

Nivolumab (Opdivo®)

Nivolumab is a monoclonal antibody used to treat many types of cancer. It helps your immune system slow or stop the growth of cancer cells.

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:

- constipation (unable to have a bowel movement) or diarrhea (loose stools)
- lowered white blood cell, red blood cell and platelet counts
- change in liver tests.
(You will need to have tests to make sure your liver is working well.)

Less common:

- swollen arms, legs or both
- itchy skin or rash
- decreased appetite
- fatigue (tiredness)

Special Notes

- You will receive your doses over a period of 30 minutes.
- Tell your nurse right away if you have any shortness of breath, fever or chills while you are receiving this medicine.
- This medicine can raise your blood glucose. Tell your doctor if you have diabetes or pre-diabetes.

When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- chills or a temperature of 100.4 or higher
- shortness of breath
- swollen feet, ankles or legs.

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