

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
<p>These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor.</p>	