

# Vinorelbine (vin-or-EL-bean)

*Also Known As: Navelbine®*

## How It Is Given:

Intravenously (by vein)

## Early Side Effects (beginning within one week) Can Include:

- Damage to your skin if the drug leaks outside the vein into nearby tissue. Tell your nurse right away if you have any of these at the injection area while you are getting the drug:
  - Pain,
  - Burning,
  - Any change in sensation.
- Discomfort in the veins.
- Pain at the site of the tumor.
- Mild nausea and vomiting.
- Constipation.

## Late Side Effects (beginning after one week) Can Include:

- A temporary decrease in blood cell counts one to three weeks after treatment. White blood cells and platelets are mostly affected.
- Thinning or loss of hair.
- Tingling or numbness or both in your fingers and toes.
- Muscle weakness.
- Discoloration of the veins.

## Special Points:

- This medicine can harm an unborn child. You must use birth control to prevent pregnancy. Tell your doctor immediately if you think you or your partner might be pregnant.
- Aspirin, NSAIDs (e.g., Motrin®, Aleve®), and vitamin E can add to bleeding problems. Do not take medicine that has them unless your doctor says it is okay. Your nurse will give you a fact card that tells you what drugs you cannot take and what you can use instead.
- Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking any other medicines, or have changed medicine. Some may change the way this drug works. Include:
  - Medicines that do and do not require a prescription.

- Herbal remedies.
- Vitamins.
- Dietary supplements.

**Call Your Doctor or Nurse If You:**

- Have a fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher.
- Have pain, redness, swelling, or blistering at the IV site.
- Do not move your bowels in 48 hours.
- Are unable to eat or drink for more than 24 hours.
- Have any unexpected, unexplained problems.
- Have any questions or concerns.

The information about this drug is selective and does not cover all possible side effects; others may occur. Please report any problems to your doctor.

