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Vincasar PFS Vial

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Description

Side Effects Nausea, vomiting, weight loss, diarrhea, mouth sores, dizziness, or headache may occur. If any of these effects last or get worse, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly. This medication can also cause constipation, which in some cases may become serious. Consult your doctor or pharmacist about how you can prevent constipation (such as eating a diet high in fiber, drinking enough water). Ask about regularly using a stool softener such as docusate, avoiding bulk-forming laxatives, and choosing a stimulant laxative. Tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly if you develop constipation, stomach/abdominal pain, or bloating. Temporary hair loss may occur. Normal hair growth should return after treatment has ended. People using this medication may have serious side effects. However, you have been prescribed this drug because your doctor has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Careful monitoring by your doctor may decrease your risk. This medication may lower your ability to fight infections. This may make you more likely to get a serious (rarely fatal) infection or make any infection you have worse. Tell your doctor right away if you have any signs of infection (such as sore throat that doesn't go away, fever, chills, cough). This medication commonly affects the nerves and muscles in your body. Most of these side effects go away after this medication is stopped, however some effects may last for a long time. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of the following: painful/difficult urination, decreased urination, pain (including in the joints, back, muscles), numbness/tingling/burning/pain of the feet/hands, weakness, difficulty walking, loss of coordination/balance, inability to move your muscles (including the muscles of your face and other parts of your body), drooping eyelids, hoarseness, trouble speaking. Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: vision/hearing changes, mental/mood changes (such as depression, hallucinations, confusion), easy bleeding/bruising, severe tiredness. Get medical help right away if you have any very serious side effects, including: seizures, chest/jaw/left arm pain, signs of liver problems (such as nausea that doesn't stop, dark urine, vomiting, stomach/abdominal pain, yellowing eyes/skin). Trouble breathing may rarely occur with vincristine treatment, especially when it is given with another chemotherapy drug, mitomycin-C. Patients with lung problems may be more sensitive to this side effect. Long-term treatment of this side effect may be required if it worsens. This effect may occur within minutes to several hours after vincristine is given and up to 2 weeks after the dose of mitomycin-C. Get medical help right away if you have shortness of breath or coughing. If you have this reaction, you should not receive vincristine again. A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any of the following symptoms of a serious allergic reaction: rash, itching/swelling (especially of the

