

CARBOPLATIN (Paraplatin, CBDCA)

Type of Drug: Alkylating Agent

How is it Given?

- Intravenous (IV) – into a vein or central line

How Does It Work?

- Interferes with the growth of cancer cells

Common Side Effects:

- Low blood counts (especially platelets and white blood cells)
- Nausea/vomiting

Less Common Side Effects:

- Diarrhea or constipation
- Metal taste in mouth
- Loss of appetite
- Numbness or 'pins and needles' sensation in hands and/or feet
- Skin rash or itching
- Hearing loss or ringing in ears (at high doses)
- Hair loss
- Low levels of electrolytes: potassium, calcium, sodium, and magnesium
- Kidney problems (if receiving high doses)

Note:

- Since this medicine may cause hearing loss, a hearing test will be done before you begin this medicine and at certain times during and after you begin treatment. Learn more about this under *Audiogram* in the *Tests, Tests, and More Tests* section.