

Palbociclib (Ibrance®)

Palbociclib is a targeted therapy medicine used to treat certain types of breast cancer that have spread to other parts of the body.

How Is It Given?

- tablet by mouth

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:

- diarrhea (loose, watery stools)
- nausea (upset stomach) or vomiting (throwing up)
- fatigue (tiredness)
- decreased appetite
- hair thinning or hair loss
- skin rash or itching
- signs of infection such as fever or chills, cough, sore throat, pain or problems passing urine
- lowered white blood cell, red blood cell and platelet counts

Less common:

- lung or breathing problems
- nosebleeds

Special Notes

- A negative pregnancy test is needed before starting 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.
- Your blood counts will be checked often during the first 2 months of treatment and then they will be checked monthly.

When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- fever or chills
- chest pain
- cough with or without mucous
- trouble breathing or shortness of breath
- unusual bleeding, bruising, or weakness

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