

Arsenic Trioxide (Trisenox[®])

Arsenic trioxide is an anti-cancer medicine that kills cancer cells by changing their proteins and DNA. This medicine is used to treat many types of cancer, including some leukemias.

How Is It Given?

- 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:

- chest pain
- low blood pressure
- swelling (inflammation)
- itching
- high blood glucose
- low potassium and magnesium levels
- stomach pain
- diarrhea (loose stools)
- throat pain
- high white blood cell count
- bone or muscle pain
- feeling dizzy
- headache

- trouble sleeping
- cough
- feeling tired
- fever
- anxiety

Less common:

- seizures
- liver damage
- kidney damage

When To Call Your Doctor

Call your doctor if you have:

- allergic reaction:
 - itching
 - hives
 - swelling in your face and hands
 - tingling in your mouth or throat
- chest pain
- pounding heartbeat
- fainting
- feeling dizzy
- fast weight gain.

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