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The Use of Taxanes in Early Breast Cancer

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In Europe, in breast cancer $Taxol^{\circledR}$ (paclitaxel) is currently indicated for the treatment of metastatic carcinoma of the breast in patients who have failed, or are not candidates for standard, anthracycline-containing therapy. In Europe, $Taxol^{\circledR}$ is also approved in combination with trastuzumab for the initial treatment of advanced or metastatic breast cancer in patients who overexpress HER2 at the 3+ level, as determined by immunohistochemistry, and for whom an anthracycline is not suitable.

In breast cancer $Taxol^{\textcircled{\$}}$ is approved for use at a dose of 175 mg/m² in a 3-hour infusion every 3 weeks.

Please see the $Taxol^{\textcircled{\$}}$ Summary of Product Characteristics for more information.

In Europe, Taxol® is also indicated in the treatment of first-line (in combination with cisplatin) and second-line chemotherapy (after failure of standard, platinum-containing therapy) of ovarian cancer, and in combination with cisplatin in the treatment of patients with non-small cell lung cancer who are not candidates for potential surgery and/or radiotherapy.



