



Dacarbazine (DTIC[®])

Drug Name: DTIC[®]

Generic Name: dacarbazine

Purpose: Dacarbazine is a chemotherapy drug used to treat certain types of cancer. It interferes with cell reproduction and growth to prevent the cancer from growing or spreading.

How drug is given:

- Intravenous (IV) into a vein by a specially trained nurse at the hospital or Cancer Center.

Possible Side Effects:

- Moderate nausea and vomiting. Medications are available to help prevent or control the nausea.
- Tell your doctor/nurse immediately if you have:
 - Pain or burning at the infusion site
 - Flushing (redness) or tingling of your face
 - A red and/or itchy rash
- Flu-like symptoms up to 7 days after your treatment. Tell your doctor if:
 - you have body aches
 - you have a fever of 100.4°F or higher
 - you are very tired
- Low white blood cell count. Call your doctor if you have:
 - fever
 - new cough
- Low red blood cell count. Call your doctor if you feel:
 - dizzy
 - short of breath
 - very tired
- Low platelet count. Call your doctor if you have:
 - bleeding
 - new bruises
 - tiny red spots on skin
- Temporary hair loss starting approximately 2 weeks after first treatment. Your hair will grow back.
- Your skin will be more sensitive to sun and more likely to burn. Avoid direct sunlight and DO NOT use tanning beds. Use sunblock with an SPF of 30 or higher. Wear clothes that protect you from the sun including long pants, long sleeves, a hat and sunglasses.

Important:

Talk about contraception (birth control) and/or family planning with your doctor while taking dacarbazine.