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Dosage Forms & Strengths capsule : 5mg, 20mg, 100mg & 250mg Also available: Powder for injection 100mg/vial



Indicated for the treatment of adults with refractory anaplastic astrocytoma (ie, patients with disease progression on a drug regimen containing nitrosourea and procarbazine)

Initial: 150 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PO/IV qDay for 5 days; repeat at 28-day cycles



## Fycotrax (temozolomide) is a cancer medicine that interferes with the growth and spread of cancer cells in the body in the body. Fycotrax is used together with radiation therapy to treat certain types of brain tumor in adults. Fycotrax is usually given after other cancer medicines have been tried without success.

Fycotrax is an anti-cancer ("antineoplastic" or "cytotoxic") chemotherapy drug. Fycotrax is classified as an "alkylating agent." (For more detail, see "How Fycotrax Works" section below).

What Fycotrax Is Used For:

Treatment of anaplastic astrocytoma and glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) brain tumors

Note: If a drug has been approved for one use, physicians may elect to use this same drug for other problems if they believe it may be helpful.

How Fycotrax Is Given:

Fycotrax is given in a capsule form by mouth. Capsules come in 5 mg, 20 mg, 100 mg, 250 mg, sizes. Your health care provider will calculate your daily dosage for you (the combination and number of each pill size.)

Take on an empty stomach (1 hour before or 2 hours after meals or at bedtime) to reduce stomach upset.

Do not open, crush, or chew capsules; swallow capsules whole with full 8 ounces of water.

The frequency and the amount of Fycotrax you will receive depends on many factors, including your height and weight, your general health or other health problems, and the type of cancer you have. Your doctor will determine your dosage and schedule.

Side Effects:

Important things to remember about the side effects of Fycotrax:

How Fycotrax Works:

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Cancerous tumors are characterized by cell division, which is no longer controlled as it is in normal tissue. "Normal" cells stop dividing when they come into contact with like cells, a mechanism known as contact inhibition. Cancerous cells lose this ability. Cancer cells no longer have the normal checks and balances in place that control and limit cell division. The process of cell division, whether normal or cancerous cells, is through the cell cycle. The cell cycle goes from the resting phase, through active growing phases, and then to mitosis (division).

These side effects are less common side effects (occurring in about 10-29%) of patients receiving Fycotrax: Low blood counts. Your white and red blood cells and platelets may temporarily decrease. This can put you at increased risk for infection, anemia and/or bleeding. This side effect is not common but can be severe. Your blood counts will be monitored routinely throughout treatment.

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