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Instructions for Patients and their Families / Caregivers regarding Torisel® (Temsirrolimus) treatment

What is this medication used for?

Torisel® is an intravenous drug treatment given as therapy to treat some type of advanced kidney cancer (renal cell cancer).

Torisel® works by interfering with certain signaling pathways that are important in transmitting chemical signals needed for essential processes in the cell. It prevents the growth of blood vessels from surrounding tissue to a cancer and prevents the increase in the number of cancer cells.

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?

Torisel® is given intravenously. Four weeks of treatment are referred to as a cycle. Duration of treatment will depend on how well the patient responds to the treatment.

Precautions

Drugs such as Phenytoin, Warfarin and Digozin may interact with Torisel. Please check with your doctor before starting Torisel. ®

Some side effects that may occur include nausea and vomiting, skin rashes, dryness or itchiness, fever and chills, diarrhea or constipation, muscle or joint pain, swelling of hands, feet or lower legs, sleeping problems, and loss of appetite.

For further information, please talk to your physician or pharmacist or visit the website www.torisel.com.

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.

The Provis Team

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