

Daunorubicin (Daunomycin, Cerubidine[®])

Daunorubicin is an anti-cancer medicine that stops cell growth and division. This medicine is used to treat different types of leukemia.

How Is It Given?

- red 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 counts (occurs seven to 14 days after treatment)
- reddish color in urine up to 1 or 2 days after treatment
- hair loss (occurs 3 to 4 weeks after beginning treatment)
- nausea (upset stomach) and vomiting (throwing up) (may occur within the first 24 hours after treatment)
- loss of appetite

Less common:

- mouth sores (may occur 3 to 7 days after treatment)
- skin rash
- abdominal pain

- weakening of the heart muscle
- skin damage or severe reaction at the IV site

Special Notes

- Tell your nurse right away if you have any stinging or burning at the IV site.
- Heart damage may occur with high doses of this medicine, especially after receiving several cycles. Your doctor may schedule tests to see how your heart handles the high doses.
- 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
- trouble breathing
- swollen feet or ankles
- severe vomiting
- hives or rash.

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