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## Drug Information Sheet

***Pazopanib (Votrient)***: 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.

### What should I avoid while receiving *Pazopanib (Votrient)*?

- Do NOT use Echinacea.
- Do not eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice while taking *Pazopanib (Votrient)*.
- Talk to your doctor if you are taking medicines that reduce acid in the stomach (to treat heartburn). If you need to take antacids do not take them at the same time that you take *Pazopanib (Votrient)*.
  - Omeprazole (Prilosec)
  - Lansoprazole (Prevacid)
  - Dexlansoprazole (Dexilent)
  - Rabeprazole (AcipHex)
  - Pantoprazole (Protonix)
  - Esomeprazole (Nexium)
  - Famotidine (Pepcid)
  - Nizatidine (Axid)
- Medicines to neutralize stomach acid such as Maalox, Tums or Roloids decrease effectiveness of *Pazopanib (Votrient)*. They must be taken several hours after the *Pazopanib (Votrient)*.
- Consider not using these medicines or take several hours after *Pazopanib (Votrient)*.

### Dose and Schedule:

- You will take this medicine by mouth.
- *Pazopanib (Votrient)* should be taken at the same time every day (morning or evening).
- *Pazopanib (Votrient)* should be taken by mouth on an empty stomach at least 1 hour before **or** 2 hours after food.
- Keep taking this drug as you have been told by your doctor or other health care provider, even if you feel well.
- Swallow the tablets whole with water. Do not crush, open, break, chew or dissolve the medicine in water.
- If you have any unused *Pazopanib (Votrient)*, do not throw it in the trash and do not flush it down the sink or toilet. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about proper disposal of *Pazopanib (Votrient)*.
- *Pazopanib (Votrient)* has many drug interactions. Tell your doctor all the prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal products you are taking.
- Your doctor may change your dose, briefly stop or completely stop treatment with *Pazopanib (Votrient)* if you have side effects.
- **DO NOT START A NEW CYCLE WITHOUT TALKING TO YOUR DOCTOR FIRST.**

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If you miss a dose of *Pazopanib (Votrient)*.

- If it has been 12 hours or more since the missed dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time. **Do not** take two doses at one time.
- Write down if you miss a dose and let your doctor know about any missed doses.
- If vomiting occurs after taking a dose, take the next dose at the scheduled time.

### Storage and Handling:

- You will get this drug from a special pharmacy through the mail. We will help you through the process.
- The drug must be kept in a secure place out of reach of children and pets, so no one else can take this drug. Never share *Pazopanib (Votrient)* with anyone else.
- Store *Pazopanib (Votrient)* at room temperature in a dry place and away from light. Do not store in a bathroom.
- Keep in original bottle: do NOT place tablets in a pill box.
- Whenever possible, give *Pazopanib (Votrient)* to yourself and follow the steps below. If a family member, friend or caregiver gives *Pazopanib (Votrient)* to you, they also need to follow these steps
- Wash hands with soap and water
- Put on gloves to avoid touching the medicine (gloves are not needed if you give *Pazopanib (Votrient)* to yourself).
- Do not let women who are pregnant or who may get pregnant touch the tablets without wearing gloves.
- Carefully remove *Pazopanib (Votrient)* from its package to a small disposable cup.
- Do not lay the medicine on the counter.
- Take the medicine immediately by mouth with water.
- Remove gloves and do not use them for anything else.
- Throw gloves and disposable cup in household trash.
- Wash hands with soap and water.
- Do not touch or handle crushed or broken tablets.

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

Possible Side Effects:	What to do:
<p><b>Increased risk for infection due to decreased blood counts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid contact with people who have infections, colds or flu.</li> <li>• Wash your hands often.</li> <li>• Report chills or a fever of 100.4° or higher to your doctor right away, day or night.</li> <li>• Report any signs or symptoms of infection, such as cough, burning with urination, skin redness or sores.</li> <li>• Call your doctor before taking any medicine for a fever or chills.</li> </ul>

