



Irinotecan Liposome (Onivyde®)

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How drug is given: by vein (IV)

Purpose: to stop the growth of cancer cells in the pancreas and other areas

Things that may happen during or within hours of treatment

1. If you feel any burning or tingling near your IV site, call your cancer care team.
2. Mild to moderate nausea, vomiting, and loss of appetite may happen. You may be given medicine to help with this.

Things that may happen a few days to weeks later

1. 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 from time to time to check your potassium, magnesium, and sodium levels.
2. Loose stools or diarrhea may occur within a few days after the drug is given. Take loperamide (Imodium A-D®) to help control diarrhea. You can buy this at most drug stores. Drink more fluids (water, juice, sports drinks). If this does not help within 24 hours, **call your cancer care team.**

Loperamide (Imodium A-D®) Instructions

- Take 4 mg (2 pills) the first time you have diarrhea.
- Loperamide (Imodium A-D®) is available in liquid form over-the-counter.
- Continue taking 2 mg (1 pill) every 4 hours or after each loose stool.
- If, after taking Imodium, you have 4-6 additional loose stools, call your cancer care team.
- Do not take more than 8 pills in 24 hours without speaking to your cancer care team.
- If you experience fainting, rapid heart rate **seek immediate medical attention**

3. Your liver may be affected by this drug. In such cases, your skin might turn yellow and a yellow coloring may be seen in the whites of your eyes. You may have pain in your right side. You may feel more tired. If you have any of these symptoms, tell your cancer care team **right away**. On occasion, blood work will be taken to check your liver function.
4. This medicine may reduce the number of healthy red blood cells in your body. This can lead to anemia. Symptoms can start with tiredness and progress to severe dizziness and shortness of breath. Call your cancer care team right away if you have shortness of breath, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or confusion.
5. Your blood cell counts may drop. This is known as bone marrow suppression. This includes a decrease in:
 - Red blood cells, which carry oxygen and give you strength
 - White blood cells, which fight infection in your body
 - Platelets, which help clot the blood to stop bleeding

This may happen 7 to 14 days after the drug is given and then blood counts should return to normal. 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.**

6. You may feel very tired, also known as fatigue. Over time, fatigue could worsen and you may feel weak or worn out. This can be unrelated to activity. You may need to rest or take naps more often. Mild to moderate exercise may help you maintain strength.

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

1. Fertility and Related Precautions:
 - This medicine may cause birth defects if either partner is using it during conception or pregnancy.
 - Use an effective form of birth control during therapy and for 1 month after the last dose of this medicine.
 - Men who are receiving this drug should use condoms as a form of birth control during treatment and for 4 months after your final dose.
 - Women should not breastfeed during treatment and for 1 month after the last dose of this medicine.

If you are worried about any of this, please talk with your doctor or nurse.

The information in this document 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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