

Chlorambucil (Leukeran[®])

Chlorambucil is an anti-cancer medicine that stops cell growth and division. This medicine is used to treat many types of cancer.

How Is It Given?

- tablet by mouth

What Side Effects May Occur?

This is a partial list of the side effects you may have with this medicine. You may have some, all or none of those listed, or you may have other side effects not listed. Most side effects last only a short time.

Common:

- lowered white blood cell count (2 to 3 weeks after beginning treatment)
- nausea (feel like throwing up) and vomiting (throwing up) with higher doses
- skin rash (can occur early in treatment and last up to 10 days after the last treatment)
- fatigue

Less common:

- cough or hoarseness
- diarrhea (loose stools)
- mouth sores
- swollen feet, legs or both
- numb hands, feet or both

- yellowing of your eyes, skin or both
- agitation, confusion or both
- seizures
- muscle twitching, tremors, trouble walking
- severe weakness
- loss of appetite, weight loss

Special Notes

- Take this medicine at the same time every day.
- Take this medicine with food or milk. That may help prevent nausea or vomiting.
- Drink extra liquids every day while taking this medicine.
- Swallow the tablet whole. Do not crush, chew or break it.
- You may have changes in your menstrual cycle or sperm count. Discuss birth control measures with your doctor. You should not get pregnant or father a child while taking this medicine.

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When To Call Your Doctor

Call your doctor if you have:

- skin rash
- fever, chills, or sore throat
- shortness of breath
- unusual bruising or bleeding
- yellowing of your skin or eyes
- seizures
- agitation or confusion.

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you want more complete medicine information or if you have questions.