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Instructions for Patients and their Families / Caregivers regarding Caelyx® treatment

Why this Medication is Used:

Pegylated liposomal doxorubicin is used in patients who have HIV-positive Kaposi's sarcoma and ovarian cancer.

How do you take this Medication:

Pegylated liposomal doxorubicin is administered as a 30-60 minute intravenous infusion by your chemotherapy nurse.

Precautions:

It is important to tell your doctor if you are taking the medication digoxin, or have chickenpox (or have recently been exposed to someone who has had chickenpox), shingles, gout or kidney stones, heart or liver disease. Any of these conditions could affect therapy with this medication. This medication may affect your heart after several treatments. Your doctor may order special heart tests, from time to time, to see how your heart is working. Tell your chemotherapy nurse immediately if you feel pain at injection site.

This chemotherapy should not be used if you are pregnant or breast-feeding. It is important to discuss birth control with your doctor (Note: birth control pills alone are not recommended as the only birth control method). Birth control should also be used by female partners, if you are a male taking this medication.

It is important to tell your doctor if you have chickenpox (or have recently been exposed to someone who has had chickenpox), shingles, kidney disease or liver disease. Any of these conditions could affect therapy with this medication.

Due to increased risk of infection check with your doctor before having any vaccinations. Check with your doctor, before any surgery or dental work.

Do not take ASA without your doctor's knowledge and consent.

If a doctor has advised you to take ASA to prevent heart disease or stroke, please discuss this with your oncologist (cancer doctor) before starting treatment.

Do not use ASA (aspirin, acetylsalicylic acid) for headache, fever, or occasional aches and pains; use acetaminophen (Tylenol) instead. Many non-prescription medications contain ASA; always ask your pharmacist's advice when choosing a product.

Some side effects include infection, fever, coughs.

Please don't hesitate to 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