



Ferric Carboxymaltose (Injectafer®)

("FER-ik kar-box-ee-MAWL-tose")

How drug is given: By vein (IV)

Purpose: To treat low iron levels in the body.

Things that may occur during treatment

1. An allergic reaction may occur. Tell your cancer care team right away if you have a fever, chills, chest pain, trouble breathing, itching, a rash, or dizziness. **You may be monitored after the infusion for 30 minutes or longer.**
2. Burning, itching, redness, or swelling at the injection site may occur. These reactions are usually mild and go away. A cold pack to the area may help.
3. You may get a headache. Please talk to your cancer care team about what you can take for this.

Things that may occur a few days to weeks later

1. Some patients may have mild nausea. You may be given medicine to help with this.
2. Taste changes may occur; foods may taste different.
3. Fertility and Related Precautions:
 - It is very important to use birth control if you are having sex, because this drug could harm 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.