



Romiplostim (Nplate®)

("roe-mi-PLOE-stim")

How drug is given: subcutaneously (injection under the skin)

Purpose: To increase low platelet counts in the blood

Important: Keep all of your appointments and do not miss an injection, because platelet counts can fall if you miss an injection and this may increase your risk for bleeding.

Things that may occur during therapy

1. You may get a headache. Please talk to your doctor or nurse about what you can take for this.
2. You may feel pain or weakness in your joints or muscles. If this bothers you, ask your doctor or nurse what type of drugs may help with this pain.
3. You may have difficulty sleeping. Please talk to your doctor or nurse if you cannot sleep.
4. You may experience dizziness. Please ask your doctor or nurse what type of drugs you may use to help with the dizziness.
5. You are at increased risk of blood clots. If you have pain, swelling and/or warmth in an arm or leg, or if you develop sudden shortness of breath let your doctor or nurse know right away.
6. You may feel tingling or numbness in your hand and feet. Take steps to avoid cuts and falls: Be careful when handling sharp objects, use handrails, and wear supportive shoes.
7. Fertility and Related Precautions:
 - It is very important to use birth control if you are having sex, because this drug could 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 doctor or nurse.
8. In rare cases, you may be at risk of getting cancer after taking romiplostim.

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 about your treatment and side effects you may experience during and after treatment.

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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