

Medical Oncology

Drug Information Sheet

Avelumab (Bavencio): a drug to treat your cancer that also 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 Center nurse will give this drug to you through an IV or your port.

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

Possible Side Effects:	What to do:
<p>Increased risk for infection due to decreased blood counts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid contact with people who have infections, colds or flu. • Wash your hands often. • Report chills or a fever of 100.4° or higher to your doctor right away, day or night. • Report any signs or symptoms of infection, such as cough, burning with urination, skin redness or sores. • Call your doctor before taking any medicine for a fever or chills.
<p>Increased risk for bleeding due to decreased blood counts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report signs of bleeding or bruising. • Avoid taking aspirin or aspirin products unless your doctor tells you to take it. • Use soft toothbrush. • Use electric razor. • Talk to your doctor before any scheduled medical or dental procedures. • Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Severe headache. ○ Blood in stools or urine. ○ Bleeding for a long period. ○ Uncontrolled bleeding ○ Bruising
<p>Lower than normal red blood cells Anemia</p>	<p>Call you doctor if you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ shortness of breath with activity ○ fatigue ○ dizziness ○ fast heartbeat or a heartbeat that does not feel normal ○ headache

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Bone, muscle, joint pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use pain prescription as directed. Tell your doctor if the pain is uncontrolled.
Liver problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab results will be checked. • Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ dark urine (tea colored) ○ severe right sided stomach pain ○ light colored stools ○ bruising or if you start to bleed easily ○ yellowing of skin or eyes ○ severe nausea or throwing up ○ unexplained weight gain ○ your belly feels big or bloated
Fatigue or weakness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may be more tired than usual or have less energy. • Stay as active as possible, but know it is okay to rest as needed. • Try to do some activity every day. • Plan your activities and do them at a time of day when you feel more energetic. • Avoid driving or doing other tasks that call for you to be alert.
Infusion-related reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call the nurse right away for unusual feelings, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ hot or flushed face and neck ○ fever 100.4° or higher ○ chills ○ pain in the abdomen or back ○ trouble breathing or wheezing ○ chest tightness ○ swelling of your face, lips or tongue ○ a rash, itching, or hives ○ cough ○ runny or stuffy nose • This is not an allergic reaction. This is your immune system working. Once your body has relaxed, the infusion usually can be restarted. • You will receive medicines before your treatment to help prevent a reaction. There will be a 30-minute wait after your pre-medicines before you receive your treatment. • Call 911 or go to the Emergency Department right away if you have any symptoms after you return home.

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<i>Avelumab (Bavencio)</i> will be in urine and stool for 48 hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregivers will need to handle soiled linens and clothing wearing gloves or using a bag as a barrier. Keep your soiled items separate from others' dirty laundry and wash right away. Women who are pregnant should not handle your soiled clothing or linens. Wash any skin that body waste has touched with soap and water. You may use the same toilet that you normally use. If the toilet or toilet seat becomes dirty with urine, stool or vomit, clean the surfaces before other people use the toilet Wash hands with soap and water after using the toilet. It is safe to hug and kiss.
Avoid pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women should not become pregnant, and men should not get a partner pregnant while taking <i>Avelumab (Bavencio)</i>. This drug may cause harm to the unborn baby if you take it while you are pregnant. Use birth control that you can trust to prevent pregnancy while taking this drug and for 1 month after stopping this drug. If you or your sex partner gets pregnant while taking this drug or within 1 month after stopping this drug, call your doctor right away. May cause fertility problems.

Less common side effects that may happen

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Problems in other organs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is possible for severe immune system reactions that will affect other organ systems. Call your doctor if you have any unusual side effects.
Lung or breathing problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a new or worsening cough shortness of breath difficulty breathing low oxygen levels Your doctor may place you on steroids.

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Heart inflammation (myocarditis)	Call your doctor right away if you have the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ fast heartbeat or a heartbeat that does not feel normal ○ any shortness of breath or chest discomfort ○ dizziness ○ temperature > 100.4 degrees F ○ painful or swollen joints, legs, or neck veins ○ chest tightness or pressure, which may spread to your neck and shoulders.
Severe skin and mouth reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use a moisturizing cream free from alcohol, perfume or dye at least twice a day. ● Choose mild soaps. ● Use tepid water, rather than hot water. ● Wear loose-fitting cotton clothing ● Apply cool, wet cloth to soothe skin ● Avoid using perfumes and cologne. ● Avoid rubbing and scratching ● Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A skin rash ○ Red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin ○ Red or irritated eyes ○ Sores in your mouth, throat, nose or eyes ● Your doctor may prescribe steroids.
Adrenal insufficiency	Call your doctor right away if you experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A very bad upset stomach or throwing up ○ Very bad dizziness or passing out ○ Muscle weakness ○ Feeling very tired ○ Mood changes ○ Loss of appetite ○ Weight loss
Increased blood sugar levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Your lab results will be checked. ● Call your doctor if you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ have feelings of confusion ○ are feeling more sleepy than normal ○ are more thirsty than normal ○ are more hungry than normal ○ pass urine more often than usual ○ have fast breathing ○ have breath that smells like fruit

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Thyroid problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your doctor may prescribe thyroid hormone replacement for you. • Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ loss of appetite ○ a change in weight without trying ○ feeling nervous and excitable ○ feeling restless ○ feeling very weak ○ tiredness that gets worse and does not go away ○ hair thinning or hair loss ○ headache ○ low mood (depression) ○ unable to focus ○ shakiness ○ sweating ○ problems with heat ○ fast heart rate
Inflammation of pituitary gland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your doctor may prescribe steroids or hormone replacement for you. • Call your doctor if you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have a headache ○ Have changes in your vision ○ Are bothered by bright lights
Diarrhea or Colitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep well hydrated with water or fluids recommended by your care team. • Do NOT take over the counter anti-diarrhea medicine Immodium A-D™ (loperamide HCL) • Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ severe abdominal pain ○ bloody stools (dark, tarry or sticky) ○ more than 4 loose stools a day ○ nausea
Eye problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your doctor may place you on steroids • Call your doctor right away if you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have blurred vision ○ Have loss of sight ○ Have change in eyesight ○ Have eye pain, swelling, or redness of eyes ○ Are bothered by bright lights ○ See flashes of light ○ Have new or increased floaters ○ Have a curtain like shadow over vision

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Swelling of your kidneys	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electrolytes and kidney function will be checked with each visit.• Your doctor may place you on steroids.• Dose may be held or adjusted if kidney function is decreased.• To help maintain good kidney function stay well hydrated with water and non-caffeine liquids• Notify your doctor if you have:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ pain between the abdomen and thighs (pelvis)○ pain in the kidneys or belly○ painful or burning when urinating○ been urinating more often○ cloudy urine○ blood or pus in the urine○ swelling in ankles, face or legs○ temperature greater than 100.4 degrees F
These are not all the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor.	