

# Medical Oncology

## Drug Information Sheet

**Panitumumab (Vectibix):** A medicine that works with your immune system to block the cancer cells from growing and spreading.

**How will you get this drug?** A Cancer Center nurse will give this drug to you through an IV or your port. The first dose will be given over 60-90 minutes. The rest of the doses will take 30 minutes.

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

Possible Side Effects:	What to do:
<b>Severe skin and mouth reactions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a moisturizing cream free from alcohol, perfume or dye at least twice a day.</li> <li>• When outside, use sunscreen and wear clothing and eyewear that protects you from the sun. Choose mild soaps.</li> <li>• Use tepid water, rather than hot water.</li> <li>• Wear loose-fitting cotton clothing</li> <li>• Apply cool, wet cloth to soothe skin</li> <li>• Avoid using perfumes and cologne.</li> <li>• Avoid rubbing and scratching</li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A skin rash</li> <li>○ Red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin</li> <li>○ Red or irritated eyes</li> <li>○ Sores in your mouth, throat, nose or eyes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Your doctor may prescribe anti-inflammation creams or antibiotics by mouth.</li> <li>• Your doctor may prescribe steroids.</li> </ul>
<b>Skin rash or itching</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use tepid water, rather than hot water.</li> <li>• Wear loose-fitting cotton clothing</li> <li>• Use over-the-counter anti-inflammation and anti-itch creams (hydrocortisone cream or diphenhydramine)</li> <li>• Apply cool, wet cloth to soothe skin</li> <li>• Avoid using perfumes and cologne.</li> <li>• Avoid rubbing and scratching</li> <li>• Drink water and non-caffeine beverages.</li> <li>• Notify your doctor of rash, itching or swelling. This may occur on the face and can be around your eyes.</li> </ul>

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<b><i>Panitumumab (Vectibix)</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>2 months</b> after stopping this drug.</li> <li>If you or your sex partner gets pregnant while taking this drug or within <b>2 months</b> after stopping this drug, call your doctor right away.</li> <li>May cause fertility problems.</li> </ul>

### Less common side effects that may happen

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<b>Diarrhea</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep well hydrated with water or fluids.</li> <li>Take over the counter anti-diarrhea medicine (Immodium A-D™ or loperamide HCL). Use the “<i>Helpful Tips for Diarrhea after Chemotherapy or Radiation Therapy</i>” instruction sheet.</li> <li>Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 4 loose stools in 24 hours</li> <li>A fever of 100.4° or higher</li> <li>bad stomach pain or cramps</li> <li>dizziness or feel faint</li> <li>bloody stools (dark, tarry or sticky)</li> <li></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><b>Changes in electrolytes and other lab values</b>            Low calcium levels            Low potassium levels            Low magnesium levels</p>	<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>○ muscle pain or weakness</li> <li>○ twitches or cramps of your muscles</li> <li>○ heartbeat that does not feel normal</li> <li>○ very bad upset stomach or throwing up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call you doctor if you have signs of low calcium:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ spasms</li> <li>○ numbness or tingling in your fingers, toes or around your mouth</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call you doctor if you have signs of low potassium:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ weakness</li> <li>○ fatigue</li> <li>○ constipation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call you doctor if you have signs of low magnesium:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ mood changes</li> <li>○ confusion</li> <li>○ abnormal eye movements</li> <li>○ seizures</li> <li>○ fatigue</li> <li>○ very bad upset stomach</li> <li>○ throwing up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Serious allergic reactions</b>            Up to 24 hours after infusion</p>	<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</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>• Call 911 and go to the Emergency Department right away if you have any symptoms after you return home</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lung or breathing problems</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a new or worsening cough</li> <li>○ shortness of breath</li> <li>○ difficulty breathing</li> <li>○ low oxygen levels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>Eye problems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call your doctor right away if you:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ have blurred vision</li><li>○ change in eyesight</li><li>○ have eye pain, swelling, or redness of eyes</li><li>○ have watery eyes</li><li>○ are bothered by bright lights</li><li>○ have problems opening your eyes because of pain or irritation</li><li>○ have a feeling that something is in your eye</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor.</b>	