

If you have any questions, please consult your physician or call Hearst Cancer Resource Center at 805.542.6234. For emergency, call 911.

PATIENT EDUCATION

Daunorubicin (Daunomycin, Cerubidine)

SIDE EFFECTS

It is important for the patient to follow all prescription instructions carefully. You may experience some, all, or none of the following:

- Nausea/Vomiting Fairly common occurring 1-3 hours after treatment and may last for up to 24 hours. You will be given medication before and after your treatment to try and control or prevent this.
- Discolored Urine Urine may be pink/red for up to 48 hours after the drug is given.
- Loss of Hair Complete hair loss usually occurs 2 or more weeks after treatment begins. Hair will usually grow back when treatment is completed.
- Lowered Blood Counts This usually occurs 1-2 weeks after treatment. During this time you are more susceptible to colds, infections, and bleeding. You will have blood tests done to check your blood counts.
- **Mouth Sores** May get worse as treatment continues.
- Heart Muscle Damage This may occur. Studies are usually done before the drug is given, at certain times throughout treatment, and after finishing treatment to assess your heart function.
- Sensitivity to Sun Do not stay in the sun for long periods of time because your skin is more sensitive to the sun; it may burn more easily than normal. Use a sunscreen whenever you are in the sun.

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience:

- Signs of Infection: Chills or fever above 100.5°F, new or significant cough or shortness of breath, pain or burning with urination, a sore that is red and swollen.
- Signs of Bleeding: Nosebleed that will not stop with pressure, bleeding gums, blood in urine or stool, unusual bruising, red or purple spots on body.
- Any shortness of breath or ankle swelling.
- Persistent nausea/vomiting or unable to eat or drink for 24 hours.
- Develop redness, pain, or swelling at the injection site.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Birth Control Measures** are necessary during and for 4 months after treatment due to potential harm to sperm/egg health.
- Before any dental procedure, be sure to tell your dentist you are taking this medication.
- This drug may e very irritating to the tissue if it leaks out of the vein. TELL YOUR NURSE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU FEEL ANY BURNING, STINGING, OR PAIN WHILE THE DRUG IS BEING GIVEN.