

Pertuzumab (Perjeta[®])

Pertuzumab is an anti-cancer medicine that binds to receptors that keep the cancer cells from growing. This medicine is used to treat some types of breast cancer.

How Is It Given?

- 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:

- hair loss
- skin rash
- nausea (feel like throwing up) and vomiting (throwing up)
- diarrhea (loose stools)
- fatigue (feeling very tired)
- headache
- anemia (low red blood cell count)
- low neutrophil count

Less common:

- lung problems such as a cough
- trouble sleeping
- feeling dizzy
- heart problems

When To Call Your Doctor

You should call your doctor if you have:

- allergic reaction:
 - itching
 - hives
 - swelling in your face and hands
 - tingling in your mouth or throat
- chest pain
- pounding heartbeat
- fainting
- feeling dizzy
- fast weight gain.

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