

**Important reminder for men and women**

- This medication has been prescribed to you only, do not share it with anybody and return any unused capsules back to the pharmacy.
- Do not donate blood during treatment and for 3 years after stopping because an unborn baby could be harmed if a pregnant patient receives your blood.

After receiving medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report them to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems).

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# Neotigason (acitretin)

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## Patient Reminder Card

10 mg and 25 mg capsules

### Information about Contraception and Pregnancy Prevention

**Read the Consumer Medicine Information carefully before you start treatment**

If Neotigason is taken before or during pregnancy there is an extremely high risk it can cause serious abnormalities of the the unborn baby's brain, face, ear, eye , heart and certain glands (thymus gland and parathyroid gland), which can be fatal.

This reminder card has key information about contraception, pregnancy prevention and monitoring.

Doctor's name:

Telephone:

### Important information to know\*

#### Neotigason must not be taken during pregnancy or while breastfeeding.

Neotigason can seriously harm an unborn baby if taken during pregnancy. If you become pregnant or think you might be pregnant during treatment, stop taking Neotigason immediately and contact your doctor.

If you think you might be pregnant within three years of stopping Neotigason, contact your doctor immediately, because some medicine may still be left in your body.

If you have any questions or concerns about taking Neotigason, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

**\*This applies to all girls and women using Neotigason and who could become pregnant**

### What you must do\*

- Use effective contraception without interruption, for one month before taking Neotigason, during treatment and for three years after stopping treatment. This should be at least 1 highly effective method of contraception such as an intra-uterine device or implant, or 2 complementary user-dependent methods of contraception (e.g., combined hormonal oral contraceptive and condom/diaphragm).
- Attend regular follow-up visits and have regular pregnancy tests:
  - No more than 3 days before you start treatment, you will have to take a pregnancy test, **which must be negative.**
  - To make sure you are not pregnant during treatment, you will have to **take regular pregnancy tests**, every month.
  - You will also have to take a pregnancy test every 1-3 months for a period of **3 years after stopping treatment.**

