

# DEXRAZOXANE (MEDICATION) - CHILD

Your child has been prescribed this medication to reduce potential damage caused by a chemotherapy leak out of his vein and beneath his skin. This is known as an extravasation. **Dexrazoxane will be administered intravenously for three consecutive days.**

## 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.

Nurse's signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number and extension:

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## WHEN TO CONSULT

Contact the nurse at the pediatric oncology 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 pediatric oncology 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.

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