face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, trouble breathing. This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist. In the US – Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at www.fda.gov/medwatch. In Canada – Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345. How long does it take for this medicine to take effect? The onset of action for Vincasar PFS can vary depending on the type of cancer being treated and the overall treatment regimen. Clinical response to vincristine may be observed within days to weeks after the first dose, as evidenced by a reduction in tumor size or a decrease in the number of abnormal cells in blood or bone marrow tests. How long do the effects of this medicine last? The duration of the effects of vincristine is also dependent on the cancer type, the dose administered, and the treatment schedule. Vincristine is typically given as part of a chemotherapy regimen involving multiple cycles, with each cycle enhancing the cumulative effect of the drug in controlling cancer growth. Is it safe to consume alcohol while taking this medicine? There is no direct interaction between alcohol consumption and vincristine; however, alcohol can exacerbate some side effects of chemotherapy, such as nausea or liver toxicity. Patients undergoing chemotherapy are often advised to limit alcohol consumption to reduce the risk of adverse effects and to promote overall health. Is this a habit forming medicine? Vincasar PFS is not habit-forming. It does not have psychoactive properties and is used solely for its antineoplastic (anti-cancer) effects. Can this medicine be taken during pregnancy? Vincasar PFS is classified as FDA Pregnancy Category D, indicating there is positive evidence of human fetal risk based on adverse reaction data from investigational or marketing experience or studies in humans, but potential benefits may warrant use of the drug in pregnant women despite potential risks. Vincristine can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. If Vincasar PFS is used during pregnancy, or if the patient becomes pregnant while taking this drug, the patient should be apprised of the potential hazard to the fetus. Can this medicine be taken while breast-feeding? It is not known whether vincristine is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from vincristine, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother's treatment. Uses Vincristine is used to treat various types of cancer. It is a cancer chemotherapy drug that is usually used with other chemotherapy drugs to slow or stop cancer cell growth. How to use Vincasar PFS Vial This medication is given by injection only into a vein by a health care professional. It is given on a schedule as directed by your doctor, usually once a week. The dosage is based on your medical condition, body size, and response to treatment. In small children, dosage is also based on weight. Unless your doctor instructs you otherwise, drink plenty of fluids while using this medication. This helps to reduce some of the side effects to the kidneys. Warnings This drug is to be given by injection only into a vein. It must not be injected into the spine or into other areas of the body since fatal reactions have occurred. If vincristine leaks out of the vein into the surrounding area, it may cause serious skin and tissue damage. Tell your health care professional right away if you experience pain, irritation, redness, or swelling at the injection site. Prompt treatment of the leakage will help reduce discomfort and possible skin damage. Vincristine injection is different than vincristine liposomal injection. The two drugs have different dosage recommendations. Interactions Drug interactions may change how your medications work or increase your risk for serious side effects. This document does not contain all possible drug interactions. Keep a list of all the products you use (including prescription/nonprescription drugs and herbal products) and share it with your doctor and pharmacist. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicines without your doctor's approval. Some products that may interact with this drug include: digoxin, phenytoin, drugs that may cause nerve damage to the ear (such as chemotherapy drugs that contain platinum). Other medications can affect the removal of vincristine from your body, which may affect how vincristine works. Examples include azole antifungals (such as itraconazole), macrolide antibiotics (such as erythromycin), rifamycins (such as rifabutin), St. John's wort, drugs used to treat seizures (such as carbamazepine), among others. Precautions Before using vincristine, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it or to vincristine liposomal; or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: nerve/muscle problems (such as numbness/tingling/pain due to neuropathy, demyelinating conditions including Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome), liver disease, radiation treatment to the liver, decreased bone marrow function, blood disorders,

current infection. This medication can make you more likely to get infections or may make current infections worse. Stay away from anyone who has an infection that may easily spread (such as chickenpox, COVID-19, measles, flu). Talk to your doctor if you have been exposed to an infection or for more details. Tell your health care professional that you are using vincristine before having any immunizations/vaccinations. Avoid contact with people who have recently received live vaccines (such as flu vaccine inhaled through the nose). To lower the chance of getting cut, bruised, or injured, use caution with sharp objects like razors and nail cutters, and avoid activities such as contact sports. This drug may make you dizzy or tired or cause numbness in your hands/feet. Alcohol or marijuana (cannabis) can make you more dizzy or tired. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs alertness until you can do it safely. Limit alcoholic beverages. Talk to your doctor if you are using marijuana (cannabis). Before having surgery, tell your doctor or dentist about all the products you use (including prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and herbal products). Children may be more sensitive to the effects of this drug, especially slowed movement of the gut that may cause vomiting and constipation. This medication may reduce fertility in men and women. Consult your doctor for more details. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. You should not become pregnant while using vincristine. Vincristine may harm an unborn baby. Ask about reliable forms of birth control while using this medication. If you become pregnant, talk to your doctor right away about the risks and benefits of this medication. It is unknown if this drug passes into breast milk. Because of the possible risk to the infant, breast-feeding while using this drug is not recommended. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding. Overdose If someone has overdosed and has serious symptoms such as passing out or trouble breathing, call 911. Otherwise, call a poison control center right away. US residents can call their local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. Canada residents can call a provincial poison control center. Lab and/or medical tests (such as complete blood count, uric acid blood levels) should be done while you are using this medication. Keep all medical and lab appointments. Consult your doctor for more details. It is important to get each dose of this medication as scheduled. If you miss a dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist right away for a new dosing schedule. Not applicable. This medication is given in a hospital or clinic or doctor's office and will not be stored at home.

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Other Details
