

# Mitoxantrone (Novantrone<sup>®</sup>)

Mitoxantrone 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?

- blue liquid by IV (intravenous)

## 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, red blood cell and platelet counts (occurs 9 to 10 days after treatment)
- mouth sores (can occur within 1 week of treatment)
- nausea (upset stomach) and vomiting (throwing up)
- loss of appetite
- stomach pains
- hair loss
- diarrhea (loose, watery stools)
- headache
- blue or green color to your urine for up to 24 hours
- blue tinge to the whites of your eyes

### Less common:

- blue skin at the IV site
- skin rash
- allergic reaction

- pain at the IV site
- cough
- shortness of breath
- swollen feet or ankles
- skin damage or severe reaction at the IV site

## Special Notes

- Call your nurse right away if you have any stinging or burning at the needle site.
- 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.

## When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- fever, chills or sore throat
- unusual bleeding or bruising
- mouth sores
- nausea, vomiting or diarrhea you cannot control
- trouble breathing
- swollen feet or ankles
- rash or hives.

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

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