

Carboplatin (Paraplatin[®])

Carboplatin 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?

- clear 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 and platelet count (2 to 3 weeks after starting treatment)
- fatigue
- nausea (feel like throwing up) and vomiting (throwing up) — 6 to 24 hours after treatment, but can be easily prevented with anti-nausea medicines
- short term loss of appetite

Less common:

- numb hands and feet
- hair loss
- change in hearing or ringing in your ears
- change in taste

- mouth sores
- constipation (unable to have a bowel movement) or diarrhea (loose stools)
- blurred vision
- change in kidney or liver function
- lowered red blood cell count with prolonged treatment
- allergic reactions are rare but may include:
 - swollen face, lips or tongue
 - rash
 - itching
 - wheezing, increased heartbeat

Special Notes

- It is important to drink plenty of fluids, up to 8 glasses of water a day, after your treatment to flush your kidneys.
- Tell your doctor if you are taking any antibiotics. Certain antibiotics interact with this medicine.
- You may have changes in your menstrual cycle or sperm count. Talk about 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:

- unusual bleeding or bruising
- unexplained fever, chills, or sore throat
- bloody urine or bowel movements
- uncontrollable nausea or vomiting
- ringing in your ears, trouble hearing
- changes in vision
- numbness or tingling in your hands or feet.

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