

Daunorubicin Injection

Daunorubicin hydrochloride

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Daunorubicin Injection.

It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have benefits and risks. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you using Daunorubicin Injection against the benefits it is expected to have for you.

This medicine is likely to be used while you are at the clinic or in hospital.

If you have any concerns about using this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet.

You may need to read it again.

What Daunorubicin Injection is used for

Daunorubicin belongs to a group of anticancer medicines known as cytotoxic anthracycline antibiotics. Daunorubicin works by preventing the growth of cancer cells and eventually destroying them. It is used for a number of different types of cancer including leukaemia.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another purpose.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

Before you are given Daunorubicin

When you must not be given it

Do not use Daunorubicin Injection if you:

- have an allergy to daunorubicin or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- have heart disease or heart problems
- have a low blood count following chemotherapy or radiotherapy
- have severe infections
- have severe liver or renal function impairment

Tell your doctor if you have been given daunorubicin or doxorubicin previously.

Your doctor will determine if you should continue to be treated with Daunorubicin.

Do not use this medicine if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.

It may affect the developing baby if used during pregnancy.

If you are not sure whether you should be given Daunorubicin, talk to your doctor.

Before you are given it

Tell your doctor if you have any allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if:

- you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed
It is not known whether daunorubicin passes into breast milk. Therefore breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with daunorubicin.
- you are having or have had radiotherapy.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- any sort of infection, e.g. sinusitis, tooth abscess, etc
- fever, sore throat, unusual bleeding or bruising
- liver problems
- kidney problems
- sore, red mouth
- gout
- low blood counts

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and daunorubicin may interfere with each other. These include:

- other anticancer drugs
- medicines used to treat gout, such as allopurinol, colchicine, probenecid, sulphapyridine
- drugs which may cause liver problems
- some vaccines (injections to prevent you getting a certain disease)

You may need different amounts of your medicines or you may need to take different medicines. Your doctor will advise you.

How Daunorubicin Injection is given

Daunorubicin is given by a slow injection into a vein. It must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

Your doctor will decide what dose, how often and how long you will receive it. This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight and height, age, blood tests, how well your liver is working and whether or not other medicines are being given at the same time.

If you are given too much (overdose)

Overdose is unlikely, as Daunorubicin Injection is given in hospital under the supervision of a doctor.

However, if you are given too much Daunorubicin, you may experience some of the effects listed under "Side Effects" below.

Immediately telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 13 11 26 or New Zealand 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) for advice or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital if you think you or anyone else may have been given too much daunorubicin. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

Ask your doctor if you have any concerns.

Your doctor has information on how to recognise and treat an overdose.

While you are being treated with Daunorubicin

Things you must do

Keep all your doctor's appointments.

You will need regular follow-up to check your progress.

You will also have blood tests to check for side effects.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while being treated with Daunorubicin.

Tell any doctors, dentists or pharmacists who treat you that you are being treated with Daunorubicin.

Side effects

Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given Daunorubicin Injection.

Like other medicines, Daunorubicin can cause some side effects. If they occur, most are likely to be minor or temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist to answer any questions that you may have.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects.

You may not experience any of them.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- flushing of the face (hot and red)
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain
- dark areas on the nails and skin
- hair loss
- reddish urine

These are more common side effects of Daunorubicin Injection.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to your nearest hospital emergency department if you notice any of the following:

- infections, fever, severe chills, sore throat, mouth ulcers
- sores in mouth and on lips, heartburn, or difficulty swallowing
- unusual bruising or bleeding
- heart problems
- difficulty in breathing or any swelling
- burning, stinging, hotness, redness or pain where the injection is being given
- abdominal pain
- swelling, redness or tenderness in the vein
- itchy rash or skin reaction

These may be serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients.

Tell your doctor if you notice any other effects.

Some side effects may only be seen by your doctor.

After using Daunorubicin Injection

Storage

Daunorubicin Injection will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward. It is kept refrigerated between 2°C to 8°C in a dark place to protect it from light.

Product Description

What it looks like

Daunorubicin Injection is a clear red solution in a plastic vial.

Ingredients

Daunorubicin Injection contains daunorubicin hydrochloride as the active ingredient (equivalent to 2mg of daunorubicin in each mL of injection).

It also contains sodium chloride and Water for Injections.

It does not contain a preservative.

Supplier

Daunorubicin Injection is supplied in Australia by:

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