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<b>Increased risk for bleeding due to decreased blood counts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report signs of bleeding or bruising.</li> <li>• Avoid taking aspirin or aspirin products unless your doctor tells you to take it.</li> <li>• Use soft toothbrush.</li> <li>• Use electric razor.</li> <li>• Talk to your doctor before any scheduled medical or dental procedures.</li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Severe headache.</li> <li>○ Blood in stools or urine.</li> <li>○ Bleeding for a long period.</li> <li>○ Uncontrolled bleeding</li> <li>○ Bruising</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Fatigue or weakness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may be more tired than usual or have less energy.</li> <li>• Stay as active as possible, but know it is okay to rest as needed.</li> <li>• Try to do some activity every day.</li> <li>• Plan your activities, and do them at a time of day when you feel more energetic.</li> <li>• Avoid driving or doing other tasks that call for you to be alert.</li> </ul>
<b>High Blood Pressure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let your primary care doctor know that you are taking <i>Pazopanib (Votrient)</i>.</li> <li>• Contact your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ headaches</li> <li>○ shortness of breath</li> <li>○ nosebleeds</li> <li>○ dizziness or passing out</li> <li>○ change in eyesight</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Hair color changes Skin color changes (skin depigmentation)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to your hair color may occur during treatment. Hair usually returns to normal after treatment. Sometimes, the change may be permanent.</li> <li>• Skin color may lighten in spots or patches. The change in skin color may be permanent</li> </ul>
<b>Nausea/vomiting Decreased appetite</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take nausea medicine as instructed. Let your doctor know if it is not working for you.</li> <li>• Eat smaller, frequent meals.</li> <li>• Try liquid nutrition supplements (Boost, Ensure).</li> <li>• A dietitian is available to talk with you.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Changes in electrolytes and other lab values</b></p> <p>Low albumin levels (protein in your blood made by your liver)</p> <p>Low sodium levels</p> <p>High glucose levels</p> <p>Low phosphorus level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your lab values will be checked.</li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ feeling confused</li> <li>○ muscle pain or weakness</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have symptoms of low albumin:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have trouble breathing without warning.</li> <li>○ Have swelling in your legs or face</li> <li>○ Have skin that looks yellow</li> <li>○ Have a heartbeat that does not feel normal</li> <li>○ Have a loss of appetite</li> <li>○ Have more than 4 loose stools in 24 hours</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have symptoms of low sodium:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Headache</li> <li>○ trouble focusing</li> <li>○ problems with your memory</li> <li>○ change in balance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have symptoms of high blood sugar:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ are feeling more sleepy than normal</li> <li>○ are more thirsty than normal</li> <li>○ are more hungry than normal</li> <li>○ pass urine more often than usual</li> <li>○ have fast breathing</li> <li>○ have breath that smells like fruit</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have symptoms of low phosphorus:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Change in mental status</li> <li>○ Bone pain</li> <li>○ Change in appetite</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Diarrhea</b></p>	<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> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>Taste changes</b>	<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"> <li>○ Try cold or frozen foods as they may taste better than hot foods</li> <li>○ Flavor your food with herbs, seasonings, sugar or sauces</li> <li>○ Keep a clean and healthy mouth. Brush your teeth before and after each meal.</li> <li>○ Use plastic utensils if food tastes like metal.</li> <li>○ Eat mints, chew gum or chew ice to mask the bitter or metallic taste.</li> <li>○ Avoid cigarette smoking.</li> </ul>
<b>Liver problems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lab results will be checked.</li> <li>● Call your doctor if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ dark urine (tea colored)</li> <li>○ severe right sided stomach pain</li> <li>○ light colored stools</li> <li>○ bruising or if you start to bleed easily</li> <li>○ yellowing of skin or eyes</li> <li>○ severe nausea or throwing up</li> <li>○ unexplained weight gain</li> <li>○ your belly feels big or bloated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>PRES/RPLS</b> Rare swelling in the back part of the brain	<p>Call your doctor if you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ loss of eyesight</li> <li>○ confusion</li> <li>○ headache</li> <li>○ lethargy</li> <li>○ seizure</li> <li>○ visual or neurologic disturbances</li> </ul>
<b>Pazopanib (votrient) 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>

