



Docetaxel (Taxotere[®])

Generic Name: docetaxel

Drug Name: Taxotere[®]

Purpose: Docetaxel 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:

- **Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you feel any of the following during your IV treatment of docetaxel:**
 - Flushing (redness) of your face
 - Chest pain
 - Difficulty breathing
- Mild to moderate nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Low white blood cell count. Call your healthcare provider if you have:
 - fever
 - new cough
- Low red blood cell count. Call your healthcare provider if you feel:
 - dizzy
 - short of breath
 - very tired
- Low platelet count. Call your healthcare provider 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.
- Fluid retention (feeling bloated)
 - You may notice:
 - you gain weight
 - swelling in your lower legs (edema)
 - Medicines are available to help prevent or control bloating.
- Tingling or burning of your hands, feet or lower legs.
- Skin reactions:
 - rash on your hands or feet
 - itching
 - change in the color of your nails

Important: Talk about contraception (birth control) and/or family planning with your healthcare provider while taking docetaxel.