

Propecia® (finasteride) 1 mg



Dear Pharmacist,

Just a reminder about important information to consider when filling a prescription for PROPECIA.

- PROPECIA 1 mg has no AB-rated equivalent; therefore, substitutions with finasteride formulations of a different strength are not permitted under most state laws.
- All formulations of finasteride 1 mg and 5 mg are film-coated, non-scored tablets that should not be crushed or broken to avoid contact with the active ingredient. Attempts to break higher doses of finasteride into smaller ones may create a safety issue as outlined in the following excerpt from the WARNINGS section of the Prescribing Information:

EXPOSURE OF WOMEN - RISK TO MALE FETUS

Women should not handle crushed or broken PROPECIA tablets when they are pregnant or may potentially be pregnant because of the possibility of absorption of finasteride and the subsequent potential risk to a male fetus. PROPECIA tablets are coated and will prevent contact with the active ingredient during normal handling, provided that the tablets have not been broken or crushed.

- PROPECIA 1 mg is supplied in 2 package sizes:
NDC 0006-0071-54 **PROPAK** - unit of use bottles of 90
NDC 0006-0071-31 unit of use bottles of 30

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please call the Merck National Service Center at 1-800-NSC-Merck (1-800-672-6372).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Prescribing Information for PROPECIA

(Tablet shown not actual size.)