



Durvalumab (Imfinzi®)

("dur-VAL-ue-mab")

How drug is given: by vein (IV).

Purpose: Treatment of non-small cell lung cancer and bladder cancer

Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

1. Facial flushing (warmth or redness of the face), itching, or a skin rash could occur. These symptoms are due to an allergic response and should be reported to your cancer care team **right away**.
2. Some patients may feel very tired, also known as fatigue. You may need to rest or take naps more often. Mild to moderate exercise can also help you maintain your energy.
 - In some cases, fatigue may be a sign of hypothyroidism. This is a condition in which your thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroid hormone. If you feel fatigued and have symptoms such as an unusual sensitivity to cold or modest weight gain, talk with your cancer care team.

Things that may occur a few days to weeks later

1. Skin changes, such as dryness or a rash on your body, may occur. Ask your cancer care team what lotions or creams you may use. If you develop a new or worsening cough or shortness of breath, tell your cancer care team.
2. Mild constipation may occur after treatment begins. Please increase your fluid intake and increase fiber in your diet by eating fresh fruits and vegetables. A daily stool softener, such as docusate (Colace[®]) and/or laxatives such as senna (Senokot[®]), may be helpful. If these do not help within 48 hours, tell your cancer care team. Do not use bulk-forming laxatives such as Metamucil[®] without first talking with your cancer care team.
3. Some important minerals called electrolytes are found in your blood and body fluids. They can be affected by this medicine. Your cancer care team will check your blood work periodically to monitor your potassium, magnesium, calcium and sodium levels.
4. You may feel pain or weakness in your joints or muscles. If these bother you, ask your cancer care team what type of drugs you may use to help with this pain.

5. Your liver may be affected by this medicine. On occasion, blood work will be taken to monitor your liver function.
6. If you have a **fever of 100.5°F (38°C) or higher**, chills, a cough, or any bleeding problems, **call your cancer care team right away**.
7. In rare instances, your kidneys could be hurt by this drug and not work as well. Your cancer team will monitor your kidneys with blood tests.

Things that may occur after your treatment ends (even months to years later)

1. Fertility and Related Precautions
 - It is very important to use birth control during therapy and for 3 months after last dose if you are having sex, because this drug may be harmful to an unborn baby.
 - Women should not breastfeed while receiving this drug.
 - If you are concerned about any of this, please talk with your cancer care team.

The above information includes some, but not necessarily all, of the possible side effects of this medication. The side effects listed in this teaching sheet may not be the same ones you experience. Your side effects may be different depending on how often you receive treatment (your schedule) and how much you receive each time (your dosage). Side effects may also vary if you are taking other medications. Please speak with your cancer care team if you have questions about possible side effects you may experience. This document should not take the place of conversations with members of your cancer care team.

If you experience any significant change in your health during or after treatment, contact a member of your cancer care team right away.

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