



DEXRAZOXANE (MEDICATION) - ADULTS

You have been prescribed this medication to reduce potential damage caused by a chemotherapy leak out of your vein and onto your skin. This is known as an extravasation. **Dexrazoxane will be administered intravenously for three consecutive days.**

NOTE

Notify your physician or pharmacist if you are being monitored or treated for liver or kidney malfunction, if you are or intend to become pregnant, or if you are breastfeeding.

Notify your physician of the medications you are taking, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, vitamins, and natural health products.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Anorexia
- Ulcers in the mouth
- Pain at the injection site

Note that most side effects seem to be associated with chemotherapy rather than with dexrazoxane.

WHEN TO CONSULT

Contact the nurse at the chemotherapy centre **as soon as possible** if you notice:

- Onset of or increasing pain
- Onset of or increasing redness
- Onset of itching
- Presence of a skin lesion (blister)
- Skin breakdown
- Presence of discharge
- Swelling
- Difficulty moving the hand, wrist, elbow or shoulder of the arm where the extravasation occurred

Notify the nurse at the chemotherapy centre and go to the emergency department if you notice:

- Fever of 38.3 °C (101 °F) once.

OR

- Fever of 38 °C (100.4 °F) twice within a one-hour interval.

Nurse's signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone number and extension: _____

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