

CISPLATIN

(Platinol, Cis-Platinum, CDDP)

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
- Nausea/Vomiting, loss of appetite
- Kidney damage
- Hearing Loss (mostly in the higher tones)
- Low levels of electrolytes: Magnesium, sodium, calcium, potassium (may be seen up to days after treatment)
- Joint pain (related to abnormal electrolytes)

Less Common Side Effects:

- Numbness in fingers and toes
- Cough or hoarseness
- Diarrhea
- Allergic reaction (rare) – signs include skin rash, itching, fever, chills, headache, anxiety. Tell your doctor or nurse immediately!
- Seizures (rare)

Note:

- Since this medicine may cause hearing lost, 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.
- Your electrolytes and kidney function will be monitored frequently with blood tests before, during, and after each treatment.