

Bendamustine (Treanda[®])

Bendamustine is a medicine that is used to treat chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL).

How Is It Given?

- clear liquid by IV (intravenous) in the clinic or hospital

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:

- infusion (IV) reaction (most common with first dose) such as fever, chills, shortness of breath, nausea (upset stomach), vomiting (throwing up), rash or lowered blood pressure
- signs of infection such as fever or chills, cough, sore throat, pain or problems passing urine
- lowered white blood cell, red blood cell and platelet counts
- diarrhea
- headache

Less common:

- weakness and fatigue
- bone pain
- dizziness

Special Notes

- Some medicines interact with bendamustine. Let your doctor know if you are taking ciprofloxacin (Cipro[®]), luvox (Fluvoxamine[®]) or omeprazole (Omesec[®]).
- Do not smoke or use tobacco products while taking this medicine.
- Discuss birth control measures with your doctor. You should not get pregnant or father a child while taking this medicine.
- Do not breastfeed while taking this medicine.

When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- fever or signs of infection:
 - cough
 - sore throat
 - chills
 - pain or problems passing urine
- shortness of breath
- swelling in your face or hands, or mouth or throat
- tightness in your chest
- unusual bleeding or bruising
- fast, slow or irregular heartbeat.

For more complete drug information or for questions about this medicine, please ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.