

Medical Oncology

Drug Information Sheet

Ferric Carboxymaltose (Injectafer): an iron infusion treatment your doctor has ordered for you.

How will you get this drug? A Cancer Care nurse will give this drug to you through an IV or your port.

Dose and Schedule:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop taking your iron by mouth. • <i>Ferric Carboxymaltose</i> is usually given in two doses separated by at least 7 days.

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

Less common side effects that may happen	<u>What to do:</u>
Serious allergic 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 ○ chills ○ pain in the abdomen or back ○ trouble breathing or wheezing ○ chest tightness ○ swelling of your face, lips, or tongue ○ a rash ○ itching ○ hives ○ cough ○ runny or stuffy nose • You will be observed for 30 minutes after your treatment is finished <p>After you return home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 911 and go to the Emergency Department right away if you have any symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ trouble breathing ○ chest tightness ○ swelling of your face, lips, or tongue • Call you doctor if you develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a rash ○ itching ○ hives
Changes in electrolytes and other lab values Low phosphorus levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call your provider if you develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Muscle weakness ○ Change in mental status ○ Bone pain ○ Change in appetite

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Less common side effects that may happen	<u>What to do:</u>
Stinging or burning if drug gets out of vein	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your nurse right away, if you have redness, burning, pain, swelling, or leaking of fluid where the drug is going into your body.• The drug can cause changes in skin color where the drug enters your body.
High Blood Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Let your primary care doctor know that you are taking <i>Ferric Carboxymaltose</i>.• Your blood pressure will be checked.• Contact your doctor if you have:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ headaches○ shortness of breath○ nosebleeds○ dizziness or passing out○ change in eyesight
These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor.	