



Iron Dextran (Dexferrum®, INFeD®)

("EYE-urn DEX-tran")

How drug is given: by vein (IV) or intramuscular; by injection

Purpose: To increase iron levels in the body

Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

1. An serious 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.
2. The first time you take this drug, you will receive a small amount, called a test dose. This is given to see if you might have an allergic reaction. After an hour, the rest of the dose will be given.
3. 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.
4. You may have a fast or unusual heartbeat. If you feel any changes in your heartbeat, **tell your cancer care team right away.**

Things that may occur a few days to weeks later

1. 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.
2. Fertility and Related Precautions:
 - It is very important to use birth control 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.