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Drug NDC: 00703-5075-03
Drug Name: DACARBAZINE

What is this medicine?

DACARBAZINE (da KAR ba zeen) is a chemotherapy drug. This medicine is used to treat skin cancer. It is also used with other medicines to treat Hodgkin's disease.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?

This drug is given as an injection or infusion into a vein. It is administered in a hospital or clinic by a specially trained health care professional. Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. While this drug may be prescribed for selected conditions, precautions do apply.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once. NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions: infection (especially virus infection such as chickenpox, cold sores, or herpes) kidney disease liver disease low blood counts like low platelets, red blood cells, white blood cells recent radiation therapy an unusual or allergic reaction to dacarbazine, other chemotherapy agents, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives pregnant or trying to get pregnant breast-feeding

What if I miss a dose?

It is important not to miss your dose. Call your doctor or health care professional if you are unable to keep an appointment.

Where should I keep my medicine?

This drug is given in a hospital or clinic and will not be stored at home.

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?

Your condition will be monitored carefully while you are receiving this medicine. You will need important blood work done while you are taking this medicine. This drug may make you feel generally unwell. This is not uncommon, as chemotherapy can affect healthy cells as well as cancer cells. Report any side effects. Continue your course of treatment even though you feel ill unless your doctor tells you to stop. Call your doctor or health care professional for advice if you get a fever, chills or sore throat, or other symptoms of a cold or flu. Do not treat yourself. This drug decreases your body's ability to fight infections. Try to avoid being around people who are sick. This medicine may increase your risk to bruise or bleed. Call your doctor or health care professional if you notice any unusual bleeding. Talk to your doctor about your risk of cancer. You may be more at risk for certain types of cancers if you take this medicine. Do not become pregnant while taking this medicine. Women should inform their doctor if they wish to become pregnant or think they might be pregnant. There is a potential for serious side effects to an unborn child. Talk to your health care professional or pharmacist for more information. Do not breast-feed an infant while taking this medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible: allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue low blood counts - this medicine may decrease the number of white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets. You may be at increased risk for infections and bleeding. signs of infection - fever or chills, cough, sore throat, pain or difficulty passing urine signs of decreased platelets or bleeding - bruising, pinpoint red spots on the skin, black, tarry stools, blood in the urine signs of decreased red blood cells - unusually weak or tired, fainting spells, lightheadedness breathing problems muscle pains pain at site where injected trouble passing urine or change in the amount of urine vomiting yellowing of the eyes or skin Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome): diarrhea hair loss loss of appetite nausea skin more sensitive to sun or ultraviolet light stomach upset

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.