carefully, as they are different from your directions for flutamide.

*Our pharmacists are here to help you get the most benefit from your medicines.  
Please speak with a pharmacist if you have any questions about this change.*



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