

Medical Oncology

Drug Information Sheet

Iron Dextran (Infed): An iron infusion treatment your doctor has ordered for you.

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

<p>What should I avoid while receiving <i>Iron Dextran (Infed)</i>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop taking your iron by mouth.
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You **MAY OR MAY NOT** experience the side effects listed below

Possible Side Effects:	What to do:
<p>Taste changes Metallic taste in mouth</p>	<p>While on treatment, foods you usually enjoy may taste bland, different, or bad. Call your doctor or nurse if you have taste changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Try cold or frozen foods as they may taste better than hot foods ○ Flavor your food with herbs, seasonings, sugar or sauces ○ Keep a clean and healthy mouth; brush your teeth before and after each meal. ○ Use plastic utensils if food tastes like metal. ○ Eat mints, chew gum or chew ice to mask the bitter or metallic taste. ○ Avoid cigarette smoking.

Less common side effects that may happen	What to do:
<p>Serious allergic reactions Up to 24-48 hours after infusion</p>	<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 • The first time you get <i>iron dextran (Infed)</i>, you will be given a test dose over 15 minutes. After a fifteen-minute observation, you will be given the rest of the dose.

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	<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 your doctor if you develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a rash ○ itching ○ hives
Flu-like symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever, chills, nausea, achy muscles and bones may occur following treatment. • Drink non-caffeine fluids to stay well hydrated. • Use pain medicine as prescribed. Call your doctor if the pain is not under control. Do not take Aspirin. • Usually occurs with first treatment only. • Report if flu symptoms persist greater than 2-3 days.
Iron overload	<p>Call your doctor if you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change in headaches. ○ Nausea. ○ Dizziness. ○ Joint aches. ○ Belly or muscle pain. ○ Any new tingling in fingers or toes.
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.
<p>These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor.</p>	