

# Ado-trastuzumab Emtansine (Kadcyla®)

Ado-trastuzumab emtansine is a monoclonal antibody medicine combined with another anti-cancer medicine used to treat certain types of breast 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:

- reaction during infusion such as fever, chills or headache (these are less likely after the first dose)
- lowered platelet counts (may occur 1 to 2 weeks after treatment)
- bleeding
- nausea (upset stomach)
- numbness and tingling of the hands and feet
- fatigue (tiredness)
- joint and muscle pain

### Less common:

- swollen feet, ankles or legs (rare)
- vomiting (throwing up)
- diarrhea (loose, watery stools)
- lowered white blood cell counts (may occur 1 to 2 weeks after treatment)

- shortness of breath
- dizziness
- trouble sleeping
- skin rash
- cough
- headache

## Special Notes

- You will receive your first dose over a period of 90 minutes. If you tolerate this dose, you will receive additional doses over a period of 30 minutes once a week.
- After your first dose, you will be watched closely for any side effects for 90 minutes.
- Tell your nurse right away if you have any shortness of breath, fever or chills while you are receiving this medicine.
- 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:

- shortness of breath
- fever or chills
- swollen feet, ankles or legs
- unusual bleeding or bruising.

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