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<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 weeks</b> after stopping this drug.</li> <li>• If you or your sex partner gets pregnant while taking this drug or within <b>2 weeks</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>Wounds that do not heal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should NOT have elective surgery while on <i>Pazopanib (Votrient)</i>.</li> <li>• <i>Pazopanib (Votrient)</i> should be stopped for at least 7 days prior to any surgery procedure.</li> <li>• <i>Pazopanib (Votrient)</i> should not be taken for at least 14 days following any surgery or until your wound begins to heal.</li> </ul>
<b>Serious heart problems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine scans of your heart will be done during treatment.</li> <li>• Call 911 right away if you have any of these symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ chest discomfort.</li> <li>○ trouble breathing or shortness of breath.</li> <li>○ pain in your legs, with or without swelling.</li> <li>○ a cool or pale arm or leg.</li> <li>○ sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or thinking.</li> <li>○ sudden numbness or weakness in your face, arm or leg, especially on one side of your body.</li> <li>○ drooping on one side of the face.</li> <li>○ blurred eyesight.</li> <li>○ sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.</li> <li>○ loss of consciousness (fainting).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Changes in heart rhythm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call your doctor right away if you have the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ fast heartbeat or a heartbeat that does not feel normal</li> <li>○ Feeling dizzy or faint</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Your EKG will be monitored.</li> <li>• Some medicines can affect your heart beat. Your nurse will give you a list of medicines to avoid (QT prolongation).</li> <li>• Tell your doctor if you take any heart or blood pressure medicines.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Hand and Foot Syndrome</b> tenderness and redness of palms and bottom of feet where skin becomes dry and peels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply moisturizing lotion often; at least twice a day.</li> <li>• Avoid using hot water or standing for long times.</li> <li>• Wear gloves and comfortable shoes to prevent injuries.</li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ redness, swelling, peeling, or tenderness of hands or feet</li> <li>○ any skin redness, itching, rash or blisters that ooze or peel</li> <li>○ tingling/burning or your skin is sensitive to touch</li> <li>○ a hard time walking or using your hands</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Eye problems</b></p>	<p>Call your doctor right away if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have new or increased floaters</li> <li>○ See flashes of light</li> <li>○ Have blurred vision</li> <li>○ Have worsening peripheral vision</li> <li>○ Have tunnel vision</li> <li>○ Have a curtain like shadow over vision</li> <li>○ Have a loss of sight</li> <li>○ Have a change in eyesight</li> </ul>
<p><b>Protein in urine.</b></p>	<p>Lab tests will be done to check your urine</p>
<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> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Blood clots in small blood vessels</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the doctor if you have:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fatigue</li> <li>○ Dizziness</li> <li>○ Shortness of breath</li> <li>○ Bruises</li> <li>○ Gum/nose bleeds</li> <li>○ A minor cuts bleed a lot</li> <li>○ Confusion</li> <li>○ Increased sleepiness</li> <li>○ Seizures</li> <li>○ Decreased urine</li> <li>○ Swollen legs</li> <li>○ Fever greater than 100.4°</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><b>Thyroid problems</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your doctor may prescribe thyroid hormone replacement for you.</li> <li>• Call your doctor if you have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ loss of appetite</li> <li>○ a change in weight without trying</li> <li>○ feeling nervous and excitable</li> <li>○ feeling restless</li> <li>○ feeling very weak</li> <li>○ tiredness that gets worse and does not go away</li> <li>○ hair thinning or hair loss</li> <li>○ headache</li> <li>○ low mood (depression)</li> <li>○ unable to focus</li> <li>○ shakiness</li> <li>○ sweating</li> <li>○ problems with heat</li> <li>○ fast heart rate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Tumor Lysis Syndrome</b> Caused by rapid tumor cell death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drink plenty of caffeine free fluids to stay well hydrated</li> <li>• Call your doctor right away if you:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ have a fast heartbeat or a heartbeat that does not feel normal</li> <li>○ pass out</li> <li>○ have trouble passing urine</li> <li>○ have muscle weakness or cramps</li> <li>○ have an upset stomach</li> <li>○ are throwing up</li> <li>○ have loose stools</li> <li>○ fever</li> <li>○ chills</li> <li>○ confusion</li> <li>○ shortness of breath</li> <li>○ seizure</li> <li>○ dark or cloudy urine</li> <li>○ unusual tiredness</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor.</b></p>	