

TESTOSTERONE

COMMON USES: This medication is a hormone that is found naturally in the body. It is used to treat hormone deficiencies in men or in women, benign prostatic hypertrophy (enlarged prostate), and other conditions as determined by your doctor.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICATION: This medicine may be administered as a patch, a gel or cream applied to the skin, an oral capsule, injectable, or other dosage forms compounded at Bedford Pharmacy. Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor and pharmacist.

CAUTIONS: It may take several weeks for this medication to reach its full effects. Continue using this medicine during that time. **KEEP ALL DOCTOR AND LABORATORY APPOINTMENTS** while you are using this medicine. If you have **DIABETES MELLITUS** and use insulin, this medicine may effect your blood sugar and insulin requirements. Check blood glucose levels closely and ask your doctor before adjusting the dose of your insulin.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS: If you are using a formulation that is applied to the skin you may experience itching, discomfort, or irritation. These effects may go away during treatment. If they continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor. **CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** if you experience frequent or persistent erections of the penis, nausea, vomiting, change in skin color, ankle swelling, or headache. If you notice other effects not listed above contact your doctor.

MISSED DOSES: If you are taking this medication on a regular basis and miss a scheduled dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, do not double up doses.

The information in this monograph is not intended to cover all possible uses, directions, precautions, drug interactions, or adverse effects. The information is generalized and is not intended as specific medical advice. If you have questions about the drugs you are taking, check with your prescriber or pharmacist.