

# Abraxane<sup>®</sup> (Ah-brax-ain)

*Also Known As: ABI-007, Albumin-bound Paclitaxel, nanoparticle paclitaxel, protein-bound paclitaxel, Paclitaxel (Albumin-Stabilized Nanoparticle Formulation)*

## How It Is Given:

By vein (intravenously, IV)

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

- Possible pain and irritation along the vein where the drug is given. This can last as long as the drug goes in.
- Soreness in joints and muscles.
- Mouth or lip sores (usually disappear within a week).
- Mild nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Dizziness, fainting, or shortness of breath.

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

- Hair loss (temporary).
- Low white blood cell count, which increases the risk of infection.
- Low red blood cell count, which may make you tired.
- Numbness, tingling, and burning in the hands and feet (usually improves within one month after stopping the drug).

## Special Points:

- Your blood counts will be checked throughout your treatment.
- 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.
- Do not breast feed while you are on this medicine.
- Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking any other medicines or have changed medicines. Some may change the way this drug works. Include:
  - Medicines that do and do not require a prescription.
  - Herbal remedies.
  - Vitamins.
  - Dietary supplements.
- Follow your instructions for mouth care.

## Call Your Doctor or Nurse If You:

- Have a fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher.
- Have numbness, tingling, or burning in your hands or feet.
- Feel very tired or weak.
- Have severe joint or muscle pain.
- Feel dizzy, faint, or short of breath.
- Have any questions or concerns.

