

# Medical Oncology

## Drug Information Sheet

**Atezolizumab (tecentriq):** An anticancer treatment your doctor has ordered for you. This medicine works with your immune system to kill the cancer cells. It may also affect the healthy and normal cells within your body even after treatment has stopped

**How will you get this drug?** A Cancer Care nurse will give this drug to you through an IV or your port. The first dose will be given over 60 minutes. The rest of the doses will take 30 minutes.

You **MAY OR MAY NOT** experience the side effects listed below

<b>Possible Side Effects:</b>	<b>What to do:</b>
<b>Increased risk for infection due to decreased blood counts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid contact with people who have infections, colds or flu.</li> <li>• Wash your hands often.</li> <li>• Report chills or a fever of 100.4° or higher to your doctor right away, day or night.</li> <li>• Report any signs or symptoms of infection, such as cough, burning with urination, skin redness or sores.</li> <li>• Call your doctor before taking any medicine for a fever or chills.</li> </ul>
<b>Lower than normal red blood cells</b> Anemia	Call you doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ shortness of breath with activity</li> <li>○ fatigue</li> <li>○ dizziness</li> <li>○ fast heartbeat or a heartbeat that does not feel normal</li> <li>○ headache</li> </ul>
<b>Liver problems (hepatitis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lab results will be checked.</li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ dark urine (tea colored)</li> <li>○ severe right sided stomach pain</li> <li>○ light colored stools</li> <li>○ bruising or if you start to bleed easily</li> <li>○ yellowing of skin or eyes</li> <li>○ severe nausea or throwing up</li> <li>○ unexplained weight gain</li> <li>○ your belly feels big or bloated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Fatigue or weakness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may be more tired than usual or have less energy.</li> <li>• Stay as active as possible, but know it is okay to rest as needed.</li> <li>• Try to do some activity every day.</li> <li>• Plan your activities, and do them at a time of day when you feel more energetic.</li> <li>• Avoid driving or doing other tasks that call for you to be alert.</li> </ul>

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<b>Changes in electrolytes and other lab values</b> Low albumin levels Low potassium levels Low sodium levels Low magnesium levels Low phosphorus levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your lab values will be checked.</li> <li>• Call you doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ feeling confused</li> <li>○ mood changes</li> <li>○ muscle pain or weakness</li> <li>○ heartbeat that does not feel normal</li> <li>○ seizures</li> <li>○ very bad upset stomach or throwing up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b><i>Atezolizumab (tecentriq)</i> will be in urine and stool for 48 hours.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caregivers will need to handle soiled linens and clothing wearing gloves or using a bag as a barrier.</li> <li>• Keep your soiled items separate from others' dirty laundry and wash right away.</li> <li>• Women who are pregnant should not handle your soiled clothing or linens.</li> <li>• Wash any skin that body waste has touched with soap and water.</li> <li>• You may use the same toilet that you normally use.</li> <li>• If the toilet or toilet seat becomes dirty with urine, stool or vomit, clean the surfaces before other people use the toilet</li> <li>• Wash hands with soap and water after using the toilet.</li> <li>• <b>It is safe to hug and kiss.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Avoid pregnancy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This drug may cause harm to the unborn baby if you take it while you are pregnant. If you are pregnant or you get pregnant while taking this drug, call your doctor right away.</li> <li>• Use birth control that you can trust to prevent pregnancy while taking this drug and for <b>5</b> months after stopping this drug.</li> <li>• If you or your sex partner gets pregnant while taking this drug or within <b>5</b> months after stopping this drug, call your doctor right away.</li> <li>• May cause fertility problems.</li> </ul>

<b>Less common side effects that may happen</b>	<b>What to do:</b>
<b>Eye problems</b>	Call your doctor right away if you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ have blurred vision, loss of vision or other vision changes</li> <li>○ see color dots</li> <li>○ see a halo (seeing blurred outline around objects)</li> <li>○ have eye pain, swelling, or redness of eyes</li> <li>○ have watery eyes</li> <li>○ are bothered by bright lights</li> </ul>

