

Thiotepa (Thioplex[®], Tespa)

Thiotepa is an anti-cancer medicine that stops cell growth and division. This medicine is used to treat several types of cancer.

How Is It Given?

- by IV (intravenous)
- by muscle injection (intramuscular injection)
- by a tube into your bladder (intracavitary)

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, red blood cell and platelet counts
- nausea (feel like throwing up) and vomiting (throwing up) that starts 6 to 12 hours after treatment
- dizziness
- headache
- fatigue
- fever

Less common:

- allergic reaction (skin rash, hives, shortness of breath)
- pain at the IV site
- irregular menstrual periods
- loss of appetite

Special Notes

- 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

Call your doctor if you have:

- fever, chills or sore throat
- unusual bleeding or bruising
- nausea or vomiting you cannot control.

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