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P A T I E N T I N F O R M A T I O N

The side effects listed below are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor or oncology nurse to report any medical problems.

Dose _____

DACARBAZINE (DTIC®)

Early Side Effects

- a. Moderate nausea and vomiting may occur. However, when given by continuous infusions, side effects are decreased. Restricting your food intake to light, small meals may be helpful. Avoid spicy or fried foods. There are medications available to prevent or decrease these side effects. You may request these from your doctor.
- b. An "influenza-like" syndrome may occur on the first day of treatment. You may experience symptoms such as aching, fever, and tiredness. Report this to your doctor, particularly if your temperature is higher than 101°.
- c. Facial flushing or tingling may occur during or after treatment.
- d. A red, itching rash (erythematous or urticarial) may appear.

Late Side Effects

- a. A drop in blood cell and platelet counts will occur 2 - 4 weeks after you receive treatment.