



Cisplatin (Platinol®)

Generic Name: cisplatin

Drug Name: Platinol®

Purpose: Cisplatin 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. Medications are available to help prevent or control the nausea.
 - begins 4 to 12 hours after treatment
 - may last for 2 to 4 days
- Constipation
- Kidney problems.
 - To prevent kidney problems you **MUST** drink at least 8 to 10 glasses (8 ounce) of non-alcoholic, decaffeinated fluids every day. Please talk with your doctor/nurse about exactly how much you should drink.
 - Blood tests will be done regularly to check your kidney function
- 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
- Loss of appetite or change in the way foods taste
- Hearing problems. Call your doctor if you have:
 - difficulty hearing, especially high pitched sounds
 - ringing or buzzing in your ears
- Tingling in your fingers and/or toes. Tell your doctor if this happens.
- 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 cisplatin.