

Application Note: Tamoxifen

Tamoxifen, sold under the brand name Nolvadex among others, is a selective estrogen receptor modulator used to prevent breast cancer in women and treat breast cancer in women and men. It is also being studied for other types of cancer. It has been used for Albright syndrome. It is a member of the triphenylethylene group of compounds.

Tamoxifen was initially made in 1962, by chemist Dora Richardson. It is on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines. Tamoxifen is available as a generic medication. In 2018, it was the 262nd most commonly prescribed medication in the United States, with more than 1 million prescriptions.

