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Maroon bush has not been studied in humans.

Maroon bush is a plant native to Australia where it is used in traditional medicine for colds, stomach ailments, and as a diuretic by the Aboriginal people. Lab studies have shown that it has antibacterial and antiviral activities, but it is not known whether it has anticancer effects in humans.

What are the potential uses and benefits?

- Ulcers
Evidence is lacking to support this claim.
- Stomach ache
Evidence is lacking to support this claim.
- Colds
Although used in traditional medicine, evidence is lacking to support this claim.
- Cancer

Although believed to have anticancer effects, evidence is lacking to support this claim.

- Diuretic

Maroon bush is used in traditional medicine as a diuretic, but evidence is lacking to support this claim.

If you have questions or concerns, contact your healthcare provider. A member of your care team will answer Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside those hours, you can leave a message or talk with another MSK provider. There is always a doctor or nurse on call. If you're not sure how to reach your healthcare provider, call 212-639-2000.

For more resources, visit www.mskcc.org/pe to search our virtual library.

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