



Talimogene Laherparepvec (Imlygic®)

("ta-LIM-o-jeen la-HER-pa-REP-vek")

How drug is given: By injection into skin lesions

Purpose: To treat melanoma

Things that may occur during or within hours of treatment

1. This medicine can spread to other parts of your body or to other people you are in close contact with. To avoid this:
 - Keep injection sites covered with an airtight, watertight dressing for at least 1 week, or longer if you notice drainage.
 - Do not touch or scratch the site or dressings. Do not let anyone else touch the site or dressings.
 - If the dressing loosens or falls off, replace it with new, clean dressings.
 - When replacing or changing dressings, wear gloves and wash your hands.
 - Put all used dressings, gloves, and other used material in a sealed, plastic bag and throw in the trash.
2. Pain at the injection site(s) may occur and a sore may develop that does not heal well.
3. You may have mild nausea. You may be given medicine to help.

Things that may occur days to weeks later

1. Flu-like symptoms, such as fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and/or joint aches, are common. If these occur, your cancer care team may suggest taking acetaminophen (Tylenol®). Please let your cancer care team know if acetaminophen (Tylenol) does not help. Other medications may be suggested.
2. Herpes-like cold sores may appear. Keep them clean and avoid contact with other people.
3. Some patients may feel very tired, also known as fatigue. You may need to rest or take naps more often. Mild to moderate exercise can also help you maintain your energy.

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

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 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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