

Instructions for Patients and their Families / Caregivers regarding Eloxatin® (Oxaliplatin) treatment

What is this medication used for?

Eloxatin[®] is an intravenous drug used in the treatment of a number of cancers of the gastrointestinal tract, often in combination with other drugs (such as 5-fluorouracil)

Intended Benefits

This drug is given to destroy and/or limit the growth of cancer cells in the body. It may improve current symptoms and delay or prevent the onset of new symptoms.

How is this medication given?

Eloxatin® is given as an infusion over two hours.

Precautions

Eloxatin® should not be used during pregnancy or while breast-feeding, or if you or your partner may become pregnant.

Some side effects may include tiredness, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, constipation mouth sores, numbness in fingers, low white blood cells. Less common side effects are high or low blood pressure, nail discolouration, blurred vision and depression.

For further information, please talk to your physician or pharmacist or visit the website <u>www.eloxatin.com</u>

You may also contact us if you have any further questions. We would like to make this treatment as easy as possible for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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