

PATIENT EDUCATION

Vidaza (5-Azacitidine)

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

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
- Low Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia)
- Low Platelet Count (increased risk for bleeding)
- Vomiting
- Fever
- Low White Blood Cell Count (increased risk for infection)
- Diarrhea or Constipation
- Fatigue
- Injection Site Redness/Pain
- Ecchymosis, Petechiae (red or purple spots containing blood)
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Weakness
- Chills
- Arthralgia and Myalgia (joint and muscle pain)
- Headache
- Poor Appetite
- Sore Throat
- Back Pain
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Swelling in Ankles
- Chest Pain
- Nosebleed
- Weight Loss
- Abdominal Pain
- Rash
- Anxiety
- Low Potassium
- Upper Respiratory Infection
- Itching
- Depression
- Insomnia

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Notify your doctor or oncology nurse immediately if you experience:

- Nausea
- Vomiting (more than 4-5 times in a 24 hour day)
- Diarrhea (more than 4-6 episodes in a 24 hour period)
- Unusual bleeding o bruising
- Black or tarry stools or blood in the stools
- Blood in the urine
- Extreme fatigue
- Constipation
- Swelling of feet or ankles; sudden weight gain
- Infection; redness or swelling, pain on swallowing, coughing up mucous, or painful urination
- Loss of appetite for 24 hours or dehydration

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Birth Control Measures are necessary during and after treatment due to potential harm to sperm/egg health.
- Before any dental procedure, be sure and tell your dentist you are taking this medication.