



## Carboplatin (Paraplatin®)

Drug Name: Paraplatin®

Generic Name: carboplatin

**Purpose:** Carboplatin 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.
- Intraperitoneal (IP) into the abdominal cavity by a specially trained nurse at the hospital or Cancer Center.

**Possible Side Effects:**

- Nausea and vomiting beginning 6 to 12 hours after treatment. Medications are available to help prevent or control the nausea.
- Loss of appetite or change in the way foods taste
- 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.

### **Important:**

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