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<b>Heart inflammation (myocarditis)</b>	Call your doctor right away if you have the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fast heartbeat or a heartbeat that does not feel normal</li> <li>• any shortness of breath or chest discomfort</li> <li>• dizziness</li> <li>• temperature &gt; 100.4 degrees F</li> <li>• painful or swollen joints, legs, or neck veins</li> <li>• chest tightness or pressure, which may spread to your neck and shoulders</li> </ul>
<b>Skin reactions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call your doctor right away if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a skin rash that bothers you or does not go away</li> <li>○ acne</li> <li>○ redness, swelling, peeling, or tenderness of hands or feet</li> <li>○ any skin redness, itching, rash or blisters that ooze or peel</li> <li>○ areas of skin color loss</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Use a moisturizing cream free from alcohol, perfume or dye at least twice daily.</li> <li>• When outside, use sunscreen and wear clothing and eyewear that protects you from the sun.</li> <li>• Choose mild soaps.</li> </ul>
<b>Increased blood sugar levels / diabetes type I</b>	Call your doctor if you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ have feelings of confusion</li> <li>○ are feeling more sleepy than normal</li> <li>○ are more thirsty than normal</li> <li>○ are more hungry than normal</li> <li>○ pass urine more often than usual</li> <li>○ have fast breathing</li> <li>○ have breath that smells like fruit</li> </ul>
<b>Diarrhea or Colitis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep well hydrated with water or fluids recommended by your care team.</li> <li>• Do NOT take over the counter anti-diarrhea medicine Immodium A-D™ (loperamide HCL)</li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ severe abdominal pain</li> <li>○ bloody stools (dark, tarry or sticky)</li> <li>○ more than 4 loose stools a day</li> <li>○ nausea</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><b>Breathing problems</b> Sometimes severe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call your doctor right away if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ severe shortness of breath or trouble breathing</li> <li>○ labored and unusually rapid breathing</li> <li>○ new or dry cough or a cough that gets worse</li> <li>○ confusion</li> <li>○ extreme tiredness</li> <li>○ wheezing</li> <li>○ chest pain</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call 911 if you cannot catch your breath or stop coughing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hormone and gland problems</b> (adrenal glands, pituitary, thyroid, or pancreas)</p>	<p>Call your doctor if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ You have unusual headaches.</li> <li>○ You have changes in vision.</li> <li>○ Bright lights hurt your eyes.</li> <li>○ You are very tired.</li> <li>○ You have changes in mood or behavior.</li> <li>○ You have a deeper voice than usual.</li> <li>○ Headache that will not go away or unusual headaches.</li> <li>○ Your heart is beating fast.</li> <li>○ You are sweating more.</li> <li>○ You have gained weight gain or lost weight.</li> <li>○ You are dizzy or you have fainted.</li> <li>○ You are feeling more hungry or thirsty than usual.</li> <li>○ You are losing your hair.</li> <li>○ You are cold and can't get warm.</li> <li>○ You are constipation</li> <li>○ You are going to the bathroom more often than usual.</li> <li>○ You feel sick to your stomach or vomiting.</li> </ul>

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<b>Infusion-related reactions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the nurse right away for unusual feelings, such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ hot or flushed face and neck</li> <li>○ fever 100.4° or higher</li> <li>○ chills</li> <li>○ pain in the abdomen or back</li> <li>○ trouble breathing or wheezing</li> <li>○ chest tightness</li> <li>○ swelling of your face, lips or tongue</li> <li>○ a rash</li> <li>○ itching</li> <li>○ hives</li> <li>○ cough</li> <li>○ runny or stuffy nose</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This is not an allergic reaction. This is your immune system working. Once your body has relaxed, the infusion can be restarted.</li> <li>• You will receive medicines before your treatment to help prevent a reaction. There will be a one hour wait <b>after</b> your pre-medicines before you receive your treatment.</li> <li>• You will be observed for one hour after your treatment is finished.</li> <li>• Call 911 or go to the Emergency Department right away if you have any symptoms after you return home.</li> </ul>
<b>Changes in kidney function</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kidney function can be affected.</li> <li>• Electrolytes and kidney function will be evaluated with each visit.</li> <li>• Dose may be held or adjusted if kidney function is decreased.</li> <li>• Talk to you doctor before taking NSAIDs (Ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve).</li> <li>• To help maintain good kidney function stay well hydrated with water and non-caffeine liquids.</li> <li>• Steroids may be prescribed.</li> <li>• Notify your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ changes in mood or confusion</li> <li>○ smaller amount of urine than normal</li> <li>○ blood in urine</li> <li>○ swelling in ankles</li> <li>○ trouble emptying your bladder</li> <li>○ weight gain</li> <li>○ painful urination</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor.</li> </ul>	