



## Iron Sucrose (Venofer®)

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**How drug is given:** by vein (IV)

**Purpose:** To increase the amount of iron in the body

### Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

1. An allergic reaction may occur. **Tell your cancer care team right away** if you have fever, chills, chest pain, trouble breathing, itching, rash, or dizziness. You will be monitored after the infusion for 30 minutes or more for an allergic reaction.
2. Your blood pressure may drop or your heart rate may slow down while you are getting this drug. This usually goes back to normal on its own. It is important to ask for assistance and take your time when you stand up during or after your treatment. You might feel lightheaded or dizzy.
3. You may get a headache. Please talk to your cancer care team about what you can take for this.
4. You may feel pain, weakness, or cramping in your joints or muscles. If these bother you, ask your cancer care team what type of drugs may help.
5. Some patients may have mild nausea. You may be given medicine to help with this.

*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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