Cabazitaxel

This information from Lexicomp® explains what you need to know about this medication, including what it’s used for, how to take it, its side effects, and when to call your healthcare provider.

**Brand Names: US**
Jevtana

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**Warning**

- The bone marrow may not be able to make cells found in the blood as well as it used to for a few weeks. Sometimes, this has been deadly. Your white blood cell count will be watched closely while you are taking this drug. Talk with your doctor.

- If you have a low white blood cell count, talk with your doctor. This drug must not be used in people with certain low white blood cell counts.

- Very bad and sometimes deadly allergic side effects have rarely happened. Talk with your doctor.

- Other drugs may be given to help with infusion side effects.

- Do not take this drug if you are allergic to polysorbate 80.

**What is this drug used for?**

- It is used to treat prostate cancer.

- It may be given to you for other reasons. Talk with the doctor.
What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?

- If you are allergic to this drug; any part of this drug; or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.
- If you have liver disease.
- If you are a woman. This drug is not approved for use in women. This drug may cause harm to an unborn baby or loss of an unborn baby if it is taken during pregnancy. If you are a woman using this drug, talk with your doctor if you are pregnant, plan on getting pregnant, or are breast-feeding.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with this drug.

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, vitamins) and health problems. You must check to make sure that it is safe for you to take this drug with all of your drugs and health problems. Do not start, stop, or change the dose of any drug without checking with your doctor.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug. This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- You may have more of a chance of getting an infection. Wash hands often. Stay away from people with infections, colds, or flu. Some infections have been very bad and even deadly.
- You may bleed more easily. Be careful and avoid injury. Use a soft toothbrush and an electric razor.
- Have blood work checked as you have been told by the doctor. Talk with the doctor.
- Constipation, diarrhea, throwing up, and upset stomach are common with this drug. If these happen, talk with your doctor about ways to lower these side
effects. Call your doctor right away if any of these effects bother you, do not go away, or get very bad.

- Severe diarrhea and fluid and electrolyte problems have sometimes led to death in people taking this drug.
- Kidney problems have happened with this drug. Rarely, this has been deadly. If you have questions, talk with your doctor.
- Severe stomach or bowel problems have happened. This includes stomach or bowel bleeding, blockage, holes or tears, and swelling. Sometimes, this has been deadly. Call your doctor right away if you have bloody stools, change in stool color, constipation, diarrhea, fever, severe stomach pain, or stomach swelling.
- Talk with your doctor before getting any vaccines. Use of some vaccines with this drug may either raise the chance of an infection or make the vaccine not work as well.
- If you have had radiation, talk with your doctor.
- Bladder problems and blood in the urine have happened with this drug in people who had radiation to the pelvic area. Sometimes, these health problems need to be treated in the hospital. Call your doctor right away if you have blood in your urine, burning when you pass urine, or if you feel the need to pass urine often or right away.
- If you are 65 or older, use this drug with care. You could have more side effects.
- This drug may affect being able to father a child. Talk with the doctor.
- Men with a partner who may get pregnant must use birth control while taking this drug and for some time after the last dose. Ask your doctor how long to use birth control. If your partner gets pregnant, call the doctor right away.

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

**WARNING/CAUTION:** Even though it may be rare, some people may have very bad and sometimes deadly side effects when taking a drug. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms that
may be related to a very bad side effect:

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.

- Signs of infection like fever, chills, very bad sore throat, ear or sinus pain, cough, more sputum or change in color of sputum, pain with passing urine, mouth sores, or wound that will not heal.

- Signs of fluid and electrolyte problems like mood changes, confusion, muscle pain or weakness, a heartbeat that does not feel normal, very bad dizziness or passing out, fast heartbeat, more thirst, seizures, feeling very tired or weak, not hungry, unable to pass urine or change in the amount of urine produced, dry mouth, dry eyes, or very bad upset stomach or throwing up.

- Signs of bleeding like throwing up or coughing up blood; vomit that looks like coffee grounds; blood in the urine; black, red, or tarry stools; bleeding from the gums; abnormal vaginal bleeding; bruises without a cause or that get bigger; or bleeding you cannot stop.

- Signs of kidney problems like unable to pass urine, change in how much urine is passed, blood in the urine, or a big weight gain.

- Signs of lung or breathing problems like shortness of breath or other trouble breathing, cough, or fever.

- Weakness on 1 side of the body, trouble speaking or thinking, change in balance, drooping on one side of the face, or blurred eyesight.

- Dizziness or passing out.

- Shortness of breath, a big weight gain, or swelling in the arms or legs.

What are some other side effects of this drug?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:
- Hair loss.
- Headache.
- Stomach pain.
- Not hungry.
- Weight loss.
- Feeling tired or weak.
- Back pain.
- Bone or joint pain.
- Change in taste.
- A burning, numbness, or tingling feeling that is not normal.
- Muscle spasm.

These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to your national health agency.

You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-332-1088. You may also report side effects at [https://www.fda.gov/medwatch](https://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

**How is this drug best taken?**

Use this drug as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- It is given as an infusion into a vein over a period of time.
- This drug is taken with a steroid drug like prednisone. Take the steroid drug with this drug as you have been told by your doctor.
- If you have not taken prednisone as you have been told, talk with your doctor.

**What do I do if I miss a dose?**
• Call your doctor to find out what to do.

**How do I store and/or throw out this drug?**

• If you need to store this drug at home, talk with your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist about how to store it.

**General drug facts**

• If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.

• Do not share your drugs with others and do not take anyone else’s drugs.

• Keep all drugs in a safe place. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and pets.

• Throw away unused or expired drugs. Do not flush down a toilet or pour down a drain unless you are told to do so. Check with your pharmacist if you have questions about the best way to throw out drugs. There may be drug take-back programs in your area.

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• If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

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